

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
April 14, 2026



The meeting was held in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Van Kroonenburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order: Commissioner Tim Shea
Commissioner Dwight Giddens
Commissioner Kevin Kennedy
Commissioner Knickolle Pitcher
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg (virtually)

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Mitchell Bell
Recording Secretary Danielle Chaplin

Delegation: Paul Weatherby, District 1 Councillor, Municipality of the County of Colchester

Call for new or other business and review and approval of agenda

Van Kroonenburg called for new or other business and Bell requested to Commemoration Request as final item under new business.

- Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea, that the agenda be approved with the addition. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interest

Van Kroonenburg called for any declarations of conflict of interest. Kennedy noted a conflict of interest under Procurement – Farnham Brook Trail.

Miscellaneous business or delegations

Van Kroonenburg welcomed Councillor Paul Weatherby to provide an oral report.

Budget 2026-27

Bell provided the draft budget, and noted it is ready for a final review, to be approved at the April Regular Meeting.

Terms of office and election schedule

Bell presented the terms of office and election schedule. He noted Commissioner Giddens and Commissioner Shea's terms of office will expire in June, and then presented an election schedule, if there is a need for one.

Meeting schedule

Bell presented a meeting schedule for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

New Business

Procurement – Farnham Brook Trail

Kennedy left the table at 7:07 PM, due to his declared conflict of interest.

Bell reported damage to the Farnham Brook Trail, noting that recent flooding has washed away sections of the crusher dust surface. He presented quotes from three vendors for remediation work, including reinstatement of the base gravel and crusher dust along the trail segment between Katrina Drive and the bridge near Village Court.

- Moved by Shea and seconded by Pitcher that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill award trail reinstatement work to Will-Kare Paving and Contracting Ltd. at a cost of \$37,000 plus HST. Motion carried.

Kennedy re-joined the table at 7:17 PM.

Infrastructure capacity

Bell provided an overview of findings from the 2024 Wastewater Capacity Study, 2025 Appendix to the same, undertaken by Municipality of Colchester and 2024 Water Capacity Study under Town of Truro. He also outlined key infrastructure considerations related to large-scale development. Bell noted that enabling development is a priority for the Commission, it would be prudent to initiate preliminary planning, design, and cost estimation for necessary infrastructure improvements, contact Municipality of Colchester to understand their priorities and propose collaboration, and work to acquire property suitable for a water storage tower.

Banner Program

Bell noted that the Village has previously partnered with local schools to have students create artwork for community banners and inquired whether the Committee wished to pursue a similar initiative for upcoming banner designs. The Committee expressed support and agreed to proceed with student-designed banners for the next order.

ANSV AGM – attendance and accommodations

Bell presented potential accommodation options in Chester for the Association of Nova Scotia Villages Annual General Meeting (ANSV AGM). The Committee deferred a decision to April's regular meeting.

Closed Session – Personnel

- Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill enter closed session. Motion carried.

The Committee entered closed session at 7:54 PM and exited at 8:20 PM.

Commemoration request

Bell requested the Committee's consent to dedicate a new park bench at Bible Hill Recreation Park in honour of the service and contributions of former Commissioner Tom Burke. The matter was agreed by consensus.

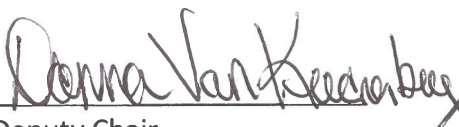
Adjournment

- Moved by Pitcher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

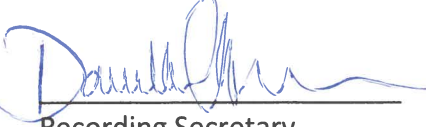
The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Signature page to follow.

April 14, 2026 Commission in Committee Meeting Minute Approval:


Deputy Chair


Clerk and Treasurer


Recording Secretary