

The December Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on December 21, 2010 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:03 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Call to Order

Chair Burke
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell
Commissioner Mahar
Commissioner McLean

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Solicitor Barrett
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: B. Smithson, Bible Hill P&R Director
M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
S. Mahar, Resident

**Approval of the Minutes of
November 16, 2010**

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the minutes of November 16, 2010 be approved
as presented."*

Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of Agenda,
Call for New or Other Business**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Business Including
Delegations**

The Chair welcomed M. Chiasson of the Daily News, B. Smithson, Recreation Director, and S. Mahar to the meeting.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Grant Thornton
as their Auditor for the fiscal year 2011-12."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill appoint Burchell
MacDougall as their legal firm for the fiscal year 2011-
12."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$11,150 from the
Maintenance Reserve Fund to Operating Funds."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Mahar*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$8,900 from the
Operating Fund to the Maintenance Reserve Fund."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill transfer \$47,800 from the
Operating Fund to the Fire Reserve Fund."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill engage Big Entertainment
to supply 4 inflatables & 3 staff at a cost of \$2,478.25
for Canada Day, 2011."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill engage Commercial Tent
to supply and set up tenting and staging for Canada
Day, 2011 at a cost of \$5,399.25."*

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill engage Par-T-Perfect to do Kids Zone for Canada Day, 2011 at a cost of \$1,719.25."

Motion carried.

Membership Safety Advisory Committee

The Clerk discussed the position vacancies on the Safety Advisory Committee. After discussion, it was decided to keep the current number of committee members and begin advertising for new members as all members terms expire March 31, 2011. The issue of a Commissioner chairing the meeting will be revisited at another meeting.

Review of Correspondence

Lenore Zann MLA, Truro-Bible Hill re children walking to school from Osprey Estates

An e-mail was received from Lenore Zann requesting a meeting with Village Commissioners and other interested parties regarding the issue of a safe crossing for the residents of Osprey subdivision across College Road. Commissioners Van Kroonenburg, Mahar, and McLean and Clerk and Treasurer Christianson will attend this meeting. The Clerk will send an e-mail to Ms. Zann's office confirming the Commission's wish to participate in this meeting in the new year.

Reports of Commissioners

Environmental Services Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg reported on environmental issues currently happening in the Village highlighting the progress on the sanitary sewer line and the completion of the phase 4 water project.

Protective Services Report

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported on the recent Safety Advisory Committee meeting. She was requested to bring forward a motion.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

"That the Safety Advisory Committee requests that the Village of Bible Hill revisit the possibility of purchasing glow bracelets at an approximate cost of \$700 for 500 bracelets."

Motion defeated.

The Safety Advisory Committee also requested a new representative from the Fire Brigade as the current representative has missed three consecutive meetings. It was decided to defer requesting a new representative until after March 31st.

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell reported on the Bible Hill Fire Brigade highlighting the fire calls made by the brigade during the past month and various upcoming events. New officers were elected at the last meeting with Dwane Mellish returning as Chief.

*Moved by Dawson-Sharbell
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill supply compost service for both the Village Hall and the Village Office."

Motion carried.

Commissioner Dawson-Sharbell then tendered her resignation effective immediately as a Commissioner for the Village of Bible Hill due to personal reasons. Chair Burke accepted her resignation.

Recreation and Culture Services

Commissioner McLean reported on recreation happenings in the Village highlighting recent Christmas events, the new play equipment at Poplar Drive, the mapping of Colchester County, Lawn Bowling Committee happenings, and new programs planned for next year.

Hall capacity was exceeded at the Tree Lighting this year so a new plan needs to be developed for next year. Also mentioned was the possibility of decorating one of the live trees on the front lawn of 69 Pictou Road as the current tree has been deemed to be too small. The Recreation Director and Clerk will organize this for next year.

The P&R Committee is still seeking two new members.

The P&R Committee brought forward four recommendations to the Commission for 2011-12 budget consideration:

1. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommend that the Commission budget for the resurfacing of the Farnham Brook Trail from the Bridge beginning at the Katrina Drive to Innovation Drive.
2. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommend the Commission budget for fixing the entrance to the Bible Hill Recreation Park off College Road.
3. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommend that the Commission begin talks with NSAC to add a crosswalk and signage on Innovation Drive where Farnham Brook Trail intersects with Innovation Drive. The Parks and Recreation Committee felt due to safety reasons signage is needed in this area.
4. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommend the Commission budget for dugouts at Airport Field on field 5 & 6. These dugouts would be designed the same as on field #6 currently at Airport Field.

Transportation Services

Commissioner Mahar reported on issues relating to Transportation Services highlighting the request for a crosswalk and crossing guard on Armstrong Avenue and the recent sanitary sewer upgrade construction meeting. He also reminded the Commission that this year is the end of our current snow removal contract and we should be looking at a discussion on a new contract. The Village has applied for JEPP funding for generator power extension to the Village Office, and to Nova Scotia Power for more energy efficient lighting solutions. Commissioner Mahar spoke of his continuing efforts to prevent the demise of Scotia Pool. He also spoke of the long term plan for building sidewalks in Colchester County as described by Councillor Blair.

Moved by Mahar

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

"That the Village of Bible Hill have the Clerk contact

the CAO of the County of Colchester requesting additional information and clarification on the long term plan for building sidewalks in Colchester County."

Motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed specifically to clarify how these sidewalks are to be paid for, if there is cost-shared funding available for the Village of Bible Hill from this program, and who would look after the maintenance expense for any sidewalk constructed on Village Line Avenue.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report

The Clerk reported that the contractor has put down asphalt at Harlow Institute as a temporary fix for the winter. Permanent repairs will be made in the Spring.

The Clerk also drew attention to the November Financial Statement that is attached to the minute package.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill will, due to the lack of a quorum, change the March 8th Commission in Committee Meeting to the Regular Monthly Meeting and the March 15th meeting date will be cancelled."

Motion carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Burke reported on events he had attended as Chair. The Chair reminded the Commission of the New Year's Levee on January 1st, 2011 at the Village Hall from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

"That the accounts be approved for payment"

Motion carried.

Accounts

New Business

Review BHFB Pocket Watch Policy

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*"That the Village of Bible Hill amend the Bible Hill Fire
Brigade Pocket Watch Policy to simply read 'watch'
rather than 'pocket watch'."*

Motion carried.

There was a brief question period by M. Chaisson of the
Truro Daily News before the In Camera Session.

**In Camera Committee Meeting of
the Whole**

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

*"That the Regular Monthly Meeting be adjourned to an
In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole."*

Motion Carried.

At 8:05 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera
Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole ended
at 8:32 pm.

Adjournment

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Dawson-Sharbell*

*"That the December 21, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting
of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."*

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
