

The May 8, 2012 Commission in Committee meeting was held in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Deputy Chair Call to Order

Chair Burke
Commissioner MacCormick
Commissioner McLeod
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner McLean

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: Colchester Councillor C. Blair
Bible Hill Fire Chief D. Mellish
7 members of the public

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the agenda be approved."

Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of April 10, 2012

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the minutes of April 10, 2012 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business including delegations

Councillor Blair reported that the County of Colchester has been working on their budget. She also reported on a UNSM Conference that will be held in Truro this week.

Business Arising out of the minutes

Scotia Pool

Commissioner McLeod reported on the recent meeting regarding Scotia Pool that was attended by himself, Chair Burke, Clerk Christianson, P&R Director Smithson, MLA Lenore Zann, Deputy Minister LeFleshe, Joanne Fewer and Laurie Sandeson from Agritech Park, and NSAC Co-President B. MacDonald. The Province of Nova Scotia is willing to maintain Scotia Pool on a trial basis of one year from the date of the opening of the new Civic Centre. It

is understood that the Province would pay light, heat, and maintenance expenses for this period if the Village provided programming staff. It was understood that the Village would receive revenue from the pool. The Village would be responsible for any shortfall in programming expenses. Nothing has been formalized in writing and everything needs to be clarified and documented.

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill contact the Deputy Minister of Agriculture to draft an operating agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Village of Bible Hill detailing the responsibilities of each party for the operation of Scotia Pool for a one year period starting after the opening of the Civic Centre."

Motion carried.

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition

Chair Burke and Clerk Christianson met with representatives of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission regarding tax monies outstanding. Chair Burke made the suggestion to give the NSPE Commission a three year tax exemption to allow the new Commission a chance to function. The Clerk was requested to obtain legal advice on this option.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill obtain legal advice regarding its ability to suspend the billing of the grant paid to the Village for raceway properties by the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission for up to a three year period."

Motion carried.

Budget Review

The Clerk reviewed the draft budget with the Commissioners and answered questions regarding specific areas.

*Moved by Burke
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill adopt the budget with specific amendments including: the addition of \$10,000 for a chair lift, an increase of \$20,000 for a video surveillance system for the Fire Bays and Maintenance Shop, and \$15,000 for the replacement of older fire bay doors at the fire station. The tax rate will remain the same: the residential tax rate will be 0.68 and the commercial rate will be 0.85."

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence noted.

New Business

Reports for June 4th Annual Meeting due Monday, May 28th 4:30pm

All Commissioners were reminded that annual reports for each of their areas of responsibility will be due on Monday, May 28th by 4:30pm.

Location for New Elementary School in Bible Hill

Commissioner McLean outlined to the Commission the timeline that has occurred in the progress of getting a new elementary school in Bible Hill. She is currently waiting for a call from our MLA, Lenore Zann, regarding the new school. The new school will replace Bible Hill Central Elementary School (presently with 150 students) and Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary School (which currently has 127 students).

Manhole

Chair Burke requested that the Village contact Transportation and Infrastructure regarding a manhole in danger of collapsing at the corner of Vimy Road and Pictou Road.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the May 8, 2012 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
