

The May Regular Monthly meeting was held on May 20, 2008, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:47pm. An In Camera meeting took place from 8:35pm- 9:45pm.

Call to Order

Chairwoman Blair
Commissioner McKenna
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Regrets: Deputy Chair Burke

Staff

Robert Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer
Jill Nette, Solicitor
Angie Ogden, Recording Secretary

Resident attendance

Doug Wile, Chair of P&R Committee
Nancy Loomer

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the minutes of April 15, 2008 be approved as presented."

Motion carried

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

Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean

"That the agenda be approved with the addition of Fraser Pharmacy 50 years, Point of Privilege for Commissioner McKenna and Open Fires in Bible Hill."

Motion carried

**Business arising out of the
minutes**

Commission in Committee Report

Sign for Fire Hall Expansion

Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean

"That the Village of Bible Hill have the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal make a double sided sign to promote the Fire Hall Expansion Project and to give credit to the Province of Nova Scotia for the funding provided through the Emergency services provider fund."

Motion carried

Canteen at Bible Hill Recreation Park

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the old canteen building at the Recreation Park will be removed after the completion of this year's ball season and that, in the meantime, the deteriorated step into the building would be removed."

Motion Carried

MFFA Memorial Service

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Village of Bible Hill assist the Bible Hill Fire Brigade in regards to the MFFA Memorial Service by photocopying and mailing out 450 invitations."

Motion Carried

Mileage & Meal Rates

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"The Village of Bible Hill adopt the Province of Nova Scotia current mileage and meal rates. Mileage to be reimbursed at .4051 cents per kilometre and the per diem rates for meals be set at breakfast \$6, lunch \$12, and dinner \$20."

Motion Carried

Specification for new Mower

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

"The specification for the new mower be approved and that the Village tender for the supply of the mower."

Motion Carried

PASS Alarms

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase 10 PASS alarms at a cost of \$6,991.00 from Levitt Safety Supply.”

Motion Carried

Shelving Units for Village Office

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

“That the Village of Bible Hill purchase shelving units from A1 Redirack in the amount of \$1,845.80.”

Motion carried

Welcome to Bible Hill Signs

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by McLean*

“The Village of Bible Hill purchase and install an additional “Welcome to Bible Hill” sign. The sign to be supplied by Vi-Tech signs at a cost of \$549 plus HST.”

Motion Carried

Seesaws for Recreation Park

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“The Village of Bible Hill purchase two seesaws from ABC Recreation Ltd. One for \$3,609.22 and the second for \$3,857.82 which includes shipping, taxes and installation.”

Motion Carried

Submission of Annual Reports

Currently the Village has annual reports for Transportation and Protective Services. Annual reports are due at the end of this week.

Fire Hall Expansion Project

- **Status of existing oil tank**

The Clerk outlined and read a letter from Thompson Engineering regarding the oil tank. Thompsons recommended that we change the order and replace the current oil tank that is 13 years old. This work is to take place first at an estimated additional cost of \$10,000.

Moved by McKenna

Seconded by McLean

"That the Village of Bible Hill proceed with the change order to replace the oil tank at the Fire Hall."

Motion Carried

Review of Parks and Recreation Capital Budget

The commission agreed to place this item on the next commission in committee meeting.

Sale of Murdock Park

The Clerk reviewed the two year process the Village followed concerning the sale of Murdock Park. The following was addressed: public consultation, rezoning, and the outstanding deed to the walkway from ARCO Development to the Village. An appraisal is required for the land. The Clerk will review the appraisal with our surveyor and lawyer. Under the Municipal Government Act the Village is required to sell it at market value. The Clerk will have additional information for the next regular monthly meeting to be reviewed. A meeting should be scheduled after with the property owners to see if they are interested in purchasing the land and reach an agreement on how to divide it up.

Correspondence to Mayor Smith

The commission agreed to send the letter as presented and a copy be sent to Mayor Mills & Mr. McKinnon from the Town of Truro.

**Reports of commissioners,
solicitor, and clerk and treasurer**

Commissioner McLean

Commissioner McLean reported that NSTPW have filled in potholes within the Village, curbs still needs to be replaced. She reported that the current

Transportation Services are pending: painting of pedestrian crosswalks, sweeping of sidewalks, Engineering Services to be advertised on the Government website in the early fall. Commissioner McLean also reported on different events she attended on behalf of the Village of Bible Hill.

The Clerk will follow up with the Town or the County regarding the street/sidewalk turned up at the bottom of Maple from either a water main or sewer main.

Commissioner McKenna

Commissioner McKenna reported on protective services. The Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee did meet at the last meeting but did not have a quorum. They will be hosting a Babysitting course June 25th. They are still searching for an ID Camera for an ID clinic this year.

Commissioner McKenna reviewed the Fire Brigade report. The Brigade had their annual award banquet on April 19th and a successful Auction on April 29th. The Brigade has developed and is adopting additional guidelines relative to Driver Safety and Weekend Duty responsibilities.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg reported that the Strategic Plan and surveys were reviewed at the P&R meeting and the outcome was that they wanted a civic centre. The Bible Hill Recreation Park ball field work is completed and the sandbox groundwork is done needs to be installed. The P&R Committee expressed concerns relating to the chain link dug out. The commission has agreed to remove the canteen after ball season this year. A new chair has been chosen it is Doug While and Kim Matlock is co-chair.

Clerk and Treasurer

The current status of painting crosswalks is that the Village staff will be painting the crosswalks themselves; we are waiting for a machine that is currently on back order.

Chairwoman Blair

Chairwoman Blair reported on a number of events that she had attended on behalf of the Village. She

also reported that along with the Deputy Chair and the Clerk she met regarding CUPE negotiations that will be discussed in camera.

Chairwoman Blair reported that three people have filed for two commission seats and an election will take place on June 7th.

Commissioner McKenna commented that he was pleased to see our Village represented in great light by a super individual. He commented on Chairwoman Blair's time and effort into these events. Commissioner McLean also said that she did a great job.

The Accounts

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- **June 2: Annual Meeting- 8pm** Village Hall. Nominees for office will have an opportunity to address the annual meeting of village. Will contact them tomorrow-Bob.
- **June 3: Advance Polling Day- 11 am to 7pm**
- **June 7: Election Day - 9 am to 7 pm**

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Returning Officer to ask her to contact candidates to make them aware of their right to have inside agents. The Clerk will also contact Doug & Charley Boyce to ask if they would be willing to be scrutineers on June 10th for the election of chair and deputy chair and selection of committees.

- **June 10: Commission in Committee Meeting and Election of Chair and Deputy Chair and Selection of Committees.**

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the regular commission monthly meeting scheduled for July 15th be cancelled."

Motion Carried

C.W. Fraser Pharmacy- 50 Years

Commissioner McLean requested that a letter be sent to Fraser Pharmacy congratulating them on 50 years from the Village. The commission agreed to send the letter from the Chairwoman.

Open Fires in Bible Hill

Chairwoman Blair outlined a concern from a Village Resident she received concerning open fires in Bible Hill. The Fire Chief has been up to view the situation.

The Clerk reported that the Municipality of the County of Colchester has the authority to adopt a by-law for open fires in Bible Hill. The Clerk will draft a letter on behalf of the Chairwoman to the Mayor requesting the County of Colchester adopt a by-law for open fires relating to zoning and supply sample by-laws such as the Town of Truro. The letter to be carbon copied to the Chair of CFFA.

Point of Privilege

Commissioner McKenna reported that he will not be reoffering for the seat of commissioner and hopes that someone else can bring new ideas to the table. He is very appreciative of the staff & commission and believes Bible Hill has a great future. He also may run in the upcoming County election but is currently undecided.

Chairwoman Blair thanked Commissioner McKenna for his dedication and work at the table.

**In-Camera Committee Meeting of
the Whole**

CUPE Contract Talks

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*"That the commission meet in an In Camera
Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss CUPE
contract talks"*

Motion carried

At 8:35 pm the Commission went into an In Camera Meeting, the In Camera Meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by McKenna
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

*“That the May 20, 2008 Regular Monthly meeting of
the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”*

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Angela Ogden
Finance Officer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman