

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
April 6,2011

Present: Ralph LeBlanc, George Child, Warren Parsons, Cathy Farris, Erin Boutilier, Florence Richardson, Tom Myers, Clarence DeCoste, Sue Levy, Katie Tait, Patricia Holman, Eugene Holman, Dawn Howe-Power, Jack MacDonald, John Wood, Jack Marshall, Wayne Marshall, Kent Smith, Janice Christie, Norma McLeod, Terry McLeod, Kay Boutilier, Gordie Holman, Terry Rutledge, Tom McNair, Helen Pinfield, Charles R. Martin, Jr., Art MacKenzie, Anthony Turner, Penny Farris, June McInnis, Wanda Purcell, Susan Boutilier, Dan Creelman, John Makinson, Anke and Seigfried Beichmanis, Wayne Malay, Tom McInnis, Brenda McInnis, Wendie Russell

Regrets: Sheila Martin

Minutes

- 1.0 Chair Tom McInnis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- 2.0 **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the following additions: SNAP: Sandy Moser, Aladdin Musical: Wayne Malay, Chamber Bingo: Janice Christie, Norma McLeod: Deeming a sub-division residential
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2011:** It was moved by Tom McNair and seconded by Ralph LeBlanc that the minutes be approved as circulated
- 4.0 **Business Arising from Minutes:** There was no business arising from minutes.
- 5.0 **Committee Reports:**
 - **Art Society:** Julie Adamson-Miller has applied and received a Community Grant from 4 SEA for a professional banner project. Julie is taking to the community and schools looking for local cultural and historical stories. Inclusive of all communities within our area, pictures will be reflective of each community. Banner will be professionally done, double sided. If anyone has questions, please contact Julie or Sandy. Art group is also working on project at the Community Art Park, if anyone wishing to volunteer, contact Sandy at 885-2395 or email at s.moser@ns.sympatico.ca. This month's issue of SNAP highlighted 4 different events - Women's International Day, Grade 9 trip, horseback wedding, Academy Awards Night. There is concern that SNAP delivery in our area will be discontinued due to increased costs. Increased advertisements would help to decrease costs. Sandy will send membership information on costs of advertisements. Anyone wishing to advertise, contact Sandy Moser or SNAP at www.snap.dartmouth.com.
 - **Friends of Taylors Head:** The Park is scheduled to open for the long weekend in May but could open earlier depending on road conditions. A date has not been set for road clean up but this will probably occur in mid-May. Everyone is encouraged to check out the Friends of Taylors Head webpage or listing of current events on Sheet Harbour webpage. The park is now open for walking. Warren encouraged all to use the Park and thanked everyone for their support.
 - **Heritage Society:** The Society will now meet every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. usually at ESMH multi-purpose room. Graham Cooper, who is involved with the Tangier Heritage Society, has given our Society archived pictures and documents of gold minds and Cape Breton Coal Mines and related artifacts.

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The Society was able to purchase a voice recorder from proceeds of calendar sales. This was a successful venture, and will in all probability, be repeated. The Society is looking for new members.

- **Community Radio Project Training (May 7 – 14):** contact Sue Levy for further information.
- **Port Committee:** Formation of a governance committee is close to being finalized with the goal of having in place prior to expiration of the existing agreement.
- **Tourism:** Cathy Farris is chairing this group with various sub-committees formed and looking for membership. Activities include:
 - Seeking agreement with HRM regarding repairs to McPhee House
 - Conversations with Elections Canada re leasing
 - Working in partnership with Art Association concerning art gallery. Hope to have artist of the week display. Chaired by Sandy Moser and Julie Adamson-Miller.
 - Visitor Information Centre - chaired by Ralph, Ruby and Pat Bennett. Looking for someone to oversee. Application made for summer students and seeking volunteers and co-op students to facilitate keeping the centre open in spring and fall as well. Training will occur in June.
 - Heritage Museum - led by Rev. John Wood
 - Revisiting leases of lands surrounding falls - Tom
 - Repairs will be needed on the boardwalk.
 - Review of Ekistics Plan - next focus
 - Demolition of tank - Tom
 - Special events – Anyone with ideas for Christmas, Seaside Festival, Canada Day are asked to contact Cathy at 885-2179 or email: csfarris@nstu.ca

6.0 **President's Report:** Tom thanked Kent Smith for his time commitment in relation the boat that was located in East River. Tom will be writing a letter to Deputy Minister Montgomery asking for removal of the Tank. Sidewalk winter maintenance went well, and now in the process of cleaning up. Expecting that Sheet Harbour will be repaved and expect a bike lane to be included although tender is not out as yet. On April 14th, the executive met with representatives from Department of Regional Economic Expansion, HRM School Board, Health Protection and Promotion regarding the new school and multi-purpose facility. Sheet Harbour is currently sitting at # 2 for replacement out of a possible 17 waiting. The executive had a good meeting with Paul Kent, President, Greater Halifax Partnership who has committed to attend quarterly meetings. Executive exploring possibility of a company moving into Sheet Harbour. This is promising with number of jobs involved. Spring banquet will be a fall event with a connection to business achievements. As past President of the Nova Scotia Chamber Association, had an opportunity to speak at the Premier's Breakfast, and spoke with the Premier who is supportive of what the Chamber is doing. The Chamber's long term goals have and continue to be to build a strong economy and

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- to protect institutions within our community. Moser River has been invited to attend our Chamber meetings.
- 7.0 **Other:** Brenda added that the membership fee for seniors will go up next year to cover the cost of GST. Brenda received an anonymous call regarding laundry services shutting down at ESMH with a number of jobs being lost. Tom will follow up with Sheila.
- 8.0 **New Business:**
- 8.1 Omniglobe has filed for receivership and has asked for bankruptcy protection. The government has assured system will be running if breakdown occurs at a localized level. The government will in all probability find a new provider if Omniglobe unsuccessful at coming back.
- 8.2 Aladdin Play is being offered at Duncan MacMillan Consolidated Elementary during the week of May 3 to 7. There will be 6 shows (2 matinees and 4 evening shows). Includes grades kindergarten to 6. They are making appeal for donations, props from business owners. Jack Marshall moved that the Chamber offer \$250. as a donation. Seconded by Penny Farris. Motion Carried.
- 8.3 Fundraising Brunch - Katie Tait thanked all who attended. The event went well.
- 8.4 Merchandise Bingo - Janice Christie and Betty Jean Day are organizing a merchandise bingo for mid-May. They currently have all supplies needed. Chamber members are being requested to donate a \$5.00 prize, and drop off at Sears or Henley House (labeled with Janice's name) within the next month. Would be great if gift could be included in a Foodland grocery bag. Janice will notify of date when confirmed. Janice will take care of advertising.
- 8.5 Pine Falls Drive Residential Designation – Tom will follow up.
- 8.6 Cable Versus Dish - Tom questioned if there was an appetite for cable versus the satellite. Norma moved that Tom look into this. Suggestion made that he look into what a bundle package might look like.
- 8.7 Welcome New Members: Tom welcomed Dan Creelman and Florence Richardson.
- 9.0 **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendie Russell, Secretary

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