

Village of Chester
Regular Monthly Meeting –May 12, 2010

Minutes

Present:

Bill Zinck Jr., Brenda Mulrooney and Jo-Ann Grant, Mike Heisler and Iris Tolliver

Regrets: Phil Ellwood

There were 7 members of the public present.

Additions to the agenda.

Concerning the Farmer's Market at Parade Square item, Jon Pece is not able to attend as scheduled. Kerry Keddy will speak in Mr. Pece's absence. Also in new business, discussion of the EMC Funds was added.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Brenda Mulrooney rescinded the motion to allocate an unspecified amount to operating cash as per the April minutes and the balance of 2009-10 budget. She then motioned to accept the minutes with this change. Mike Heisler seconded and all were in favor.

Old Business:

Logo Content

Jo-Ann Grant presented the winning entry for the Village of Chester Logo Contest. Deborah Houser was present in the audience. She also presented an additional entry submitted by Erin Cassells, who was also present in the audience. This submission depicts why Chester means so much to so many different people and will be incorporated in the art work at the Public Washroom/ Lido Pool Building. The prize money to be awarded to Deborah Houser has been donated to Pro Kids at Ms. Houser's request.

Lido Pool / Public Washroom Update

Despite the lack of progress, a permit for breaking the soil of highways was obtained today from the Department of Transportation in Bridgewater. This permit will allow the Commission to obtain a building permit and begin with the construction at the Lido Pool. This news was met with applause from the audience.

New Business:

Farmer's Market at Parade Square

Kerry Keddy began his presentation by stating the Farmer's Market concept has been in the works for over a year, with various locations considered. There is evidence of support from the majority of the residents as well as the Village Merchant groups. He identified the Parade Square (formerly known as Market Square) as the location of choice since it draws people in to the Village core. The concern of parking was commented on by Mr. Keddy, but he pointed out that parking, or lack of, is a fact of life in Chester. The parking will be policed by members of the Farmer's Market Committee. The cost to implement the Market is almost nothing, so the purpose of the presentation was to seek support from the

Commission for a Farmer's Market. While stopping short of endorsing the location, Jo-Anne Grant motioned that the Village of Chester Commission support in principle a Farmer's/ Artisan Market within the Village of Chester. The motion was seconded by Mike Heisler and all were in favor.

AGM June 2, 2010

Bill Zinck announced the time for the AGM will be 7:00 pm and was unanimously supported. The Chester Legion has been booked.

EMC Funds

A motion to move \$10,000 out of the EMC saving account into a GIC was made by Jo-Ann Grant. This was seconded by Mike Heisler and all were in favor.

Correspondence

A list of correspondence was read by the Clerk Treasurer.

Fire Chief's Report

Since the last commission meeting on April 14/10, I have logged in 104 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire department business. We have had 10 callouts this month consisting of 3 MVA's, 2 practices, a shed fire, a basement fire, a dust fire @ LP, 1 mutual aid call to Windsor and 1 false alarm.

The mobile burn unit was here for 5 days last month and was very successful in providing live fire training for our department and on the weekend it provided courses in ventilation and fire control which were also attended by other departments within the municipality. The unit is now making a tour throughout the province and hopefully it will be back here in the fall.

We had our annual election of officers in April and most officers kept their positions. We did have two changes which were, Captain of Rescue is now Danny Nauss, 1st Lieutenant of Hose and Ladder is now Morgan Stevens.

On May 10, Everett had Unit 542 to the Fire School and everything went great. The truck got a good workout and also got cleaned while it was on duty.

The FDIC conference in Acadia University will be held the first weekend in June and we will be sending a group up for the training sessions.

Truck Report

Chief Chafe reported that 3 trucks have been out for annual inspection. There was a transmission cooling "glitch" with Truck 541 which has been fixed.

Fire Advisory Report:

Bill Zinck Jr announced the next meeting date.

Financial Report:

A financial report was presented to the Commission by the Clerk Treasurer. There were no questions. Brenda Mulrooney motioned to accept the report as presented, seconded by Mike Heisler.

Questions

Kerry Keddy asked how many positions would be available for Commissioner at the AGM. He was told that Mike Heisler and Phil Ellwood's terms with the Commission are both up for renewal.

Paul Mulrooney asked why the Legion was selected as the Venue for the AGM when so few people turn out to the meetings. He was told that it is in consideration of any who may find the stairs at the Fire Hall hard to manage.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

William Zinck Jr
Chairperson

Iris Tolliver
Clerk/Treasurer
