

LAWRENCETOWN SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE

Phil Milo – Chair

Anne Taylor – Vice Chair

Brian Reid

STAFF

Kelly Rice

GUESTS

Suzanne Decker – NSPI

Staff Sgt. John deWinter – RCMP

Travis Eisener – NSPI

Dave McCoubry – Annapolis County EMO

Robert Thomson – NSPI

Jacqueline Burneau – NSE

Dawn MacNeil – NSE

Phil Milo called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Not approved, no quorum present.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROTECTION OF WATERSHED AREA INCLUDING HIGHWAY 201 AND SURROUNDING AREA

RCMP

- Their 1st priority is public safety.
- Responsible for the containment of the scene.
- They will call the appropriate agencies dependant on the situation at the scene.
- It is a central dispatch in Halifax.

- They will take the lead on the situation.
- They will call Hazmat for spills over 100 litres.

NSPI

- They would be called if a pole was down or burning.
- There is a potential for transformers to contain more than 100 litres of contaminants.
- The oil used in the transformers is mineral oil.
- There are still some PCB's in NS but their plan is to be PCB free by 2025.
- If a crew is dispatch to a scene, they will screen test to know what they are dealing with before repairing or removing a transformer.
- They can potentially identify which transformers pose a risk to the protected area.
- In their plan to replace all transformers that contain PCB's, protected watershed/source water areas will be given priority.
- The Village needs to provide NSPI with the information from the SWPP so they are familiar with the area.
- They practice vegetation management along the transmission lines and they cut or mow the area depending on the type of vegetation.
- They will use NSE approved herbicide to target specific vegetation. (restricted not to be used within 60 meters of a water supply)
- They advertise in the paper and post signs in the area when they are planning to spray.
- They carry spill kits when they are working in the area and they do not refuel the equipment directly in the working area.
- They undertake pole treatment every couple of years and they will identify the type of preservative used to treat the poles.

NSE

- Handed out, and reviewed, a brochure "When To Call Nova Scotia Environment" that explains their role.
- They cannot enter on private property without written permission from the property owner or a search warrant.
- As part of the Village's Water Operating Permit, NSE inspects the water treatment plant and the area every 6 months.

EMO

- RCMP usually call EMO.
- The situation is usually ongoing for a long time before EMO is called.
- EMO will try to coordinate the resources required to secure the situation.

FINAL COMMENTS

One hypothetical situation discussed was if for some reason the Village water supply was down, or unavailable, what would we do for water? It was discussed that bulk water could be brought in for most uses except drinking and the old reservoir could be used for fire protection.

It was also discussed that it would be very helpful and informative if the Village invited all parties to an annual site visit of the water treatment plant and area and to provide everyone with copies of our maps showing our watershed area. We will endeavour to provide these maps in GIS format.

Dave McCoubry, EMO, stated they are always available to call on for information or help.

NSPI will keep open lines of communication with the Village and they will forward MSD Sheets to the Village for all the chemicals they use.

RCMP are always available.

Phil Milo thanked RCMP, NSPI, EMO and NSE for participating in the meeting stating all the information gathered this evening will be very helpful as the Committee and the Commission move forward with their action planning.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Library.

As there was no further business to discuss, Phil Milo adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kelly Rice
Clerk/Treasurer