

**LAWRENCETOWN VILLAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2010**

COMMISSION

Brian Reid – Chairman
Dave Spears – Vice Chair
Lynette Gilks
Dianne Moore
Jaki Fraser

STAFF

Kelly Rice – Clerk/Treasurer

CHAIRMAN REID called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES:

Comm. Spears moved the minutes of October 7, 2010 be adopted as presented. Seconded by Comm. Fraser. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Chairman Reid stated that he is still following up on Footprint Developments, however he is having difficulty making contact. He will pursue the company through Registry of Joint Stock.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Works Update

Clerk/Treasurer read the report:

- quarterly water tests have been taken with good results
- six month evaluation by NSDEL was conducted
- park benches and garbage cans have been stored for the winter preparations for winter season are underway i.e. winterization of fire hydrants, inspection of snow removal equipment
- Annapolis County Water & Wastewater Staff are supporting us until we have a qualified direct responsible charge person in place
- flashing amber light on Main St. has been damaged and had to be removed until the pole is replaced
- burnt out street lights have been reported to NS Power for repairs
- had a water leak on Fitch Rd.
- reminder to residents that the winter parking regulations will come into effect at the end of November

Policy Approval – Sewer Rates

After a brief review, **Comm. Moore made a motion to accept the policy for sewer rates as presented. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

Tangible Capital Assets Project – Update

Clerk/Treasurer gave an update on this project and after a discussion, the commission decided to hire a consultant to complete the project. **Comm. Moore made a motion to hire a consultant to complete the project to a maximum cost of \$5,000.00. Seconded by Comm. Gilks. Motion Carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Comm. Spears made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Comm. Fraser. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation

Lynn Roscoe read her report (see attached) and stated that the recreation committee had received an Active Kids/Healthy Kids grant. She also presented a commemorative picture plaque to the Commission for their support during the “Hockeyville” competition.

Activities/Events Planning Committee

Comm. Spears stated that planning for our “Christmas in the Village” event was underway. The event is scheduled for December 3rd from 6 – 8PM at the Arena, with free skating and all the activities that we have enjoyed in the past. There was some question with regards to the ice time, however, Lynn Roscoe will confirm with Clerk/Treasurer on Monday.

“Wall of Honour” is ready to launch in early Jan. 2011 with the award being given out during Volunteer Week 2011.

Annapolis County Councilor Report

Martha Roberts reported the following:

- she attended a recreation public input meeting in Nictaux as part of a the County’s recreation review
- last public input meeting was held regarding the use of wind turbines in Annapolis County
- County has joined the working group on ADEDA
- recreation department is working on a project that targets youth engagement as the next generation of volunteers

CORRESPONDENCE:

Association of Nova Scotia Villages / Service NS & Municipal Relations Evaluation

Clerk/Treasurer read a request from ANSV and SNSMR for Commissioners who attended the orientation sessions in September, to fill out an evaluation sheet. Chairman Reid, Comm. Gilks and Comm. Moore will complete the evaluation sheets and will return them to Clerk/Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Villages Discussion Paper

After a discussion, it was decided that each Commissioner would send their comments to Clerk/Treasurer and she will compile the comments and a reply for ANSV. The deadline for comments to the ANSV is November 22, 2010.

2. Provincial Property Cap Program

Clerk/Treasurer reported that it was the decision of the ANSV Board that each Village should respond to Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations independently because the property tax cap program affects all the Villages in very different ways. After a discussion, the Commission will review this issue at another time.

ADDITIONS:

1. Comm. Gilks stated that she was no longer able to sit on the Annapolis County Trails Society as the Village's representative and asked for a volunteer replacement. After a discussion, the Commission made some suggestions for a replacement and Clerk/Treasurer will make the contacts.
2. Comm. Moore reported that the seniors association was doing extremely well. They have fitness classes and computer classes running that are being very well attended and they are up to 50 paid members

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. It was brought to the Commission's attention that at branch was caught in the power lines on Main St. beside the pharmacy.

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

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CLERK/TREASURER