

The Village of Bible Hill Regular Monthly meeting was held on May 21, 2013 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Burke at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Call to Order

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

Regrets:

Staff: Solicitor England
 Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
 Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: L. MacLaughlin, Grant Thornton

Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2013

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

“That the minutes of April 16, 2013 be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

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

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

“That the agenda be approved with the addition of sidewalks under New Business”

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business Including Delegations

Grant Thornton - Approval of Audited Financial Statement to March 31, 2013

*Moved by McLeod
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg*

“That the Village of Bible Hill accept and approve the audited financial statements to March 31, 2013 as prepared by Grant Thornton.”

Motion carried.

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

"That the Village of Bible Hill have the Clerk work with Grant Thornton to develop a Terms of Reference to outsource components of Bible Hill segregation of duties within the office."

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Commission in Committee Report

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill adopt the new Provincial mileage rate of 43.66 cents per kilometre effective April 1, 2013."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase two 21.5" Apple iMac computers and one 27" Apple iMac computer from GEMS Computer Services at a price of \$7,873.50 + HST."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill purchase four Motorola XPR6550 VHF portable radios from Tru North Communications at the price of \$3,868.00 + HST."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLeod*

"That the Village of Bible Hill have the Clerk remain on the Site Selection Committee for the proposed new Bible Hill Elementary School to represent the Village of Bible Hill."

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by MacCormick*

"That the Village of Bible Hill go to tender for the replacement of the door on the south side of 69 Pictou Road directly into the fire bays."

Motion carried.

60th Anniversary Committee Report

Commissioner MacCormick reported that plans are well underway for the 60th Anniversary Celebrations and all appear to be on track to be completed. She also announced that the Truro Arts Society will be having an Art Show themed "Village of Bible Hill" at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus Library. The Anniversary Committee will be hosting a reception at the Library on July 31st.

Commissioner MacCormick also reported that she had been speaking with Mr. H.D. Boyce regarding his book entitled "History of Bible Hill". The Village was requested to print additional copies of his book to have for sale. It was also suggested that we have a copy of his book converted to PDF and be available on our website. The Village Solicitor will look into the legalities of putting this on our website. This item will be added to the agenda of the next Village Commission meeting.

Village Commissioner/Senior Staff Training - Registration Form and Itinerary
Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the New Beginnings Centre, Greenwood
Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Bible Hill Village Hall, Bible Hill

The Clerk and Commissioner MacCormick will be attending the Commissioner and Staff Training on June 8th in Greenwood. Village Staff will be requested to make reservations at the Aurora Inn in Kingston for Friday, June 7th.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg, Commissioner McLean, Commissioner McLeod, and the Finance Officer will be attending the session in Bible Hill on June 15th. The Clerk will be confirming that there is enough interest to hold the June 15th session. The Clerk will confirm with Service Nova Scotia and report to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

Review of Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence

Reports of Commissioners & Clerk and Treasurer

Environmental Services Report

Commissioner McLean reported on the Farnham Road Report regarding their flooding situation that was completed at Village expense by PDI Engineering. The report was forwarded to the County of Colchester Flood Committee for their information. She reported on events she had attended on behalf of the Village and reported that she has had cake donated by Foodland for 1000 people for the 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Protective Services Report

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg read the May Fire Brigade Report. She also mentioned events she had attended representing the Village.

Recreation Services Report

Commissioner McLeod read the May Recreation Report that included a Recreation Park Upgrade report, baseball and slo-pitch are starting up for their season, and Summer Day Camps. Day Camps are once again very popular and were completely full on the first day of registration.

The Clerk was asked to check on the parking lot at the Recreation Park to see if the large rocks around the parking lot are still in place. These rocks are to prevent vehicles getting in by the playground and doing damage. The Clerk will report his findings. The Contractor, Fowler Construction, believes it will not be necessary to close the park during the construction process.

Transportation Services Report

Commissioner MacCormick reminded the Commission that a decision needs to be made regarding the provincially mandated changeover of all streetlights to LED lights. She also spoke of the proposed bikeway to be constructed on Main Street from the bridge to College Road and continuing to the very end of College Road. The Village has asked TIR to re-visit the request by the Village for a crosswalk at the Vimy Road/College Road intersection.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the Fowler's has encountered unstable soil when excavating for the washroom facility. They have had to dig deeper and add rock for stability. This will cause a cost overrun for this project but is necessary for the completion of the washroom. There may be some concern of this same problem occurring when excavating for the gazebo or the splash pad. Current soil from the washroom excavation will be used to create an additional berm for sitting around the gazebo for concerts, etc.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on his recent events. As a member of the Provincial Exhibition Commission, the Chair reported that an audit will be completed by the County of Colchester as the NSPE Commission would like a clean slate. There is a meeting of the Exhibition Commission on May 22nd. Chair Burke will report back to the Commission after the meeting.

Accounts

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by McLean*

"That the accounts be approved for payment."

Motion carried.

New Business

Annual Ceremonial Review - Navy League and Sea Cadet - Sunday, June 2nd, 2pm at Truro Armories - RSVP required

Chair Burke will attend this review. Village Staff will RSVP on his behalf.

Sidewalks

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg asked for clarification of exactly the Village's responsibility lies regarding repairs to the sidewalks within the Village. Several areas were mentioned as needing repairs. The Clerk will investigate and get Village maintenance staff to repair where appropriate.

Adjournment

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by McLeod*

“That the May 21, 2013 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Chair Burke

Recording Secretary Curry

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
