

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
October 8, 2009**

**COMMISSION**

Troy Emmett  
Lynette Gilks  
Dianne Moore  
Larry Powell – Absent  
David Spears – Absent

**STAFF**

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

COMM. EMMETT called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**MINUTES:**

Clerk/Treasurer read the minutes of the September 3, 2009 regular meeting of the Lawrencetown Village Commission. **Comm. Emmett moved the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Comm. Moore. Motion Carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Well Project Update

Clerk/Treasurer read report from the Supt. of Public Works:

- Wells have been blended at 60/40 and testing for arsenic levels came back at 11 ppm. The wells are now being blended at 75/25 and we are waiting for the test results.
- tested raw water for arsenic on PW3 (not blended with PW1) and waiting for the results
- a final decision has not been made regarding the test site at the west end of the Village.

Public Works Update

Clerk/Treasurer read report from the Supt. of Public Works:

- installed temporary water line at Phinney Brook on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> to allow for Dept. of Transportation repairs to the bridge
- re-installed water line back to bridge on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>
- read and repaired water meters
- installed water meter at old United Church for new owners
- started prep work for replacement of oil tanks at the PW building
- sewer back-up Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> caused by roots in the manhole; had Loomers Pumping Services clean out the pipe
- working on this year's sidewalk paving project
- looking at costs to upgrade floats at lift station at 390 Main St.

- water leak at 6831 Carleton Rd., property owner has repaired
- winter sidewalk sand and general purpose sand to be delivered soon
- continuing to work on operating permit for sewer treatment plant
- met with NSDEL regarding the box culvert and erosion on Barteaux Brook
- met with NSDEL regarding the Canada Wide Strategy for Wastewater Effluent

Barteaux Brook Erosion

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from NSDEL regarding the bank erosion at Barteaux Brook, stating that NSDEL has referred the problem to the Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans. After a discussion, Clerk/Treasurer was asked to notify concerned resident of the developments and to keep the Commission informed when DFO contacts the Village.

UARB Village of Pugwash Proposed Boundary Changes

Clerk/Treasurer read letter sent from Lawrencetown addressing concerns with the proposed changes to the Village of Pugwash boundaries. She also stated that letters had been sent from many of the other Villages and the ANSV.

ANSV AGM Report

Clerk/Treasurer offered an update in the absence of Comm. Powell. She stated that the ANSV AGM was well attended with representation from across the Province. The morning sessions included roundtable discussions with the Liberal Party and the NDP Party and all in attendance felt these discussions were very beneficial for the ANSV. The new executive was elected for the upcoming year:

Larry Powell	Chairman	Village of Lawrencetown
Al Belliveau	Vice Chair	Village of Greenwood
Maynard Stevens	Secretary/Treasurer	Village of NewMinas
Scott Leier	Board Member	Village of Port Williams
Susan Weatherby	Board Member	Village of Tatamagouche
Robert Wambolt	Past Chair	Village of St. Peters
Christine Blair	Past Chair	Village of Bible Hill

Concave Mirrors

Clerk/Treasurer stated she had found a supplier of Concave Mirrors, however, they are in the USA. She is trying to find a Canadian supplier. After a discussion, Comm. Spears and Clerk/Treasurer will continue to work on this project.

Proposed Changes UARB Water Rate Hearings

Clerk/Treasurer stated that she had been in contact with other municipal units regarding their feelings on these proposed changes and the general consensus was that these changes would be beneficial to the Water Rate Hearing process.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### Recreation

Lynn Roscoe reported the following:

- finished the season with a balance of \$100
- school received \$2,000 for shrubs and plants for their Evergreen Project and the School Advisory Committee has agreed to pay for the Gazebo
- the “publish it” project has begun and the name for the newsletter is the RIVERSIDE PRESS

### Activities/Events Planning Committee

Clerk/Treasurer reported, on behalf of Comm. Spears, the following:

- the “Wall of Honour” proposal will be ready for presentation to the Commission next month and the original plan has been adapted to meet the needs of Lawrencetown

### Annapolis County Councillor Report

- No Report

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### CARP NEWSLETTER

Clerk/Treasurer stated the CARP newsletter was available in the office if anyone wanted to read it.

### ANNAPOLIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Clerk/Treasurer read a copy of a letter from Annapolis County Council regarding municipal representation on the Resource Recovery Fund Board.

### CANADIAN POSTMASTERS ASSOCIATION

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from the Canadian Postmasters Association regarding concerns of possible changes to the level of service provided by Canada Post to rural communities and to their employees. She also stated that this issue was brought forward at the ANSV AGM and the membership decided to send a letter to Canada Post requesting more information. After a discussion, the Commission will wait to hear from the ANSV before pursuing this issue.

## LAWRENCETOWN & AREA SENIORS ASSOCIATION (LASA)

Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from LASA requesting a letter of support to be included in their proposal to seek Federal Funding for upgrades to their building. After a discussion, Clerk/Treasurer will prepare the letter for the Chairman's signature.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### "Ensuring Superior Work Performance of Boards" Workshop

Clerk/Treasurer stated this workshop is being hosted by the Annapolis County Recreation Dept. and asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in attending. After a discussion, any Commissioner wishing to attend would contact Clerk/Treasurer for registration information.

#### 2009 LED Holiday Light Exchange Program

Clerk/Treasurer asked the Commission if they were interested in participating with the LED Light Exchange Program this year during the Village's Christmas Event. After a discussion, the Commission felt this was a very worthwhile project and agreed to participate.

#### Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign

Clerk/Treasurer asked if the Commission would be participating in the Poppy Campaign this year and who would be laying the wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on behalf of the Commission. After a discussion, the Commission will be participating and suggested that Comm. Spears could lay the wreath. Clerk/Treasurer will confirm with Comm. Spears.

#### Association Western Valley C@P Sites

Clerk/Treasurer reads an email from the AWVCS extending an invitation for Commissioners or staff to attend a workshop "Planning for a High Speed Future" By attending the workshop, the Village is then eligible to apply for funding through the NS Dept. of Economic Development. After a discussion, the Commission decided that the Clerk/Treasurer should attend the workshop.

### **ADDITIONS:**

1. Comm. Emmett stated that the Supt. of Public Works approached the Fire Dept. with concerns about the disrepair of the road leading to the dry hydrant. He felt that the repairs were the responsibility of the Fire Dept. because the Village did not have a right-of-way to the dry hydrant. Comm. Emmett showed the Commission documents identifying the right-of-way as belonging to the Village Commissioners of Lawrencetown. After a discussion, the Commission felt that there was some type of agreement between the Village and the Fire Dept. giving the Fire Dept. the responsibility of the maintenance of the dry hydrant. The Commission asked that the Clerk/Treasurer to check the minutes for any agreement pertaining to the dry hydrant and to ask the Supt. of Public Works to put together the costs for the necessary repairs to the road leading to the dry hydrant.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Gilks moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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CLERK/TREASURER