

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
January 5, 2011

Present: Anthony Farris, Cathy Farris, Sandy Moser, Sheila Martin, Robert Moser, Arthur Mackenzie, Helen Pinfield, Tom McNair, Gordie Holman, Ralph LeBlanc, Kent Smith, George Child, Anthony Turner, Dawn Howe Power, Wayne Malay, Penny Farris, Jack Marshall, Mark Krause, Susan Boutilier, John Wood, Russell Webb, Neil Parnell

Minutes

- 1.0 Chair Tom McInnis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2.0 The agenda was approved as circulated.
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes December 2, 2010:** It was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by Susan Boutilier that the minutes be approved with the following correction: “Julia” not Julie Smith and typo on the 2nd page, should read Northern Fibre. **Motion Carried.**
- 4.0 **Comfort Centre:** A tender has gone out for generators. Tom will contact David Josey regarding status.
- 5.0 **Committee Reports:**
 - **Art Society:** Sandy reported that the Mosaic Art project is complete with work displayed around 6 benches (80 round pieces in all). A Hot Chocolate Walk is scheduled for January 17th beginning at 9 a.m. leaving the elementary school. All are welcome to come out.
 - **Friends of Taylors Head:** George Child reported for Warren Parsons. There was a successful Christmas Bird Count and 6 or 7 different walks. Friends had a successful year with extended hours of operation. The road has been paved, graded, and repairs to boardwalk made. Input has been given on signage. New membership is welcomed.
 - **Tourist Centre Committee:** Anyone interested in joining, contact Tom McInnis. The vision is to focus operations and activities around the McPhee House as a village centre. The Art Group has expressed an interest in utilizing the kiosks. Work parties are needed over the coming months. Ruby wondered if offering incentives might be useful to attracting volunteers for work parties.
 - **Spring Banquet:** Tom asked everyone to think about a possible guest speaker. Help is needed to organize i.e. ticket sales, silent auction.
 - **Multi Purpose Building Committee:** The cost of a feasibility study is approximately \$60 to \$70K. RFP will need to go out. Robert Moser is in process of securing funding to do the study. A meeting has been scheduled for January 14th to meet with persons who may be able to move the project along. Funding formula: 49.9% - Federal, 25.1% Provincial and 10% HRM.
 - **Main Street Report:** Wayne Malay reported there is some work ongoing. The plowing and salting are being done. There have been a few issues with ice spots and some side damage that will be repaired in the spring.
 - **Port Committee:** Meeting is scheduled for Friday with NSPI.

- 6.0 **New Business:**
- 6.1 **Chamber Membership:** The Chamber is focusing on Chamber membership growth in 2011. George Child spoke of a variety of organizations that are potentials for membership. Tom will draft a letter to send out to these organizations.
- 6.2 **Petition:** Tom discussed a petition (364 names) circulated and sent to HRM opposing area rates being paid by individuals who do not live in Sheet Harbour proper. The Chamber plans on reaching out to the outlying communities to further communicate what the Chamber is attempting to do i.e. to build the local economy.
- 6.3 **Ministerial Consultation** prior to budget: May need to set a separate meeting sometime within the next month.
- 6.4 **AGM:** scheduled for February. Please forward agenda items to Tom.
- 6.5 **Discussion/Concerns:**
- Boat in Harbour: Jr. Martin expressed concerns regarding the boat. Tom indicated this was being looked into.
 - The Tank: We are moving closer to getting this completed.
 - Old Stedmans Building is also a concern. Tom has contacted the leasing company.
 - Outdoor Rink: Question was asked if the Chamber could exert pressure to have the liner repaired or replaced. Cathy Farris reported that 2 workdays were held with boards being replaced and liner cleaned.
 - Sandy Moser suggested that someone may want to look into grants for winter activities.
 - Membership: could the Chamber consider young people attending Chamber meetings.
- 7.0 **Director's Report:** Tom reported that works continues and that good relationships have been established with all levels of government having met with Mayor Kelly, Steve Streach, and Peter MacKay re future projects. All is going well with ACOA. Economic Development Committee is meeting with all levels of government with agenda focused on building the economy of this area. Future port prospects are in sight with the North Atlantic lease terminating in less than one year. Encouraging NSPI industrial serviced port (500 acres). If anyone has any additional thoughts, please forward to Tom.
- 8.0 **Adjournment:** Ralph LeBlanc moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell
Secretary