



Minutes

Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – October 10, 2012

Present: Brenda Mulrooney, Bill Zinck, Michael Heisler, Wynand Baerken, Tom Mulrooney and Iris Tolliver

Regrets: None

Brenda Mulrooney reminded the audience to hold any questions they have concerning agenda items until the end of the meeting in the allocated time slot for Questions.

Additions to the Agenda

Brenda Mulrooney added the Wharf at the Lido to Old Business

Minutes from the previous meetings:

The minutes from **Sept 12th, 2012** were circulated and reviewed. **Bill Zinck moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Heisler.**

Business arising from Minutes: Brenda commented on the Lido Pool. The gates at the pool are to be locked, the awning to be wrapped and tied for the winter, the motion sensor lights are remaining on, and there needs to be heat turned on for the public washrooms. The fall planting at the Jib Lot has been completed by Elaine Collicutt. Burning bushes were chosen to line the property, some of which were donated by Elaine. Brenda spoke to the Municipality concerning the fencing around the sewer pump. It was requested that there be soft planting rather than fencing used. Bill Zinck has inspected the Fire Hall roof and it does not need to be replaced. He recommended that he and the handy man go up together and tar under the loose shingles. He reported that there is a problem with circulating winds on the hill where the fire hall is and this accounts for the loose shingles.

Heritage Society of Chester

Carol Nauss presented a request for assistance under the Beautification Budget in our next year's budget to be presented at the AGM. Presently the Heritage Society spends approximately \$3900. each year in mowing and maintaining the grounds at Lordly Park and the Train Station, all of which is collected through various fund raising events put on by the Heritage Society. Brenda asked the Clerk to verify that the MGA allows for maintenance on property not owned by the Commission.

Old Business

Garbage Collection

There have been 8 requests sent for expressions of interest and to date, only two have been received. Tom Mulrooney and the Clerk will continue to work together on this project.

SOP Draft for Fire Boat

Copies of the draft SOP's for the Fire/Rescue boat were distributed to the Commissioners and the Fire Chief. Bill Zinck recommended that the Fire Department have an opportunity to review the document and respond back to a Committee made up of Bill Zinck, Wynand Baerken and the Clerk.

Wharf at Lido Pool (Where the former Lifeguard hut stood)

As was discussed at the previous monthly meeting, a decision will need to be made to either maintain or remove the wharf. Brenda made a suggestion that half the wharf could be squared up to the pool to make a good spot for on land training. There is a consideration for this option in the quote received. The Clerk will contact DNR for particulars and requirements to proceed.

Reports:

➤ **Fire Chief's Report**

Since the last commission meeting on Sept 13/12, I have logged in 80 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire department business. We have had an unusually quiet month with only 4 callouts consisting of 2 alarms and 2 practices.

With all the risk management issues and restrictions lately, the membership was wondering if they were allowed to visit the schools for

fire prevention week as we have done in the past. Everett Hiltz was wondering if these restrictions will affect unit 542 going to Fire School in November. Also discussed at last night's regular meeting was the Fire Boat issue with Big Tancook Island mutual aid agreement. If there is a structure fire on Big Tancook and our boat is available to respond, it does not make good sense to wait on the wharf while the ferry makes a 40 minute round trip from Big Tancook to Chester to pick us up. Time is of the essence when an out of control fire is threatening lives and property and when you compare a 1 hour and 20 minute round trip to a 20 minute response from the Lido wharf with our rescue boat, where is the logic in this ruling. The islanders would have been better off without a mutual aid agreement.

This Commission should keep in mind when making these rules and restrictions that we are a volunteer fire department used to helping out the best we can with what resources are available. This is not a full time paid department and shouldn't be treated like one.

➤ **Truck Report**

Blake Corkum was not available, so the Fire Chief gave the report that the truck committee met 3 weeks ago and everything is in order with the specs of the new truck. It is now up to the Commission to move forward with the matter.

➤ **Fire Advisory Report**

Work conflict prevented attendance at the last meeting so there was no report.

➤ **Clerk Treasurer Report/ Financial Report**

1. We have received both the HST and HST offset rebates. The total of both together is \$53328.83. (46772.83 + 6556.00) Ask that a decision be made as to what to do with the funds. The options are to use this money in a reserve fund, or to add it to the operating cash. **Bill Zinck moved that the HST rebate be added to the operating funds. Seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor, motion carried.**
2. We have received one quote for supplying the wreaths and one quote for installing and removing them. Together, the amount quoted is over budgeted amount by \$200. It was decided that the Clerk would call and try to negotiate the price within budget.
3. There is an on-going problem with the water maker at the Public Washrooms. This past weekend, on Sunday, the cleaner contacted Craig to advise there was no fresh water. Craig changed the filter that was only 5 days old. The filter was not soiled.....it was white. He discovered that the power had shut off. He also discovered that there is a water leak coming from under the pumps and suggested we have someone look at it. Craig has agreed to go in every Friday to check the system and the filter. The Clerk will call the supplier to set up an appointment to have the situation assessed.
4. The door has on several occasions not been unlocked. It seems mostly to happen on Fridays. There is also an ongoing problem with holiday Mondays. The solution decided upon at the beginning of the season seems to be not working. I am confident that the weekend cleaner would be agreeable to unlocking the door on holidays.
5. I have purchased gift certificates for the fire fighters who willingly assisted with the clean ups at the Lido Pool this summer.
6. We will be participating with Chester Building Supplies again this year with the LED holiday light exchange. The exchange will take place on November 30 at Leslie's Pantry.

Bank Reconciliation The Clerk passed out to the Commissioners the bank activity and reconciliation for September. Bill Zinck moved to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Mike Heisler. All were in favor.

New Business:

HR Committee.

An HR committee was formed to handle matter relating to staffing. The committee will include Brenda Mulrooney, Tom Mulrooney and Bill Zinck.

Petition for new streetlight on Hadden Hill

We have received a petition to install a new LED streetlight on an existing pole on Haddon Hill on the right side of West Wind Drive. **Bill Zinck moved to have the light installed, seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor and so the motion carried.**

Light on Red Cross Wharf

Tom Mulrooney moved to have the LED light that is next to the Red Cross Wharf moved to the wharf. Bill Zinck seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Environmental Management Plan for CVFD

A committee to address issues pertaining to the environment was forming and consisting of the same members as the SOP committee for the Chester Fire/Rescue Boat. Those members are Bill Zinck, Wynand Baerken and Iris Tolliver.

Correspondence

A list of correspondence was read by the Clerk Treasurer.

Questions

There were no more questions or concerns and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Brenda Mulrooney _____ **Iris Tolliver** _____
Chair **Clerk/Treasurer**