

Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs  
June 6, 2012 - MINUTES  
7:30 pm, Lion's Centre

Present: Harold Taylor, Julia Myers, Anthony Farris, Cathy Farris, Sandy Moser, Robert Moser, Warren Parsons, Mark Krause, Myrene Keating-Owen, Kay Boutilier, Helen Miller, Patricia Holman, Eugene Holman, Andy Wright, Dawn Howe-Power, Glenda Stein, Doug Stein, Anke Beichmanis, Fabienne, Wayne Malay, Brenda McInnis, George Child, Anthony Turner, Art MacKenzie, Tom McNair, Terry Rutledge, Helen Pinfield, Jeffrey Hogg, Gordie Holman, Tom McInnis, Janice Christie.

1. Tom called the meeting to order at 7:30. He thanked everyone for coming. He referred to an e-mail from Brenda Pote/Natural Resources regarding former legal details which are handled and complete re: the removal of The Tank. They hope to move as quickly as possible.
2. The approval of the agenda was moved by Myrene Keating-Owen and seconded by Anthony Turner. Motion carried.
3. Mark Krause approved the minutes of May 2nd as corrected. Terry Rutledge seconded.
4. There was no new business arising from the minutes.

Committee Newsflash Reports:

- ART SOCIETY: Sandy Moser reported there are 20 bird houses to be put up, weather permitting, from the Art Park to Jeff Hogg's.....on trees, not on telephone poles. They were made by Tom McNair and Doug Stein. They are changing the date of the Art Exhibition from August to the last weekend in July...28 and 29th. She made a request for any items for the Exhibition.
- OPEN PEN FISH FARMS: (Salmon farms proposed for Beaver Harbour, Spry Bay and Shoal Bay.) Sandy Moser suggested that people research and learn about the problems. Shelburne Harbour is currently quarantined re: Infectious Salmon Anemia (100,000 have been ordered to be destroyed.) They will wipe out the rest of the fish in the area and this is the second case in

Nova Scotia. This also occurs in BC, Chili, Norway, Sweden and Scotland. Studies show that wild salmon no longer come to the area of farms. She said this is a major issue for the Eastern Shore and also those areas that all ready have the fish farms. Doug Stein noted that the fishery minister says they are going ahead with them any way as there is no scientific evidence of danger to salmon. The Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore is asking for a moratorium for 3-5 years until the science is proven.

- **FRIENDS OF TAYLOR'S HEAD BEACH:** Warren Parsons said they have resumed activities and have advertised the bird walks and hikes on the website. The provincial department of Natural Resources has asked a question regarding the use of the parks: "What do the parks mean to you?" Go online to respond. There are also pamphlets in local offices with park information.
- **HERITAGE SOCIETY:** John Wood absent. Cathy Farris spoke about MacPhee House. There was a work party on May 12. She acknowledged Norma McLeod, Terry Rutledge, and Ralph LeBlanc for their contributions. The VIC is now open and staffed. They plan to have the Craft Cabin open. Tom, Cathy and Judith Hare will be meeting with Denise Schofield of HRM to ask for dollars to operate the VIC at MacPhee House. Tom thanked all the volunteers.
- **SHAD:** Wayne Malay said projects will be announced in the Fall. They are waiting for an announcement for the wharf at the end of June.
- **RURAL TRANSPORTAION:** Harold Taylor has been in consultation with Lucy Quigley re: the application. It has been completed and submitted. He thanked everyone who helped with letters of support, donations and in kind. Lucy is assisting with the application that would have transportation within the community, not trips into town.

- PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom noted that from bird houses to MacPhee House to sidewalks....this is all volunteer work. He thanked all the people who contribute. Last year 11 VICs were closed. We had a choice to keep open. Last year 4057 visitors came in to visit MacPhee House. At a meeting (next day - June 7) they will be asking for a return for the capital costs we incurred on the HRM building. He said we want them to operate the building. Last year the C of C spent \$8,000.
- He has had a 2nd meeting at HRM re: the Multi Purpose facility. The provincial government will announce a new P-12 this Fall. We want to be ready with our multi-purpose facility recommendation.
- A financial statement for the C of C is being prepared.
- An announcement regarding the terminal will be made the end of June.
- Tom showed a pamphlet of the Marine Terminal of Sheet Harbour. The labour component must grow on a pre-determined percentage each year. A business plan will be put into place specifically for Sheet Harbour.

Sandy Moser inquired whether flower baskets would be put up again this year along the business district. Brenda said that was two years ago. Last year the silkscreen banners were put up.

5. NEXT MEETING: September 5, 2012, 7:30 pm
6. No additional items.
7. ADJOURNMENT: Robert Moser called for adjournment.