

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2010**

COMMISSION:

Larry Powell – Chairman
David Spears – Vice Chair
Lynette Gilks
Dianne Moore

STAFF:

Kelly Rice - Clerk/Treasurer

CHAIRMAN POWELL called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. He welcomed guests, Warden Peter Newton and CAO Brenda Orchard of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis.

MINUTES:

Clerk/Treasurer read the minutes of the April 1, 2010 meeting of the Lawrencetown Village Commission. **Comm. Gilks moved the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Comm. Spears. Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION:

Chairman Powell read a letter from Annapolis County Warden, Peter Newton congratulating the Exhibition Youth Arena Committee on their very successful bid in the Kraft Hockeyville Contest. He then invited Warden Newton forward to make his presentation. Warden Newton congratulated the Kraft Hockeyville Committee, Martha & Todd Roberts, Keith Veinott and Lynn Roscoe, on their fantastic success in securing \$25,000 for the community's arena and presented them with a commemorative pictorial plaque on behalf of Annapolis County Council. Chairman Powell also offered heartfelt thanks to the committee on behalf of the residents and Commission of the Village of Lawrencetown.

PRESENTATION:

Chairman Powell stated that the presentation scheduled regarding wind power had to be postponed for a future date as Mr. Corkum was not available this evening.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Chairman Powell stated that he had attended the Seniors Expo at COGS and was very impressed at how well the event was organized and attended. He had the privilege of bringing greetings from the Village of Lawrencetown.
2. Chairman Powell reported that he had attended a public meeting in Bridgetown regarding Annapolis County's new Wind Power Bylaw. He felt that there was not as much information available as he had hoped but there are 2 more meetings scheduled in the near future. After a discussion, the Commission decided to put together a proposal package to be presented to Annapolis County Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Well Project Update

Clerk/Treasurer stated that she and Chairman Powell had toured the properties in the 2 year collection zone and was now in the process of compiling the data for the Water Source Protection Plan as required by Annapolis County Planning Dept.

Public Works Update

Clerk/Treasurer read the report on behalf of the Supt. of Public Works.

- compounds were installed at Public Works bldg. and PWIII
- installed meters at pool, fire hall, library
- assisted at school with their green project by moving some large boulders and sweeping area
- removed dirt in front of door at youth arena
- mowing, lawn repairs and sweeping are ongoing
- installed curb stop at 99 Lawrencetown Ln.
- hooked up meter at PWII for arsenic removal pilot project
- got prices for budget items
- brought all old document boxes down from storage in ceiling so they could be sorted and catalogued and when this was completed, moved all boxes to storage space in the Library
- had fire inspection at Doctor's Office and Library and waiting for report
- submitted annual report to NSDEL

Sewer Bylaw Amendments – Information Session Date

The Commission decided that the information session for the changes to the sewer bylaw will be held on May 27, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Village Office. Everyone affected by the changes will be invited to attend the session.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was not available due to the audit being conducted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation

Lynn Roscoe reported the following:

- received both Federal and Provincial funding for students this year
- there will be a Hockeyville Dance on May 8, at the Lawrencetown Fire Dept. and admission will be a free will offering
- gave an update on the school review process

Chairman Powell stated that he had attended the official opening of the trail through Lawrencetown on April 30th. Also in attendance were MP Greg Kerr and County Councilor Martha Roberts.

Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears reported on the following:

- Youth Arena is going to go ahead with a new arena
- “Wall of Honour” applications should be ready within the next few weeks and will be available at the Village Office
- Pool Committee is in discussions regarding inviting the families of the deployed members from 14 Wing Greenwood to our Canada Day Celebrations. Comm. Moore stated that the Seniors Group will help with the celebration again this year.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- Council met regarding the ICSP and set their priorities
- a County wide recreational master plan process will begin in May
- Dave & Paulette Whitman are writing a book about “Hockeyville”
- Annapolis Valley Exhibition has applied for funding through ACOA
- there are discussions taking place at the county regarding volunteerism and how to get more youth involved in volunteering
- as the County Councilor for this area she was very proud of the way the community embraced the whole “Hockeyville” phenomenon and thanked everyone for their involvement
- Annapolis County is hosting a Trails Workshop on May 8th

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Mr. Eric Slauenwhite** – Clerk/Treasurer read a letter from Mr. Slauenwhite. After a brief discussion, the Commission decided to refer Mr. Slauenwhite’s request to the budget meetings and discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DSWNA AGM & Conference

Clerk/Treasurer stated that Destination Southwest Nova Association was holding their annual Conference and AGM and asked if any of the Commissioners would like to be registered for the event. After a discussion, the Commission decided not to participate this year.

2. Request for Meeting Regarding Cobequid Housing Development

Clerk/Treasurer stated that she had a request from residents of the Cobequid Housing Development to meet with the Commission regarding the recent problems in that area. After a discussion, the Commission decided to contact the RCMP, Cobequid Housing Authority and some of the residents and offer to facilitate a meeting. The Commission asked the Clerk/Treasurer to make the arrangements.

3. 2010/2011 Budget – Draft # 1

Due to the late hour, the Commission decided to schedule another meeting to discuss the Budget. A Budget meeting was set for May 19th at 9:00AM at the Village Office.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Moore would like a letter sent to the Lions Club thanking them for picking up the garbage along Highway # 1. The Commission agreed and asked Clerk/Treasurer to prepare the letter.
2. Comm. Moore on behalf of the Lawrencetown & Area Seniors Association made a request to the Village Commission to allow the seniors to install horseshoe pits behind the Library. After a discussion, the Commission agreed.
3. Chairman Powell asked that a policy be drawn up regarding the public use of the Library's meeting room. The Commission agreed and asked Clerk/Treasurer to prepare the draft policy for their review.
4. Comm. Moore stated that Dave and Paulette Whitman were hosting a book publishing workshop in the Village.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. There was a request to have the sidewalks swept on Lawrencetown Lane and Highway # 201.
2. Mr. Berend Pietersma stated that he was very concerned with the changes to the sewer bylaw and that he was against the changes.
3. There was concern regarding the bump and broken asphalt at the corner of Prince St. and Main St. As well, all the crosscuts in the Village need to be repaired.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Gilks moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:13PM.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER