

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
June 14, 2010
7:00 p.m., Civic Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission was held on June 14, 2010 in the Civic Center at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance: Chair Dave Chaulk
Vice-Chair Dale Pineo
Commissioner Dean Hatt
Commissioner James Redmond
Commissioner Maynard Stevens
Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

Also in Attendance: Earl Paynter, Resident
Peter Pothier, Supt of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, Chair

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: JUNE 14, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Agenda for the regular Commission meeting of June 14, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 10, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Hatt, that the minutes of the regular Commission meeting held May 10, 2010 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, that the Water Commission Report be approved as read (Report attached to original minutes). MOTION CARRIED

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

There was no Area Advisory Committee since the last Commission meeting.

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the report of the Recreation Advisory Committee be adopted as read (report attached to original minutes). MOTION CARRIED

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

There was no Transportation Advisory Committee since the last Commission meeting.

e) Fire Services Task Force – Commissioner Redmond

Commissioner Redmond stated there has not been a Fire Services Task Force for quite some time, and recommended this item be removed from the regular Commission Agenda. Commissioner Redmond stated that when a Fire Services Task Force meeting takes place, he will attend and report to the Commission. The Commission agreed to this.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Village of Pugwash – request for support

The Commissioners viewed correspondence regarding the Village of Pugwash. Commissioner Stevens reminded the Commission that a number of residents applied to the UARB some time ago for a boundary change to the Village to exclude a particular area. This application was turned down by the NSUARB, however the NSUARB advised the applicants they may also make a request to disband the Village. This application has been made by these same residents, and Commissioner Stevens feels it would be in the best interest of all Villages in Nova Scotia to write a letter of opposing this application.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that a letter be written to the NS Utility and Review Board opposing the dissolution of the Village of Pugwash. MOTION CARRIED

b) Brison Developments – Request for Parkland Lease Agreement

An application for Subdivision was presented to the Commission to consider taking over the “green space” in the subdivision. The Commission has asked staff to investigate the location of a watercourse on this property and to report back to the July Commission meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Mr. Earl Paynter, resident, presented the Commission with a brochure which was part of a provincial tourism booklet and demanded to know why New Minas was not included in the brochure. He emphasized the fact that New Minas needs to have a budget for promotion and advertising and was very disappointed that the Commission does not promote the Village.

Chair Chaulk agreed with Mr. Paynter and said staff will take his information under advisement. T Silver assured Mr. Paynter and the Commission that the Village does, in fact, advertise very extensively. In fact, the only promotion budget the Commission has had the past several years has been dedicated to advertising, and although there is nothing in that particular brochure, the Commission is very well covered in many other well read and well distributed brochures, magazines, tourism ads, etc.. Mr. Paynter advised he had not seen many other publications, but felt we should have an ad in the one he did see. Staff will contact the province for a quote on the cost to advertise in this brochure.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer