

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
October 12, 2010

Present: Jack MacDonald, Mark Krause, Mark Snyder, Merrill MacDonald, Art MacKenzie, Dawn Howe-Power, Eugene Holman, Patricia Holman, Terry Rutledge, Ralph LeBlanc, George Child, Mark Fitton, Jack Marshall

Regrets: Wayne Malay, Sandy Moser, Ruby Gammon, Linda McInnis, Wanda Purcell, John Wood, Judy Smiley, Helen Pinfield, Brenda McInnis, Sheila Martin

1. Chair Tom McInnis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Tom apologized for the change of date but other commitments necessitated this change.
2. **Agenda:** Addition under New Business: Fundraiser Lioness. With that addition, **it was moved by Dawn Howe-Power and seconded by Ralph LeBlanc that the agenda be approved. Motion Carried.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of September 1, 2010:** Friends of Taylor Head: should be Warren not Wally Parsons. With this correction, **it was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by Tom McNair the minutes be approved. Motion Carried.**
4. **Business Arising:** No business arising from September minutes.
5. **Committee Newsflash:**
 - **Art Society:** George Child presented on behalf of Sandy Moser. Meeting of the Society is scheduled for tomorrow evening (October 13th) at the Hospital. The Art Fair went well. The community project is underway for the Mosaic art project and banners for light standards.
 - **Friends of Taylors Head:** George Child reported for Warren Parsons. The Park was closed after the storm but is now reopened. Hope to remain open until Dec 7th. Lots of work to be done and being done on the trails. George reminded folks that membership drive is on; time to renew membership.
 - **Education Committee:** Tom reported that work is progressing but did get slightly off track with the sidewalk project. The School Board is supportive of a Multi Purpose facility built in conjunction with a new school. Hope to start in 2012. A study must be done first. George Child and Robert Moser leading this project. Tom has spoken with Charles Clattenburg/Carol Olson regarding a future meeting.
 - **Fund Raising/Social Committee:** Tom reminded members that it is now time to start planning the Chamber's annual banquet. For anyone interested in helping, Ruby Gammon is chairing this committee. Will place on November's agenda.
 - **Heritage Society:** Deferred.
 - **Main Street/Streetscape:** Finishing touches are now being completed on the sidewalk project. George Child, Mark Fitton and Tom met and toured with John Simmons, urban forestry specialist HRM regarding viability of planting

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trees along the sidewalks, types and locations. Based on his recommendations, George has marked out locations for planting. George outlined the many benefits of planting these trees in our community. Among types of trees recommended: gingko, red maple, white oak, oriental. Spots for 110 trees have been marked but number will depend on cost. Approval has been given by HRM to plant and a call for tender has gone out. Concern expressed that the benches have not been welded down, and perhaps should be to prevent theft. This will be taken into consideration.

- **Port Committee:** Tom reported in absence of Don McDonald who chairs this committee. Plans are underway to promote the port as the present contract will expire in early 2012 when the province of Nova Scotia will regain control. Recommend that a governance model be developed for port no later than December 2010. Development of promotional materials and advertisements promoting the port are now underway. Tom circulated promotional materials to the Board for their information.
 - **Watershed Committee:** Report deferred.
6. **President's Report: Sidewalk Maintenance Contract:** The Sheet Harbour and Area Development Corporation are responsible to maintain the sidewalks. Monies are available to maintain with \$136,000 into Capital and remainder from operations. A tender has been developed and will go out soon. Association will ensure that every local company receives direct notice. Official opening of the sidewalks is scheduled for this Sunday, October 24th. The lights were inspected last week and hopeful that these will be connected with the next week. The current lighting will remain in place. Meetings are taking place regarding tourism and the most viable direction for this community. Tom reiterated that there is much work to be done and membership is needed on our committees. Tom applauded the Chamber for their work and dedication to the community.
7. **New Business:**
- **Grand Opening of Sidewalk Oct 24th** - Mark Krause brought members up to speed on the official opening of the sidewalks. Working with Mark on this project, Delfina Prest, George Child, Tom McInnis and Tanya Malay. Notice of the grand opening will be sent out to all homes from Ship Harbour to Ecum Secum encouraging folks to come out, walk the sidewalks with the opportunity to enter draws for gifts (one suggested per family). The event is scheduled to begin from noon to 2:30 ending at McPhee House with hot dogs, cake, draws and speeches. Mark was met with overwhelming positive responses and thanked all merchants who agreed to participate.
 - **Fundraiser Lioness:** The Lioness are planning a sidewalk fundraiser with Halloween Theme.

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- **Ship on East River:** Tom will track down petition started.
- 8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, Jack Marshall moved for adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendie Russell,
Chamber Secretary