

**APPROVED MINUTES  
NEW MINAS AREA ADVISORY  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
April 21, 2005**

The meeting was held at the New Minas Civic Center April 21, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**In Attendance**

Linda Lockhart, Chair, AAC  
Sherry Swanburg, Member, AAC  
Councillor Eric Smith, Member, AAC  
Miriam Coldwell, Member, AAC  
Rolly Jenner, Member, AAC  
Lynn Spencer, Admin. Assistant, Recording Secretary  
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer  
Bill Butler, Director

**Absent**

Dave Chaulk, Member, Member, AAC  
Eleanor Rogers, Member, AAC

**Call to Order**

Chair Linda Lockhart called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**On Motion of Sherry Swanburg, seconded by Miriam Coldwell the minutes of February 21, 2005 were approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Agenda**

**On Motion of Sherry Swanburg, seconded by Miriam Coldwell the agenda was approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED**

**Presentation By Bill Butler**

Bill Butler presented the proposed amendment to the New Minas Land Use Bylaw concerning Petty Traders prepared by planning staff. This will allow only the Temporary Sale of Christmas Trees.

**Presentation By Bill  
Butler**

**On Motion of Sherry Swanburg, seconded by Rolly Jenner  
to accept the Amendment to the New Minas Land Use  
Bylaw presented by Bill Butler.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Linda Lockhart suggested having the Village Commission taking another look at the Petty Traders Bylaw.

**Correspondance from  
the County Office for  
Appointment to New  
Minas Area Advisory  
Committee**

Mr. Butler referred to a letter he wrote to the Clerk Treasurer regarding Gordon Silver's letter of application to become a member of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee. Letter attached to original minutes. Mr. Butler explained first of all that the PAC's rejection of Mr. Silver's application in no way reflected upon his knowledge, experience or ability to do a good job. On the contrary, he is well known by County staff and they are all aware of his background. He explained it was felt by members of the PAC that because Mr. Silver is married to the Clerk Treasurer, it might be perceived by the public that proper procedures should have been taken by way of advertising for the opening. He also noted in his letter and verbally that the Terms of Reference have no requirement for advertising. Mr. Butler stated that the members of the PAC felt that this has more to do with "optics" than with actual procedural requirements.

The Committee members agreed that an advertisement would be placed in the local paper for members to the Committee.

The Clerk Treasurer stated that she appreciated Mr. Butler's assistance in this matter. She advised that she had contacted the CAO of the County originally on the request of the Commission Chair in an attempt to determine if the Terms of Reference or any other documents in the Village office were up to date. It was determined that they are the same as those on file at the County office.

It was requested to have Lynn Spencer place an ad in the advertiser to fill a vacancy on the Area Advisory Committee.

A suggestion was made to have the Area Advisory Committee amend the Terms of Reference.

**Adjournment**

Sherry Swanburg moved for adjournment at 6:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL**

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**Chair Linda Lockhart**

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**Admin. Assistant Lynn Spencer**