



## Minutes

### Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – September 12, 2012

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

**Regrets:** Michael Heisler

#### **Additions to the Agenda**

Big Tancook's mutual aid agreement was added to New Business

Jib Lot fall planting and the Wharf at the Lido were added to Old Business

#### **Minutes from the previous meetings:**

The minutes from **July 11th, 2012** were circulated and reviewed. **Bill Zinck moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Mulrooney.**

#### **Special Presentation from Minas Basin Pulp and Power**

Chris Peters and Mary Francis Lynch represented the developers, Minas Basin Pulp and Power, and gave an overview of the project which will affect 500-600 local homes. The wind turbine will be located next to Kaiser Meadows on the #14 Hwy, approximately 22 km from Chester. The single turbine is the first COMFIT project to be approved in the province. With approval from the Minister, (expected by Sept 27/12), clearing and construction will begin this fall with commissioning expected in the summer/fall of 2013. The capital cost of the project is 5.5 million dollars; 3.8 million will come from financing. The life expectancy is 20 – 25 years.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Halloween Notice and Wreaths**

There will be an ad placed to advise residents in the Village to turn off their porch lights at 8:00 on Halloween. An ad will also request pricing on providing and installing the winter wreaths.

##### **Garbage Collection**

Tom Mulrooney reported on a recent meeting with the finance department of the Municipality concerning the pros and cons of 4 stream garbage collection for the Village. It was decided that an Expression of Interest be obtained from several companies who may be interested in providing garbage collection for the Village that is separate from the rest of the Municipality.

##### **Lido Pool – Access and Security**

On two occasions this past summer, the pool needed to be drained and cleaned due to fecal matter present. Both acts were due to vandalism which occurred after the pool was closed. There was also two occasions where the fire extinguisher was stolen from the Fire/Rescue Boat. The security cameras installed presently at the Lido Pool complex need to be upgraded. The Clerk Treasurer will endeavor to get pricing and input from the RCMP. In the meantime, the existing security cameras will continue to monitor the facility, both inside and out.

Brenda Mulrooney asked that the Clerk find out if there are any special procedures for winterizing the new pool floor.

##### **Wharf at Lido Pool**

Wynand Baerken did an evaluation on the wharf by the Lido Pool. The objective to determine whether to remove, repair or replace the wharf was considered. The question for consideration is whether the wharf serves any real purpose. The cost to: remove the wharf would be \$4200; to build a new wharf \$65,000. He also got pricing to build a concrete slipway suitable for launching small boats and kayaks which would be \$12,000. The Commissioners decided to give it thought over the next month and discuss it again at the October meeting.

##### **Jib Lot – Fall Planting**

Brenda Mulrooney reminded the Commission of an earlier decision to plant some bushes at the Jib Lot to create a visual break between the lot and Dr. Curry's property. Earlier this year, Dr. Curry cleared the land in front of his property of overgrown bush, Brenda has pricing and ideas to complete the project and all were in favor of proceeding. Fire Chief Chafe brought to the attention of the Commission that the entrance to the emergency access road next to the Jib Lot is obstructed by overgrown trees and brush. It was decided to include pruning the overgrown rose bush at the entrance to the right of way in the work to be done at the Jib Lot. Also it was decided to complete the fence all the way around the pump station at the bottom of the Jib Lot. The Clerk will notify the Municipality.

## Reports:

### ➤ Fire Chief's Report

Prior to receiving the Fire Chief's Report, Brenda Mulrooney congratulated the Chief for the Metal of Merit Diamond Jubilee Award that he recently received.

Since the last commission meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, I have logged in 308 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire department business. In the last 3 months we have had 43 callouts consisting of 13 alarms, 9 medical assists, 6 practices, 5 boat related calls, 2 vehicle fires and 8 miscellaneous calls. The fire inspector did an inspection here at the hall last month and everything was in order except for a few exit lights burned out and we need to get rid of extension cords and hard wire in a plug or two for chargers and portable radios. This summer we had 5 firefighters obtain their class 3 licenses. We will be hosting a pump operations course here in the fall. We also have a thermal imaging training scheduled for late October. We have had a bit of vandalism on the boat this summer. On two different occasions we had our starboard side fire extinguisher and cover stolen, so for the rest of the season we will do without that one. When the boat is in storage, we will try to find a way to make them more secure and still easily accessible to us. There is a marine grade siren and LED light on order for the Fire Boat.

### ➤ Truck Report

There is progress on the drawings for the new truck. Dave Kennedy needs a few break downs which should be completed in the next two weeks. The report was given by Fire Chief Chafe.

### ➤ Fire Advisory Report

Bill Zinck had nothing to report; there has been no attendance from the Commission at the Fire Advisory Meetings.

### ➤ Clerk Treasurer Report/ Financial Report

**Fire Hall Roof** - Bill Zinck volunteered to go up on the roof in the next few days to evaluate the condition of the shingles and the ventilation,

**EMC Renovations**- Additional work had to be added to the existing quote, Work is going ahead and will be completed in about a week.

**Holiday Light Exchange**- the Holiday Light Exchange program will be held again this year with Chester Building Supplies.

**News Letter**- the Clerk asked for input from the Commissioners and the Fire Dept for the quarterly newsletter.

**New Staff**- The office assistant has advised that she will not be working past November. There will be an ad for a replacement.

**ANSV AGM** The Village Commission will be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> annual AGM of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages on September 21 & 22.

**Bank Reconciliation** The Clerk passed out to the Commissioners the bank activity and reconciliation for July and August. Bill Zinck moved to accept the Financial Report, seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor.

## New Business:

**Risk Management – Fire/Rescue Boat** – After meeting with Ed Nix of Bell & Grant, it was suggested that the Commission begin working on SOP's for the various departments and for Committees for each department. To start, sub committees will be formed to begin the inventory process on SOP's for the boat. Fire Chief Chafe was asked for the procedures for the boat. Wynand volunteered to work on establishing ongoing procedures and training requirements. All agreed for the importance of due diligence to establish safe practices and policies.

**Big Tancook Mutual Aid**- Bruce Blackwood sent a contract to be signed by the Commission and Fire Chief Chafe between Big Tancook Island and Blandford and Chester Fire Departments. Duke said it was a standard mutual aid agreement, but Tom Mulrooney suggested that the group meet with Mr. Blackwood to establish exactly what was expected of CVFD with regards to use of the Fire Boat.

## Correspondence

A list of correspondence was read by the Clerk Treasurer.

## Questions

- There was a question as to whether the Mutual Aid Agreement included Little Tancook and Ironbound Islands. It does not.

-Another question was about the origin of the wharf at the Lido Pool. It was erected in 1967 when the pool was built.

-Wynand asked Fire Chief Chafe if now that the Commission got clarity on whether Bell and Grant would cover fund raising events, if it changed whether CVFD would be interested in fund raising. Duke explained that they are out of fund raising since the Commission would not allow use of the vehicles. He agreed the risk involved may not justify the use of the emergency vehicles.

There were no more questions or concerns and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Brenda Mulrooney \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

Iris Tolliver \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Treasurer

