

Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs

Minutes for General Meeting September 2, 2015

Attendance: Susan Boutilier, Dawn Howe-Power, Ed Empringham, Doug Stein, Katie, Tate, Mark Krause, Warren Parsons, George Child, Wayne Malay, Ralph Leblanc, Trevor Gammon, Donald Rutledge, Robert Moser, Marilyn Munroe.

Regrets: Merrill Atkinson, Cathy Farris

Meeting called to order by Robert Moser 7:40pm

Minutes from June 3rd read and approved

Business arising from the minutes:

Discussion on banners and upcoming Christmas wreaths on the light posts. It was noted that new banners be put on the agenda early in the New Year.

RCMP Report by Constable Christie Whalen gave a brief report on the changes in staffing at the detachment. Chris Stefan will be the new office assistant and Evan Wild will look after Moser River area until new member arrives. Robert Flannigan has been transferred.

Committee Reports:

- STEP PROGRAM – Sandy reported about the upcoming meeting. They are looking for input from the community about infrastructure needs.
- Farmers Market – the market has been well attended with many vendors taking advantage.
- Sandy read email from Maria Caines regarding interest in the Lyconet Program
- Marina – Robert read a report from Cathy Farris. There have been meetings over the summer with Shannon Chambers at ACOA, David Hendsbee, and Halifax Waterfront Development. In the interim, the committee will put in 5 sponsored moorings. Doug supplied regulations and we have a proposed area for which we will apply.
- VIC – Open on June 1st and will close September 11. One person from DEANS and 1 student from federal grant and 3 students were employed for 6 weeks. To date 1980 qualifying visitors.
- MacPhee House - ongoing repairs to the chimney and shingling. Elections Canada has rented the MacPhee House for 3 months.

Friend of Taylors Head – Warren Parsons reported that there is a Family Hike and Mushroom Walk scheduled for this fall and dates will be posted on the website. Dawn shared that there is a process for having a wedding on the beach. Robert shared that MLA Lloyd Hines wants to meet with the group to discuss options for the park area.

Multi-Purpose /School – Robert indicated that there is nothing new to update

SHADC – Wayne reported that after much negotiations, HRM has used their own contractor to mow and that plowing will be looked after by HRM through their contractors. Wayne indicated that nothing is finalize as yet. Discussion followed regarding the future of the Development Corporation.

Sheet Harbour Port Authority – George and Wayne reported that the Port had a successful open house during the Seaside Festival. NFTI is expecting to increase activity.

Greater Halifax Partnership – Sandy reported that a new staff member for the Partnership has been hired, Molly Connors, as a community liaison with local businesses. Her hopes are to visit many of the local business in hopes of gauging and needs the Partnership many be able to help with.

DNR – Lloyd Hines has been asked to inquire about the lands that sit at the head of the harbour for use by the Chamber and the Marina project.

MacPhee House – Robert reported that a plan, initiated by Tom McInnis, to restore the MacPhee House to its original condition requires a committee to move the project further. ACOA, MLA Lloyd Hines and our Councillor have been informed of our intentions. Wayne share that the project is estimated at approximately 1.5 M. Sandy volunteered to sit on committee and it will be posted on the Sheet Harbour website and Facebook site. An email to membership will also be sent.

Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program – Robert read a letter from Denise Van Wychen who is volunteer for the project. They are looking for a donation from communities and the Chamber to help pay for a consultant to develop a business plan. They are also looking for a community volunteer from the area to sit on the committee. Mark Krause thought he may be interested. Chamber Directors voted to contribute \$250.00 towards the initiative.

Other business: Ralph inquired about the Chambers financial report and the plan to purchase a GIC and high interest saving account. Susan shared that both items have been complete. It was also stated that Chamber rules that Financial reports are required for each directors meeting and an audited financial for the annual general meeting.

Motion to Adjourn - Katie Tate