

Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 20, 2007

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the Minutes of February 20, 2007
3. Review and approval of agenda, call for new or other business
4. Miscellaneous business including delegations
5. Business from the Minutes
 - A Commission in Committee Report
 - B Canada Wide Science Fair
 - C Tender Main Street Project
 - D Presentation - Municipality of the County of Colchester
6. Review of Correspondence
 - A Pam Macintosh - PAC hearing March 29 and PAC meeting April 5
7. Reports of Commissioners, and Clerk and Treasurer
8. The Accounts
9. New Business
 - A Committee Appointments - P&R and SAC
 - B Purchase of Aluminium Pole - Main Street Project
10. In Camera Committee of the Whole - Personnel Issues
11. Adjournment

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The March Regular Monthly meeting was held on March 20, 2007, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.

Call to order Chairwoman Blair
 Deputy Chair Burke
 Commissioner Hilliard
 Commissioner McKenna

 Regrets - Commissioner McLean

Staff Jill Nette, Solicitor (for in camera session only)
 Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

**Approval of the
Minutes of
February 20, 2007**

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the minutes of February 20, 2007 be approved."

Motion carried

**Review and
approval of
agenda, call for
new or other
business**

*Moved by Hilliard
Seconded by Burke*

"That the agenda be approved with the addition of dogs off leash on Village trails"

Motion carried

**Miscellaneous
business including
delegations**

Jeff Hoare, Past Fire Chief, Bible Hill Fire Brigade

Mr. Hoare, who recently retired as Chief of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, attended the meeting for approximately one half hour. Mr. Hoare and the commissioners discussed Jeff's tenure as Fire Chief, challenges that faced the Brigade, the need for an aerial ladder vehicle, and other fire related issues. The commissioners thanked Mr. Hoare for his nine years as Chief. Mr. Hoare thanked the Village for the cooperation he had received during his term of office. As an honorary brigade member now, Mr. Hoare will continue to provide volunteer service to the community.

**Business from the
Minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

Application for Special Rates - Bible Hill Kinsmen

That the Bible Hill Kinsmen Club be given free use of the village hall for the senior social on April 15th."

Motion Carried

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

Application for Special Rates - POMBA

"That POMBA be given the use of the village hall for its clothing sale April 22, 2007 at a 25% discount."

Motion Carried

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

Fire Brigade Purchase

"That Bible Hill purchase five (5) pagers from LMR Communications in the amount of \$1,845.00"

"That Bible Hill purchase fire fighting equipment from Cardinal Fire & Safety in the amount of \$7,638.95"

"That Bible Hill purchase fire fighting equipment from Cummings Fire & Safety in the amount of \$3,725.54"

Motion Carried

Canada Wide Science Fair

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the Village of Bible Hill provide school crossing guards to assist with crossing the participants from the NSAC to the NSPE and provide 800 Village of Bible Hill pins for the Canada Wide Science Fair."

Motion carried

Tender Main Street Project

The Clerk reported that the tender was being prepared for the Government of Nova Scotia Tender Website.

Solicitor Jill Nette joined the meeting at 7:45pm.

In Camera Committee of the Whole - Legal Issue

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the meeting adjourn to an In Camera Committee of the Whole

Meeting.”

Motion carried

The In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting ended at 8:10pm.

Solicitor Jill Nette left the meeting.

Presentation - Municipality of the County of Colchester

Chairwoman Blair reviewed a draft presentation for a Council Meeting scheduled March 29th. Suggestions were made on various points. The draft presentation will be re-worked and circulated for further input.

Dogs Off Leash on Walking Trails

The problem of dog owners allowing their pets off leash on the walking trails was discussed. This practise is intimidating other people using the trails and is in violation of the Municipal Dog Control By-Law. It was agreed that an article will be placed in the upcoming newsletter on this issue.

Fire Chief Dwane Mellish

The newly appointed Fire Chief Dwane Mellish met with the Commissioners at 8:30pm. The Commissioners welcomed Dwane to his new post and offered to provide any assistance he needed to fulfil his responsibilities as Fire Chief. A discussion was held on the Fire Brigade, upcoming needs, etc. Fire Chief Mellish left the meeting at 9:00pm.

Review of Correspondence

Pam Macintosh - PAC hearing March 29 and PAC meeting April 5

Chairwoman Blair reviewed two upcoming PAC hearings regarding planning issues in the Village. The hearing March 29th is in regard to zoning changes on Farnham Road to allow for higher density housing and the meeting of April 5th will be regarding construction of the 24 unit apartment building on Pictou Road.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner Hilliard, Recreation Services

Commissioner Hilliard reviewed the March 6th Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes. The committee is looking forward to meeting with the Village to discuss items of mutual interest. The committee has developed a Recreation Needs Survey. Summer students will conduct this telephone survey. The Canada Day schedule was discussed and the committee will be taking an active role in planning for the program. The committee is trying to set up a meeting with the Truro Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the need for a new baseball field in the area.

Commissioner McKenna, Protective Services

Commissioner McKenna reviewed the Fire Chief's report. There were 11 calls for the period. Fire loss to date is \$12,000. Commissioner McKenna also reviewed the minutes of the February Safety Advisory Committee meeting. There will be an upcoming Babysitting Course, Buckle Up Baby Program, and a Children's Fun Day. The committee is also working on a community questionnaire.

Deputy Chair Burke, Environmental Services

Commissioner Burke discussed the upcoming sewer replacement program on Main Street and the request that he has received for Bible Hill to develop a tree planting program.

Chairwoman Blair

Chairwoman Blair reported on the County of Colchester Master Plan Workshop she had attended at the NSAC. The Workshop is to develop planning concepts for the undeveloped property in the center of the Village. Approx 55 people had attended the workshop. On behalf of the Village, Chairwoman Blair attended a breakfast address by the Premier of Nova Scotia held in Halifax. Chairwoman Blair spoke to a local Pathfinder's Group and discussed municipal government and civics.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Committee Appointments

P&R Committee Applicants:

*Moved by Hilliard
Seconded by Burke*

"That Kimberly Matlock, Douglas Wile, and Marie Tompkins be appointed to the Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee for a two year term."

Motion Carried

Safety Advisory Committee Applicants:

*Moved by Hilliard
Seconded by Burke*

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"That Paula Williams, George Williams and Murray MacCallum be appointed to the Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee for a two year term."

Motion Carried

Purchase of Aluminum Pole - Main Street Project

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase a tapered aluminium pole in the amount of \$2,061.12 including HST from Traffic Structures"

Motion carried

Adjournment

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Hilliard*

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman