

Village of Bible Hill
Commission in Committee Meeting
Sept 12, 2023



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

Call to Order: Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Giddens
Commissioner Shea
Commissioner Pitcher
Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chaplin

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

Van Kroonenburg called for new or other business. Bell requested to add hall bar service under new business, Pitcher added chickens and dogs under new business, and Kennedy requested to add speed on roads under new business.

Moved by Kennedy and seconded by Shea, that the agenda be approved with additions. Motion carried.

Call for declaration of conflict of interest

Van Kroonenburg called for any declarations of conflict of interest, and none were declared.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

There were no miscellaneous business items or delegations.

New Business

Small parks/greenspaces

Bell reviewed several of the small parks/greenspaces owned by the Village and asked the Commission for feedback on current use of them. The committee discussed the options of selling or enhancing certain properties. The consensus was to ask the opinion of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and survey the area residents on greenspace use.

Appointment of Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee members

Bell presented three third party committee member nominations that were received by the Village, for the four vacant Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee seats.

Moved by Pitcher and seconded by Shea that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill appoint Donna Lawrence, Wanda MacDonald, and Ashleigh Bonnell to the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Bell then noted the committee also requires each municipal body appoint an elected official representative for a new 2 year term.

Moved by Kennedy and seconded by Giddens that the Commission in Committee recommend Village of Bible Hill appoint Commissioner Shea as the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee representative for Bible Hill. Motion carried.

NSFM Fall Conference

Bell reviewed the schedule for the NSFM Fall Conference and asked Commissioners to let him know if they are looking to attend, so registration can be completed and accommodations booked.

Crosswalk Safety

Pitcher noted she was contacted by a resident regarding an incident at a crosswalk that made her feel unsafe and resulted in contacting the RCMP. The resident assumed there would be video footage at the crosswalk for the RCMP to review. She noted the resident requested the Village install cameras at marked crosswalks. The Committee discussed. Bell was asked to investigate options for security cameras at high-traffic crosswalks.

Dalhousie Agricultural College (Dal-AC) Meeting

Bell noted that Dal-AC reached out to meet with the Chair, Deputy Chair and Commission regarding Growth and Planning. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 26 at 4:00 PM at Cumming Hall. Pitcher, Van Kroonenburg, Kennedy, and Shea noted they will be in attendance.

Hall Bar Service

Bell noted Bible Hill Fire Brigade has recently had difficulty obtaining members to volunteer to run the bar service in the Village Hall. He noted there are rentals that have been confirmed to have bar service and sought advice regarding how to move forward. The committee discussed and it was a consensus that the brigade needs to honor the previously approved rentals and should incentivize their own members if needed.

Chickens and Dogs

Pitcher mentioned a resident asked her if she is allowed to have chickens in Bible Hill. Colchester's Land use by-law was referenced, and Pitcher asked Bell to pass information along to her so she could forward it to the resident.

Pitcher then read a complaint from a resident regarding her concern of a dog. It was noted that there is nothing the Village can do, where no incident has occurred, aside from providing the person with information on how to report an issue if one arises.

Speed on Roads

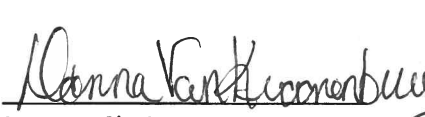
Kennedy noted he received resident complaints surrounding speeding on Farnham Rd., Vimy Rd., and Ryland Ave. The committee discussed and noted that perhaps speed radar sign could be set up in the area, and Bell can inform the RCMP of the complaints.

Adjournment


Moved by Kennedy that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Signed approval page to follow.

September 12, 2023 Commission in Committee Meeting Minute Approval:


Deputy Chair


Clerk and Treasurer


Recording Secretary