

The Village of Bible Hill Commission in Committee Meeting was held on December 9, 2014 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Call to Order: Chair Burke
Commissioner MacCormick
Commissioner McLean

Regrets: Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner McLeod

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Christianson
Recording Secretary Curry

In Attendance: M. Chiasson, Truro Daily News
C. Blair, Colchester County Councillor
W. Parker, Colchester County Councillor
N. Loomer, Village Resident

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2014

*Moved by McLean
Seconded by MacCormick*

That the minutes of November 12, 2014 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Review and Approval of the Agenda, call for new or other business

*Moved by MacCormick
Seconded by McLean*

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Chair Burke welcomed both County Councillors and Ms. Loomer to the meeting.

Delegations

Councillor Parker reported on the clean up progress being made by the County of Colchester in dealing with an identified property on Pictou Road.

Councillor Blair reported on the recent meeting of the County Flood Advisory Committee where the Farnham Brook project was discussed. Clean up appears to have been successful after recent rain as water is freely flowing through the brook. Park Street, Riverside Avenue and Avon Street have all seen improvements in flooding situations in recent rains as well. The Flood Advisory Committee works with a \$100,000 budget and works co-operatively with both organizations and individuals on a cost share basis to do as many improvements as possible.

The Town of Truro has recently passed a new bylaw regarding taxi service within town limits. County Councillors have met and reviewed this policy and are prepared to bring this policy to the County to be adopted there as well.

Councillor Blair also spoke of the progress on the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Review. The County of Colchester has given approval of the entire document, including items #13 and #14 despite vocal opposition from her. The next meeting of the County regarding the Review will be on December 15th.

New Business

- Truck Cap and Cargo Bed for Bible Hill Fire Brigade

Moved by MacCormick

Seconded by McLean

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill purchase a Truck Cap and Cargo Box from Caps Plus at a cost of \$5, 612.67 including HST.

Motion carried.

- Contract Engineering Services, Saywood Drive

The Clerk presented a copy of the contract for engineering services that is to be signed with Hiltz and Seamone II Limited. The contract has been reviewed by both the Clerk and the Village Solicitor.

Moved by MacCormick

Seconded by McLean

That the Commission in Committee recommends that the Village of Bible Hill approve the Contract for Engineering Services with Hiltz and Seamone as presented.

Motion carried.

- Local Prosperity: New Economics for Rural Canada

The County of Annapolis and the Town of Annapolis Royal are co-hosting a conference in Annapolis Royal on April 9th - 12th. The conference will offer practical, hands-on tools with the vision towards building long-term prosperity through our communities' citizens, stakeholders and municipal leaders. Commissioners were encouraged to attend if interested.

- Meeting with Town of Truro

The Clerk reported that Village of Bible Hill Officials will be meeting with Town of Truro Officials on Thursday, December 11th at 5:00pm in Truro Council Chambers. The Clerk will be meeting with the new Truro CAO prior to this meeting to further acquaint him with our community.

- Reserve Funds

The Clerk updated the Commissioners on the current reserve fund totals. It was suggested that in the near future the Village increase the balance of both the Fire and Maintenance Reserves for upcoming purchases of a new fire truck and a new maintenance half ton truck.

- Construction of Accessible Washrooms, Bible Hill Village Hall

The Clerk reported that the tender for the HVAC unit is closing on Thursday, December 11th and after that time a new budgetary figure will be available for the remainder of the Hall Upgrade Project. There has been considerable discussion on the location for the new accessible washroom. The Clerk is meeting with the Fire Chief before the next meeting and will have options ready to present to the Commission.

In Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole - Legal Issues

Moved by McLean

Seconded by MacCormick

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

Motion Carried.

At 7:45 pm the Commission went into an In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole.

The In-Camera Committee Meeting of the Whole adjourned back to the Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:50 pm.

Adjournment

Moved by MacCormick

Seconded by McLean

That the December 9, 2014 Commission in Committee Meeting of the Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Chair Burke _____

Clerk and Treasurer Christianson _____

Recording Secretary Curry _____