



Minutes

Village of Chester Regular Monthly Meeting – May 9, 2012

Present: J Bill Zinck Jr., o-Ann Grant, Tom Mulrooney, Michael Heisler and Iris Tolliver.

Regrets: Brenda Mulrooney,

Additions to the Agenda

None

Minutes from the previous meetings:

The minutes from **April 11, 2012** were circulated and reviewed. Jo-Ann Grant ***moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Heisler.*** The minutes from **April 24, 2012** were circulated and reviewed. Mike Heisler ***moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Mulrooney.*** All were in favor and the motions carried.

Old Business

- **EMC Renovations** There has been an AD placed in the paper for this project. Also three places were called on paving the driveway.
- **Green Bin weekly collection** Collection begins on June 11 and ends September 11/12. It will be posted on the web site, in a newsletter to be sent out by the end of May, pending your approval on the May 22/12 meeting.
- **AGM** The AGM is on June 6th 2012 at the St. Stephens Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Advertising will be on the web, bulletin board and posters will also be put up. Also Grant Thornton will attend.

Reports:

Fire Chief's Report

Since the last commission meeting on April 11/12, I have logged in 139 hours in callouts, meetings, practices and fire department business. We have had a fairly busy month with 15 callouts, 2 of which were very time consuming as my callout report shows. The landfill fire had 13 firefighters on scene for 15 hours and several others standing by at the station off and on all day. There were also a crew from our Chester department and one from Blandford department coming out that evening to help us gather up and pack hoses. The water rescue callout at Spectacle Lake was an 8 hour callout for 11 of our members. They were assisted by fire department zodiacs from Blandford and Mahone Bay throughout the night. The next day 2 other members and I assisted the RCMP underwater recovery team for 7 hours with no success in recovering the victim. The RCMP did recover the body on Monday with the assistance of Queens County Ground Search and Rescue who had a side scan sonar.

As for the rest of our callouts this month, we have had 8 alarms which consisted of 3 residential and 5 commercial, 2 mutual aid calls to Hubbards, 1 tire fire, 1 practice and 1 gas fumes.

The rescue boat is ready for the water. The plan was to put it in the water on Sunday but the Spectacle Lake callout changed those plans. It will now probably go in on the weekend since the evening tides for the rest of this week are low. It is much easier on a high tide.

As always, training is ongoing in the fire service and coming up we have 5 members attending a pump ops course at the Fire School. We will also have 7 members attending the FDIC conference at Acadia University on the first weekend in June. There were 3 members who completed a 40 hr MFR course last month.

Thanks you, Duke Chafe

Truck Report

Fire Advisory Report

Bill Zinck had nothing to report other than the next meeting date.

PAC Report and appointments

Bill Zinck recommended that JoAnn Grant represent the Commission at PAC meeting. The recommendation was seconded by Tom Mulrooney. Tom Mulrooney recommended that Jo-Ann Grant represent the Commission at the Spectacle Lake Advisory Committee, seconded by Bill Zinck. All were in favor

Clerk Treasurer Report/ Financial Report

1. Sidewalks will be swept on Friday, April 13 between 5:00 am and 8:00 pm.
2. Received an email from Public Works and the floats at the Red Cross wharf will be put in the water this week.
3. Policy Manual amendments as requested. Will be sending to Service Nova Scotia for recording.

A financial report was presented by Iris Tolliver. *Bill Zinck motioned to accept the financial report, seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor.*

New Business:

EMC Building Renovations and Balloon Payment

The plans for the renovations at the EMC building have been completed. The construction project will move forward and will include paving the parking area at the EMC Building. A balloon payment to pay off the final amount will be made in May. Bill Zinck made a motion to move \$69,000 from the EMC reserve fund to cover the payment. The motion was seconded by Tom Mulrooney. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Allocation of Reserves for Fire Boat

Bill Zinck moved to transfer \$7500 from the Fire Boat reserve back to the chequing account for operating funds. The floats at the Red Cross wharf will be in the water by May 1. There will be a slight delay of 7 to 10 days before the fire boat can be launched, but the boat will be in the water and ready for service by mid May.

Tree Committee

Jo-Ann Grant would like the Commission to consider the possibility of setting up a "Tree Commission" which could monitor and implement controls of trees within the Village. This stems from public concern over the trunk from the tree at the Post Office that had to be removed due to Dutch elm disease. The Clerk was instructed to contact Service Nova Scotia to be sure this falls under the jurisdiction of a Village.

Correspondence

Chester Merchants Assoc

First proof of their brochure. (Distribute)

Liberal Caucus Office

Letter from Honorable Keith Colwell, Critic for Service NS and Mun Relations

It has been a year since the provincial government announced that they will not be honoring the terms of the Memo of Understanding (regarding mandatory payment on province-wide services) and they are asking us we have been dealing with this decision and how it is affecting our future plans.

Municipality of Chester Thank you from Arden Weagle (Fire Inspector) for the requested documents pertaining to the fire inspection done August 12, 21011. All required action has been remedied.

Chandler Davis Notice from Harry Davis that he will not be performing the yearend audit and that he has given up all audit work.

Founder of "Day of the Honey Bee" I do humbly request that your worship and Council, on behalf of you citizenry, resolve to proclaim May 29, 2012 as the third annual "Day of the Honey Bee" and if bylaw allows that this proclamation be issued in perpetuity.

Wells, Lamey, Mailman & Bryson Statement of Registered and Recorded Interests re Migration/Lands at South Street, Chester.

Questions

While there were no questions, there were several comments concerning the Tree Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

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