

**Village of Bible Hill
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 18, 2022**



The Village of Bible Hill regular monthly meeting was held on October 18, 2022 in Commission Chambers, at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM; the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Call to Order: Commissioner Burke
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Pitcher
Commissioner Shea
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg
Acting Clerk and Treasurer Ogden
Recording Secretary Chaplin
Solicitor Roper, Burchell MacDougall

Review and approval of the minutes of September 20, October 4, and October 11, 2022.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Van Kroonenburg, that the meeting minutes of September 20, October 4, and October 11, 2022, be approved. Motion carried.

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

Kennedy called for new or other business and the following new business was requested:

- Ogden requested to add Meadowland Avenue drainage project under new business.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea, that the agenda be approved with amendment. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interests

Kennedy called for any declaration of conflict of interest and he then declared a conflict of interest regarding tree removal quote under business arising out of the minutes.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

Councillor Boutilier

Boutilier briefly spoke about the hurricane relief, the efforts put forth by staff, residents, and contractors, etc. Pitcher inquired on the tree removal process, and Boutilier further explained the process involved. Van Kroonenburg inquired about services or opportunities available for residents who cannot afford tree removal, and he advised that residents should reach out to the Red Cross or the United Way if they need financial support surrounding hurricane clean up.

Business arising out of the minutes

Commission in Committee Report

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that Village of Bible Hill authorize the borrower's resolution for the Village to be able to borrow \$1MM from the operating line of credit and to update the Scotia Visa Business card limit to \$20,000, up from the previous \$10,000. Motion carried.

Dalhousie Rezoning

Ogden noted that Dalhousie is seeking to re-zone from residential to institutional for two different pieces of land and Pitcher asked Solicitor Roper if there are any legal implications with re-zoning. The Commission discussed.

New Years Eve Levee

Ogden presented potential pricing and a draft budget for the New Year's Levee. She noted that the Girl Guides would discuss if they were able to cater for the event at their meeting on October 18, 2022 and confirm with Ogden if they are available.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that the budget for the 2022 New Year's Levee be increased to \$2000. Motion carried.

Tree removal – quotes included

Ogden presented two quotes for removal of 4 stumps around the Village that will impede sidewalk snow removal if not removed. A.K. Property Management Inc. quoted \$8,970 and Dodsworth's Landscaping quoted \$8,621.03. The Commission discussed.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill award the stump removal of 4 stumps to Dodsworth's Landscaping for a total of \$8621.03 with the notion that it could change in pricing if sidewalks require extra work. Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

Colchester Legion – Wreath laying

Ogden presented a letter from Colchester Legion inviting Chair Kennedy to the Remembrance Day Parade and wreath laying ceremony. Chaplin will RSVP on his behalf.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

Commissioner Burke

Burke noted sidewalk work has been started on Main Street, and that it will be completed in November. He then noted his attendance at the BHFB Fire Prevention Open House.

Commissioner Shea

Shea spoke how the community dealt with the hurricane, and thanked staff for all their hard work. He noted his attendance at the BHFB Fire Prevention Open House, as well as their flag raising ceremony.

Commissioner Pitcher

Pitcher spoke about the success of the BHFB Fire Prevention Open House and noted how many calls the BHFB responded to over the span of the hurricane relief.

She then submitted the October 2022 Fire Chief report – as attached.

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg

Van Kroonenburg noted her attendance at the October Special Meeting, the October Parks and Recreation Meeting as well as the BHFB Fire Prevention Open House. She noted CUPE bargaining has finished up, but has not yet been ratified, and will be when there is a union representative available.

She then submitted the October 2022 Parks and Recreation report – as attached.

Chair Kennedy

Kennedy spoke about the hurricane, his visits of the comfort center, and thanked the staff and the brigade for all their efforts. He then noted his involvement in CUPE bargaining, and his attendance at the BHFB Fire Prevention Open House.

Acting Clerk and Treasurer Ogden

Ogden noted how busy things have been since the hurricane. She outlined the status of trails and parks, the costs associated with the damages, and that the Village is eligible to apply for the Disaster Financial Assistance Program. She noted that Dillon Consulting has started collecting samples for the yearly monitoring program, the Village has hired a new custodian as well as two new after school program staff, and that the Remembrance Day banners have been ordered. She then noted that her and Bell met with a representative of Sansom Equipment and noted that they have been advised that the generator controller is outdated and should likely be replaced in the future, and staff is looking into grant funding opportunities. She reminded the Commission of the November 8th Strategic Planning Workshop with DMAH and spoke about various complaints regarding a bus stop relocation that took place in Saywood subdivision. The Commission discussed.

Accounts

Moved by Pitcher, and seconded by Shea, that Village of Bible Hill approve the accounts for payment. Motion carried.

New Business

Budget update

Ogden presented a budget update to the Commission as of September 30, 2022.

Central Nova Animal Hospital Rezoning

Ogden presented a re-zoning request made to the County of Colchester from Central Nova Animal Hospital, looking to rezone two lots from residential to commercial. The County sent a letter asking if the Village has any comments or concerns, and none were brought forward.

Christmas Planning

Ogden presented a calendar of the office Christmas schedule from 2020 and 2021 as well as the proposed schedule for 2022. The Commission discussed.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Shea that Village of Bible Hill close the office on December 24th, 2022 and re-open on January 3rd, 2023 Motion carried.

The Commission then agreed by consensus to host a staff Christmas Party, such as dinner and bowling. Staff will bring forward potential dates to the next meeting.

Meadowland Avenue drainage project

Ogden presented two options to the Commission. First option is to instruct staff to immediately seek pricing for Meadowland Avenue drainage project and obtain permission to award the project at the commission in committee meeting of November 8th, or wait and defer the project to next year, when the Village starts their planned sewer project.


Moved by Van Kroonenburg and seconded by Pitcher that the Village defer the Meadowland Avenue drainage project to when the Village starts the planned sewer project in the spring. Motion carried.

Adjournment

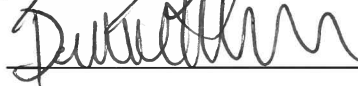
Moved by Van Kroonenburg that the October 18, 2022 regular monthly meeting of Village of Bible Hill be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Chair Kennedy



Recording Secretary Chaplin



Acting Clerk and Treasurer Ogden





Fire Chief Report - October 2022

The Brigade responded to 17 emergency calls from the period of September 15 to October 12th, 2022, they are as follows:

1. Sept 18th, 2:44 pm 34 Village Court, Public Assist, People trapped on second story balcony and couldn't get down. Assisted by Truro Aerial. Cleared at 3:35 pm with 10 members responding. IC DC Pearston.
2. September 23, 7:57 pm Mutual Aid to Salmon River, tanker and manpower. 13 Christina Lane in Salmon River. Cleared at 9:30 pm with 22 members responding. IC DC Mabey.
3. September the 24th, 01:31 am 20 Rockgarden road, back up of boiler smoke into building when power went off. Self ventilated, cleared at 02:10, with 12 members responding. IC DC maybe
4. September 24th, 02:10 am 84 East Court Road, public Assist, checking on resident's house due to tree collapse. Cleared at 02:20 with 12 members responding.
5. Sept 24, 03:59 am 16 Thompson, Public Assist. Cleared 04:07 am with 12 members responding. IC Bisson
6. Sept. 24th, 04:07 am 14 Eastmore, Flooded basement, Public Assist. Cleared at 04:30 am, 12 members responded, IC Bisson.
7. Sept. 24th, 04:47, 208 Main st. public Assist, Lattis flapping against building, homeowner concerned. Cleared at 05:02 am with 16 members responding. IC Bisson.
8. Sept 24th, 05:57 am, Alarm Ringing 62 Cummings Drive. 12 Responding, cleared at 06:15 am, IC Bisson.
9. Sept 24th, 07:29 am 221 Farnham RD. Trees on Power lines, Cleared at 08:15 am 15 members responding, IC Pearston.
10. Sept, 24th, 256 Brookside Rd. 08:09 am Trees on power lines. Cleared at 08:15 am with 15 members responding. IC Pearston.
11. Sept 24th, 08:48 am 125 Pictou Rd. Trees on Power lines. Cleared the scene at 09:03 am with 7 members responding. IC Pearston.
12. Sept. 24th, 09:01 am, 193 Farnham Rd. power lines down on car and trees. Cleared at 03:32 am with 13 members responding. IC Pearston.
13. Sept. 24th, 9:03 am 195 Pictou Rd. Leaking water through electrical system. Cleared at 09:29 am with 13 members responding. IC Pearston.
14. Sept. 24th, 06:06 am. 20 Horseshoe Cres. Alarm Ringing. Chapman House. Cleared at 06:30 am, 17 members responding. IC DC Mabey/Pearston
15. Sept. 24th, 10:03 pm 157 College Rd. Investigation Tree landed on Propane tank. Cleared at 10:25 with 2 members responding. IC Bisson
16. Sept. 25th, 03:32 pm 113 Ryland Ave. Trees on Power lines. Cleared at 04:15 pm with 16 members responding. IC Bisson
17. Sept 25th, 6:10 pm 80 Research Drive, Alarm ringing. Humidity inside pool area. Cleared at 6:43 pm with 20 members responding. IC Pearston.

18. Sept. 25th, Alarm Ringing. 7:11 pm 20 Horseshoe Cres. Low water pressure in sprinkler system. Cleared at 7:55 pm, 6 members responding. IC Capt. Mabey.
19. Sept. 25th, 7:14 pm, 551 College Rd. Trees on power lines. Cleared at 8:01 pm with 21 members responding. IC Pearston.
20. Sept. 25th, 7:47 pm. 603 College Rd. Power pole smoking. Cleared at 8:06 pm, with 21 members responding. IC Bison
21. Sept. 25th, 7:49 pm 175 Pictou Rd. Investigation of smoke condition. Cleared at 8:06 pm with 21 members responding. IC Pearston
22. Sept 25th, 9:40 pm, 216 Vimy Rd. Public Assist. Live wires. Cleared at 9:49 pm with 5 members responding, IC DC Mabey
23. Sept 25th, 9:51 pm, 25 Windsor Ave. Trees on Fire by power line. Watched for 2.5 hours, cleared at .1:05 am, with 16 members responding. IC Cpt. Mabey.
24. Sept 26th, 0900 am, Investigation, Smoke condition in Bible Hill Estates. Cleared at 09:33 am, with 3 members responding. IC Bisson
25. Sept. 26th, 2:50 pm, Mutual Aid Truro, to standby at own station. Cleared at 3:10 pm with 12 members responding. IC Mellish
26. Sept. 26th, 5:40 pm 98 Retson Dr. Illegal burn Investigation. Extinguished and cleared at 7:00 pm, 7 members responded. IC Bisson.
27. Sept 26th, 9:49 pm, 579 College Rd. Trees on Power lines. Cleared at 10:00 pm with 12 members responding. IC Pearston.
28. Sept. 27th, 3:58 pm, Mutual Aid to Truro, Standby at own station. Cleared at 4:45 pm with 14 members responding. IC DC Mabey.
29. Sept. 27th, 8:04 pm, Mutual Aid to Truro, Standby at own station. Cleared at 8:11 pm, with 17 members responding. IC Bisson
30. Sept. 27th, 859 pm 61 Regency Point. Transformer on Fire. Investigated and cleared at 9:32 pm with 15 members responding. IC Bisson.
31. Sept. 27th, 9:59 pm, 241 Pictou Rd. MVA Car vs E-Bike. RCMP and EHS attended scene. Cleared at 10:26 pm with 18 members responding. IC Bisson.
32. Sept. 28th, 2:00 am 10 Horseshoe Cres. Alarm ringing. At Fraser house. Cleared at 2:45 am with 8 members responding. IC FF Snyder.
33. Sept. 28th, 1:25 pm 40 Rosemont Dr. Illegal Burn investigation. Neighbor dispute. Cleared at 1:53 pm, with 13 members responding. IC DC Mabey
34. Sept. 28th, 1:49 pm 69 Pictou Rd. Mutual aid to standby for Truro at own hall. Cleared at 2:00 pm, with 14 members responding. IC DC Mabey.
35. Sept. 28th, 6:18 pm, 63 Pictou Rd. Alarm ringing. Cleared at 6:44 pm, with 15 members responding. IC DC Mabey.
36. Sept. 28th, 8:21 pm 741 College Rd. Alarm sounding in Junior High. Cleared Scene at 9:02 pm, 15 members responding. IC DC Pearston and Mabey.
37. Sept. 28th, 10:25 pm 692 Prince St. Mutual Aid to Truro to scene of fire. Cleared at 12:01 am, with 15 members responding. IC DC Mabey
38. Sept. 30th, 7:59 am 129 Village Line, Investigation of odour. Cleared at 8:30 am, with 8 members responding. IC Cpt Mabey.
39. Sept. 30, 8:57 pm, Mutual aid to Valley Kempton, for structure fire. Stood down on arrival. Cleared at 9:28 pm, with 14 members responding. IC Pearston.

40. October 1th, 3:30 am 19 Hallett Dr. Smoke condition. Cleared scene at 3:50 am with 10 members responding. IC Bisson
41. October 1, 3:47 am, 29 Wildchance Drive, Structure fire. MA from Valley and Truro. RCMP on scene. Cleared at 7:20 am with 12 members responding. IC Bisson/Pearston
42. Oct. 1, 5:03 pm, 48 Birch st. MA to salmon river. Stood down. Cleared at 5:08 pm, with 10 members responding. IC Pearston.
43. Oct. 2, 4:40 pm, 3 Katrina Dr. Tree on Power line. Cleared at 5:06 pm, 12 members responded. IC Pearston.
44. Oct. 3, 6:10 pm MVA car vs pedestrian. 241 Pictou rd. RCMP and EHS on scene. Cleared at 6:47 pm, with 18 members responding. IC DC Mabey.
45. Oct. 4 10:38 am 82 Vimy Rd. Alarm ringing. Cooking. Cleared at 10:55 am, with 9 members responding, IC Cpt. Mabey.
46. Oct. 6. 8:12 pm, 332 Pictou Rd. tree on power line. Cleared at 8:20 pm with 13 ,members responding. IC Pearston.
47. Oct. 7,12:20pm 37 Ryland Ave. Alarm ringing. Steam from shower. Cleared at 12:30 pm with 8 members responding. IC Cpt. Mabey
48. Oct. 10, 1:15 am, 20 Horseshoe Cres. Alarm Ringing left burners on from late night snack. Cleared at 1:56 am with 7 members responding. IC Bisson.
49. Oct. 10, 4:10 om MA standby for Truro. Cleared at 4:19 pm, with 8 members responding. IC Pearston.
50. Oct. 11 10:06 am 241 Pictou Rd. Alarm ringing. Stood down faulty system. Cleared at 10:10 am, with 6 members responding. IC FF Snyder.

Total Calls: 140

Total Fire Loss: \$27,200.00

Breakdown for the month:

- Structure Fires – 1
- Mutual Aid calls – 10
- Alarms – 12
- Public Assist – 8
- Trees on Power lines – 11
- Investigations – 6
- MVA – 2

- Vehicle Fire - \$12,000.00
- 46 Andy's Ave - \$ 6300.00
- Riverside Ave Fire – Undetermined.
- Ryland Ave Kitchen fire – Est. \$2000.00
- Wildchance Deck – Undetermined.
- 29 Wildchance, structure fire- \$6900.00

Notes:

- It was an extremely busy month, I want to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication through the rough week.
- I want to thank all those that helped out with filling water for the public outside, and all the contributions made throughout the week.
- I am very proud of the way the membership stepped up to help not only the public during calls but each other to help when needed. Trees/ roofs, etc.
- Open house just around the corner, please let's have a good turnout, we will be busy that day so lets all chip in.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Bisson

October Recreation Report

Moving into the fall season, we are quickly approaching Halloween. Safe Halloween donation letters have been sent out via mail and some delivered in person within Bible Hill. Safe Halloween will be taking place on Monday, October 31st from 5-7PM. This year there will be a photo booth set up in the entry of the Hall for the smaller kids who may not want to take part in the haunted maze. There will also be smaller activities in the hall aimed at smaller children as well. On October 25th, there will be a pumpkin carving opportunity at the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall for families to take part in from 5:00-8:00PM, carving kits will be supplied by the village and 35 pumpkins have been donated by Riverbreeze farm.

An indoor adult coed soccer league has opened for registration, there was a large expression of interest and lots of excitement coming from people to get this started. Due to Fiona the league will be starting on October 13th rather than October 6th. The league will run until late March of 2023.

Senior socials have begun, the socials look a little different this year. They are running weekly each Friday from 2:00-4:00PM in partnership with the Y Seniors Citizens Band. Each month on the last Friday of the month, a light lunch/snack will be provided. There is no charge to attend the senior social, the first social had 41 people in attendance, and everyone danced the afternoon away!

Maintenance has been busy the last little bit, after Hurricane Fiona paid a visit. All of our trails had brush or large trees down, most were able to be cleaned and cut by our maintenance team. Village Court, Teakwood and Warren Drive however took a bit more of a hit with fallen trees. These trails will be closed until professional arborists are able to work on the trails. All our parks held up, with minimal damage, no playground equipment was damaged at any of the parks. The Bible Hill Recreation Park had a few limbs and a larger tree down on the multipurpose field, the park remained closed over the first weekend of October due to down wires on the trail.

Haley Smith
Parks and Recreation Director