

Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs
November 2, 2011

Present: Tom McInnis, Brenda McInnis, Jeff Hogg, Janice Christie, George Child, Warren Parsons, Terry Rutledge, Helen Pinfield, Tom McNair, Norma McLeod, Terry McLeod, Kay Boutilier, John Wood, Sandy Moser, Dawn Howe-Power, Jack Marshall, Jason Blanchard (RCMP), Mike Taylor (RCMP), Anne Thomas, Eugene Holman, Jason Muis, Wayne Malay

Minutes

- 1.0 Chair Tom McInnis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2.0 Agenda: With the addition of Norma McLeod under New Business, it was moved by George Child and seconded by Tom McNair that the agenda be approved. Carried.
- 3.0 Minutes of October 5, 2011: Moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by Anne Thomas that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.
- 4.0 **Business Arising from Minutes:** None
- 5.0 **Banquet: A profit of \$3,181.60 was realized. Special thanks to Ruby Gammon, Janice Christie and Kent Smith. Thanks to all who participated.**
- 6.0 RCMP: Tom welcomed Mike Taylor and Jason Blanchard, new Staff Sergeant.
- 7.0 Newsflash Reports:
 - **Art Society:** A workshop on how to create a portfolio is being held this coming Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hospital. If anyone is interested, please contact Sandy Moser.
 - **Friends of Taylors Head:** Warren Parsons reported that there was a road clean up from Mushaboom to Spry Harbour Bridge. The park gate is open until December 5th. Check out activities on the webpage. Christmas Bird Count scheduled for the 15th. Meeting with Department of Natural Resources after Christmas concerning next year's program. Memberships are soon up for renewal. It would be nice to have more involvement. The recent storm caused some erosion. Jeff Hogg thanked Warren for the distribution of maps. These are provided through the Department of Natural Resources, and hopefully, these will be available on line next year.
 - **Heritage Society:** John Wood reminded everyone that the Heritage Society meets every 4th Wednesday at the Hospital beginning at 7 p.m. New members are welcome. Feed to Nova Scotia Association of Museums is available; may be able to link from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Society would like to purchase a new laptop.
 - **Tourism McPhee House:** In Cathy Farris's absence, Tom reported that we had a very successful year with tourism. Success is contributed to the Chamber, Cathy and Judith Hare for a job well done. The staff was well trained and professional.
 - **Sheet Harbour and Area Development Corp:** Wayne reported that the mowing season was now finished, and that there was some sod damage that would have to be repaired next spring. Ploughing contract awarded to same contractor. Ice is an ongoing problem at West River Bridge area.

Additional Agenda Items:

- Tree lighting: There are 2 committees – tree lighting December 3 and Parade December 4th. Janice and Brenda chairing the tree lighting and Ruby Gammon chairing the parade. Working with Efficiency Nova Scotia / NS Power to hand out 38,000 lights in exchange for old lights. Event is being held at McPhee House.
 - Correspondence: Tom is writing a letter to Deputy Minister Bill Estabrooks regarding the loss of a grader in this area. There are concerns regarding the dirt roads and delays in ploughing.
 - Aquaculture: A company from Scotland is interested in locating a salmon aquaculture in the area. Robert Taylor will be invited to our January meeting.
 - Chamber Nominating Committee: Sitting on this committee: Ralph LeBlanc, Dawn Howe-Power, George Child and Brenda McInnis. If anyone is interested in being on the Board of Directors, call Ralph LeBlanc.
 - Norma McLeod thanked Terry Rutledge for his work at the McPhee House. Norma presented a picture of the Walking Bridge and asked permission to get a lottery license and sell tickets. Janice will get the license.
 - Engineering Survey East River Bridge: 90% certain the bridge will be replaced.
 - Jason Muis reported Scotiabank is selling tickets on a wide screen television with proceeds going to the nursing home.
 - Lioness Craft Christmas Sale – this Saturday.
- 8.0 President`s Report: Tom hopes to arrange a workshop in the New Year to talk about “if we are doing things properly”. This will be opened to the wider community. An agenda will be created in the near future. The Christmas Reception will be held on December 7th following a short meeting. Spouses are invited. Will approach membership for food.
- 9.0 **Adjournment: Janice Christie moved the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell

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