

The December 8, 2009 Commission in Committee meeting was held in the Village Office at 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Van Kroonenburg at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Deputy Chair Call to Order

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell
Commissioner Mahar
Chairwoman McLean
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg

Regrets: Deputy Chair Burke

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

Resource Person: Fire Chief Mellish

Approval of the Minutes of November 10, 2009

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the minutes of November 10, 2009 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the agenda be approved with the addition of new business item - asphalt curb on College Road."

Motion carried.

Resource Person

Bible Hill Fire Brigade - Chief Mellish

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg welcomed Chief Mellish to the meeting. Chief Mellish outlined some points he would like the Commission to consider with regard to the Bible Hill Fire Brigade. He would like consideration given to improving communication between the Commission and the Fire Brigade, discussion on the Emergency Services Provider Fund, capital resources that are being set aside, and the upcoming purchase of a new fire apparatus.

The Emergency Services Provider Fund has applications out for assistance up to \$25,000 with deadline for application of December 18th. The Clerk and Chief will investigate if this is for a single purchase item or if multiple small items may be submitted on one application.

The Fire Chief will leave the Clerk with the

preliminary specs for the fire apparatus that the Brigade has been working on. It was decided that the Village would be able to sell the tanker truck in the very near future. The money from the sale of this vehicle would go into the Special Reserve Fund for the purchase of the new fire apparatus. The 1987 pumper will be kept until closer to the date of purchase of the new apparatus. The Clerk will give the Fire Chief a copy of the Village Policy for purchasing new fire vehicles.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg thanked the Fire Chief for attending the meeting. The Fire Brigade will have representation at all upcoming Commission in Committee meetings to continue to improve communication.

Business arising out of minutes

Phase 4 Water Expansion

The Clerk reported that the design for the route of the proposed water system is being worked on jointly by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, the Department of Environment, and the Town of Truro Water Utility. A map of the draft design is in the Chambers for Commissioners to view.

Drainage Issues Pictou Road / Wright Avenue

The Clerk reported that he and Chairwoman McLean had met with Colchester Mayor Taylor, County Councillor Blair, and County of Colchester Director of Public Works Ramesh Ummat to view the drainage issues on Pictou Road and also on Wright Avenue.

Moved by McLean

Seconded by Dawson Sharbell

"That the Commission of Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill Chairwoman write to the Mayor of the County of Colchester to thank him for the engineering services provided by Mr. Ummat. The Chairwoman will request a future meeting to continue discussion on this topic."

Motion carried.

Five Year Capital Budget

The Clerk presented the proposed Five Year Capital Budget and explained the significance of approving

this budget and the future commitments involved.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission of Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill accept the Five Year Capital Budget as presented."

Motion carried.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg left the Chair at 7:55 pm and Commissioner Mahar assumed the Chair's position.

Ball Field Fence Field #1

The Recording Secretary read the letter to the Commission from the Bible Hill-Truro Minor Baseball Association regarding the removal of the fence on Field 1 in the Recreation Park. Discussion followed. The Recreation Director is to investigate and measure the actual requirements for fencing at a ball field and confirm usage of the field for Midget aged players. The Recreation Director is also to investigate grants available for the installation of temporary fencing, similar to that used at the Town of Truro TAAC Grounds.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Commission of Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill Chairwoman will send a response to the letter from the Bible Hill-Truro Minor Baseball Association stating our position that the fence around Field 1 at the Bible Hill Recreation Park will be removed as previously stated to provide additional coasting area for the residents of Bible Hill. In the spring, if warranted, the Commission will consider the possibility of erecting temporary fencing around this field."

Motion carried.

Commissioner Van Kroonenburg resumed the Chair at 8:10pm.

Water Tower Bible Hill

The Clerk reviewed the letter received from Mayor Taylor regarding the proposed water tower for the

Bible Hill area.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission of Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill reply to the County of Colchester thanking them for their input and confirming the fact that we do not currently have the land or the funding for this project. The Village looks forward to hearing back from the County regarding a possible alternative to a water tower."

Motion carried.

New Business

Draft Personnel Policy Changes

The Clerk reviewed the Draft Personnel Policy and identified changes and/or additions that are being suggested. The Clerk was instructed to contact our insurance agent, Mr. Ed Harper, for clarification of the use of personal vehicles for Village business. The Commission will review these changes and this item will be placed on the agenda for the December Regular Monthly Meeting.

Colchester Regional Hospital - Community Advisory Committee

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Mahar*

"That the Commission of Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill Chairwoman be appointed to sit on the Colchester East Hants Health Authority Community Advisory Committee with the understanding that another Commissioner will take her place at these meetings if she is unable to attend."

Motion carried.

2007 and 2008 Surface and Groundwater Monitoring Program

The Clerk reported on the two reports received. The Village is to continue with the current monitoring program with the addition of soil testing. The soil testing has now been completed.

2009 Surface and Groundwater Monitoring Program Report

The Clerk provided a copy of the report by Dillon Consulting on the 2009 Monitoring Program of the Former Landfill Site that was completed in November, 2009. The Clerk also reviewed the letters that were sent to residents affected by elevated levels of chloride and/or nitrate contamination. A letter has also been sent to the Department of Environment.

Asphalt Curb on College Road

Discussion was held regarding the new asphalt curb that has recently been installed on College Road.

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission of Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill write to the Minister of Transportation requesting clarification as to why a Village must install concrete curbs but the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is installing asphalt curbs."

Motion carried.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole

Bible Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Realignment Project RFP and Personnel Issue

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Commission in Committee Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole, to discuss the Bible Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Realignment Project and a personnel issue."

Motion Carried.

At 8:35 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve the salary scale for the Administrative Assistant position be the same

as for the Finance Officer and Recreation Director."

Motion Carried.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole
ended at 9:00 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Mahar
Seconded by McLean*

*"That Commission in Committee Meeting be
adjourned."*

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

K. Curry
Recording Secretary

Donna Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner