

The June Regular Monthly meeting was held on June 17, 2008, in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Call to Order

Chairwoman Blair
Commissioner McLean
Commissioner Mahar
Deputy Chair Burke arrived at 7:03pm

Regrets: Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Staff

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

Resident attendance

Dwane Mellish, Fire Chief
Charlie Wight

Colin Stevenson arrived at 7:15pm from the Colchester East Hants Health Authority.

Approval of the Minutes

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the minutes of May 20, 2008 be approved as presented."

Motion carried

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried

**Miscellaneous business including
delegations**

Fire Chief Mellish- CGI report

A discussion was held regarding the CGI report. The purpose of the report is to find out what the Fire Brigade need to purchase in the future, areas of risk, where improvement in level of service is required and the impact of the water line extension into Bible Hill.

Concerns were expressed from the Fire Chief relating to the logic of raw data to the recommendations. He also expressed dissatisfaction in the value of the report for the amount of money spent.

The commission agreed to have the Clerk and Treasurer circulate only the recommendations out of the report to the commission & Fire Chief and a future discussion will be held on these pages only.

Colin Stevenson- Colchester East Hants Health Authority- Presentation on New Hospital

The Commission was provided with an update regarding the development and construction of the new hospital.

Chairwoman Blair expressed concerns over staffing the positions at the new hospital. He reported that they do not anticipate a lack of staff for the positions. Commissioner Mahar inquired about cost overruns, Mr. Stevenson reported that there currently is no cost overrun and it is on track for the \$155 million dollars project.

Business arising out of the minutes

Commission in Committee Report

Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2008 / 2009

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

“That the firm of Grant Thornton be appointed as auditor for the fiscal year of 2008/2009.”

Motion carried.

Appointment of Solicitors for Fiscal Year 2008 / 2009

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the firm of Burchell MacDougall be appointed as solicitors for 2008/2009.”

Motion carried.

August Regular Monthly Meeting Date and November Commission in Committee Meeting Date (November 11)

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"Due to the date of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, the August 19th meeting be rescheduled to August 18th and due to Remembrance Day falling on the date of the Commission in Committee meeting, that the Commission in Committee meeting be rescheduled to November 10th."

Motion carried

The Clerk will place an ad in the newspaper & amend the meeting schedule on the website for July.

Open Air Burning Letter- Truro's By-Law

The Clerk reported that he felt the Truro by-law relating to open air burning did not resolve the issues the commission wanted to address because it had exceptions such as commercial fire pits to the by-law.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill draft a letter to the County expressing our concern that village residents are having open fires in close proximity to houses, that the county consider implementing a by-law for Bible Hill banning open fires."

Motion carried

Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

Reports of commissioners, solicitor, and clerk and treasurer

Commissioner Mahar

Commissioner Mahar reviewed the Fire Brigade report. Summer weekend duty has begun. This year for the first time members on duty will be required to spend an hour or two here as a group accomplishing a task. The officer will record those present. The record will be used to confirm the \$50.00 weekend honorarium that has been instituted this year. Members on duty must stay within pager response for their on duty period from Friday 6 pm until Sunday 6 pm.

Upcoming events are July 1st, assisting in traffic control with Canada Day parade. September 21st

Hosting Colchester County Firefighters Association golf tournament. September 28th Hosting Maritime Firefighters Association Memorial Service.

Commissioner McLean

The clerk outlined that the Village staff will be unable to do crosswalk painting; the machine purchase will not work for crosswalk painting. The Village has received a quote for painting the lines for \$3,317 abiding to the traffic control manual plus traffic control from McLeod's Safety for \$788.00.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill hire Seaside Line Marking Ltd to paint 16 village crosswalks for \$3,317 and hire McLeod's Safety to supply traffic control for \$788.00 on June 29th, 2008."

Motion carried

Commissioner McLean attended the Bible Hill Annual Meeting on June 2nd and presented the Transportation Annual Report.

P&R Committee Minutes

The commission accepted the minutes as circulated.

Recreation Strategic Plan Report

The Commission read the report. This report is to be used as a guide in the development of recreation services in Bible Hill. The commission agreed to have Mr. Campbell attend the September Monthly meeting to discuss the report and invite the P&R Committee members to attend.

Chairwoman Blair

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

Deputy Chair Burke

Deputy Chair Burke had nothing to report on environmental services.

The Accounts

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion Carried

New Business

Sponsorship Dutch Mason Blues Festival

*Motion by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill sponsor a banner for the Dutch Mason Blues Festival up to a maximum of \$750 plus HST provided that the Village will be recognized as the banner sponsor."

Motion carried

Addendum to Water Service Agreement

The commission and our solicitor reviewed the addendum to the original water service agreement with the Town to allow for the water expansion on Main & Ryland Avenue.

*Motion by Burke
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill sign the water service agreement addendum as presented."

Motion carried

Purchase or radio equipment BHFB

*Motion by Burke
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Village of Bible Hill award Tru North the radio tender to supply and install two analogue digital radios for the Bible Hill Fire Brigade in the amount of \$3,015.40 plus HST."

Motion carried

Fire Hall Construction

The Chairwoman and the Clerk met with the contractors at the fire hall construction meeting and

they are currently two weeks ahead of schedule.

Bible Hill Garden Club

Chairwoman Blair reported that the Bible Hill Garden Club will no longer be doing the community project ideas/suggestions the Village made. One of our summer students will be in charge of the maintenance and upkeep of the flowerbeds in the Village.

Resident Concern

Chairwoman Blair outlined that she had received a complaint regarding no fencing around swimming pools and the by-laws relating to this issue.

Adjournment

*Moved by Mclean
Seconded by Mahar*

“That the June 17, 2008 Regular Monthly meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Angela Ogden
Finance Officer

Christine Blair
Chairwoman