

The September Regular Monthly meeting was held on September 18, 2007, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm, to be reconvened at 3:30pm on September 19, 2007.

Call to order

Chairwoman Blair
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McKenna
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer
Regrets - Jill Nette, Solicitor

Approval of the Minutes of August 20, 2007

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

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

Motion carried

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

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the agenda be approved"

Motion carried

Business from the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That Commissioner McLean be appointed as the Bible Hill voting delegate for the September 22nd Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual Meeting"

Motion carried

Update Main Street Project

The Clerk reviewed correspondence from Horner and Associates detailing a small number of deficiencies remaining on the Main Street Project.

Water Expansion Project

The Clerk presented an updated financial projection for the two phases of the Water Expansion Project. A discussion was held on the feasibility of submitting a smaller application in the range of \$500,000 versus

the \$1.7 million Phase 3 and Phase 4 application. It was agreed to meet with County Councillor Bob Taylor and review the application and make a decision at a later date on the scope of the MRIF applications.

Memorandum of Understanding - walking trail extension

Moved by Burke

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

“That Bible Hill, in principal, support the Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Colchester, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, and the Village of Bible Hill to extend the Cobequid Trail through properties of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and the Bible Hill Recreation Park, subject to review by legal council.”

Motion carried

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner McLean

Commissioner McLean reported on the asphalt sidewalk repairs being conducted throughout the Village. The replacement sidewalk was too narrow. Commissioner McLean, along with the Clerk, had met with a representative from the contractor who agreed to widen the sidewalk to a uniform 44 inches. Commissioner McLean explained that there was a section of sidewalk along College Road that had a number of large trees growing alongside of it that was blocking the streetlights making the area very dark to walk in. It was agreed that the Village would request that Nova Scotia Power install two new streetlights on the south side of College Road to help alleviate this problem. Commissioner McLean reported that a streetsign had been installed identifying College Road at the Main Street intersection but the Village was still waiting for signage identifying Pictou Road. Commissioner McLean reported that the three cost shared highway signs “Welcome to Bible Hill and Truro - Home of Nova Scotia Agricultural College” have been installed.

Deputy Chairman Burke

Deputy Chairman Burke discussed the testing at the former landfill site and his concerns that cost for this testing was steadily escalating. It was agreed that

further discussion on this issue would be held under new business.

Commissioner McKenna

Commissioner McKenna reported on the activities of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade who had responded to nine emergency calls in the last month. Fire loss to date was \$42,500.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported on Parks and Recreation activities. At the last Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, the Recreation Coordinator presented findings of a telephone survey that had been conducted over the summer. The most reported recreation need was further expansion of the Cobequid Trail System. A meeting has not been held yet with the Truro Parks and Recreation Department. The Recreation Coordinator reported that there had been some maintenance issues with the Airport Park Ball Fields. A contractor has been contracted to provide an estimate for repairs to the fields. The work could be conducted in October. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding for the expansion of the Cobequid Trail be approved.

Chairwoman Blair

Chairwoman Blair reported on the number of meetings she had attended over the past month on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill. Among these were the opening of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition and a meeting with the Bible Hill Fire Brigade to discuss a club license for the Fire Brigade rooms at 69 Pictou Road.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Ground and Surface Water Monitoring - Former Landfill Site

The Clerk and Treasurer was instructed to contact Dillon to seek a reduction in their quote for the

monitoring of the former landfill site.

In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

Personnel Issue

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"That the commission meet in an In Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss a personnel issue"

Motion carried

At 8:45pm the Commission went into an In Camera Meeting, the In Camera Meeting ended at 8:55.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the meeting reconvene from in-camera to regular committee of the Commission."

Motion carried

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McKenna*

"That pension benefits for the Administrative Assistant be backdated to January 1, 2004 to coincide with changes made to pension legislation and the employers share of the pension plan contribution be fully vested.

Motion carried

Adjournment

Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the September 18th Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned to 3:30pm September 19th."

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

The September Regular Monthly meeting was reconvened on September 19, 2007, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 3:25 pm; the meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

The Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 18, 2007

Call to order

Chairwoman Blair
Deputy Chair Burke
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner McKenna
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

*“That Bible Hill proceed with a joint MRIF application
with Colchester for Phase 3 of the Bible Hill Water
Distribution System.”*

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

“That the meeting adjourn.”

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Robert Christianson
Clerk and Treasurer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman