

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic Affairs

General Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2016

Present: Dawn Howe-Power, Marilyn Munroe, Janet Lowe, Kevin Lowe, Mark Krause, Murray Munroe, Linda Munroe, Jack Marshall, Wendy MacKenzie, David Hensbee, Jessie Greenough, David Kerr, Katie Tait, Penny Farris, Susan Boutilier, Rebecca Atkinson, Myrene Keating-Owen, Meryl Atkinson, Jamie, Owen, Warren Parsons, Judy Josey, Peter Stein

Regrets: Robert and Sandy Moser, Cathy and Anthony Farris

All were welcomed and the Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice-President Marilyn Munroe

Agenda and additional items were approved by Susan Boutilier, Peter Stein

Minutes from September 7th were approved by Mark Krause, Jack Marshall

No business arising from minutes

Presentation by Jessie Greenough and David Kerr regarding **Musgo Rider Valley-Sheet Harbour Cooperative LTD.** They were very pleased to announce that the service will extend to our area on Tuesday October 11, 2016. The service will require pre-booking at least one day before transportation date. Available to anyone travelling to a destination anywhere within HRM. You can book by calling, texting or emailing Dispatch. The email address is musgorider@gmail.com a toll free number for calling and texting will be available soon. Hours of operation is Mon- Fri 7am – 6pm and on Saturday 10am- 6pm. A launch will take place on Tuesday October 17 at the Wildlife from 2-4 pm All Welcome.

Committee Reports:

Taylor Head- Warren reported that it was a busy season with lots of visitors and activities going on. He wanted to thank our MLA Hon Lloyd Hines for his concern and getting money for the park. Brush has been cut back, cross culverts put in, ditched, garden by the sign fixed up, and trails will be looked at this fall. The park will be open until the end of deer season, approximately Dec 5th or 6th.

Marina- Susan B reported that on Sept 22 four members (Dawn Howe-Power, Susan Boutilier, Anthony and Cathy Farris) met with Alex Cope Band Manager of Millbrook Band and Terry French Director of Commercial Operations. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the possibility of entering into a partnership in developing a marina at the Millbrook wharf on Church Point Road. Mr. Cope was very positive with the project if it would be beneficial to his people of the Millbrook Community. The project must provide jobs and development. No one in the room objected to the need of making the wharf a viable resource. It was valuable to

have Dawn with us, as she exemplifies the relationship of both communities. We were excited to express the endless spin-offs and opportunities that having a Marina would bring. We have to lay out our objective, what we would be contributing and what we expect from the Millbrook Band. How much of the facility would we require? What costs would we cover? What could be the spin off? Sustainable employment and unobstructed usage of part of the facility by the Millbrook community and commercial fishery is required. We need to determine our timeline and our next steps. We must now short-list the requirements of both a Business Partnership and a Joint Venture. We must state our objective. Each must include financing, responsibilities and timeline. Access to the building will be needed to completed this task. Anthony was able to secure the services of a lawyer, Craig Berryman who will donate his services to the Marina Committee.

Sheet Harbour Port Authority- Nothing to report

Business Liaison Committee – Marilyn reported that the Writing Business Plans workshop was well attended and feedback was good. The two courses Microsoft and Social Media are going well and will finish up at the end of November. The committee will decide what will be offered in the spring.

STEP/Tourism- Nothing to report

Other updates:

Bylaws- Ed has made the necessary changes

Atlantic Gold- Marilyn is on their Community Board and will be able to report back at November's meeting

Municipal Election Candidates presentation – It was decided that it was too late to have this.

Volunteer Board Membership- Blue Water Business Development Corporation are looking for volunteer Board members. Please refer to their website at www.cbdc.ca for further information.

New School/ Enhancements- With the possible closure of the Lions Centre it is very important to be thinking about enhancements to the new school. We need to find out about the school schedule and funding time lines are. A committee needs to be formed ASAP.

LEA Place- Myrene Keating-Owen reported that the centre had experience a flood on Sept 20th. The centre will be closed until the end of the month while repairs are taking place. All direct services are still happening at the library, Sexual Health Centre, Consolidated school and Harbour View Lodge. Please call 902-885-2668 for an update.

MLA Lloyd Hines office- is now located in the Bluewater Building on Thursdays from 9-4 in Room 314. You can reach Marilyn at 902-391-0141 or Toll free 855-511-2280

David Hensbee-

- David reported that the repairs to the Lions Centre is estimated to be 1.5 – 2 million dollars. The building will be closed for the winter in fear that the roof may not support heavy snowfall. Activities that normally took place there will be going to the Legion.
- He reported that Municipalities can take over the cemeteries.
- LED Street lights have been installed. If one has been missed or if there is a stop you feel requires a light please contact him at 902-483-0705, david@hendsbee.ns.ca, on Facebook at David. Hensbee or on TWITTER @David_Hendsbee#hensbee for shore
- He reminded all to exercise your right to vote by telephone, on-line or in person

Sheet Harbour Radio- Mark reported that they just completed a live interview with Councillor Hensbee. They started broadcasting on June 15 with music, interviews and advertising events in the area. For the month of October they are Fundraising. You just need to go to Scotia Bank and make a donation which the bank will match.

Heritage Society- Wendy reported that they will meet at the library on Tuesday's from 5-7 pm starting October 18th. They are in need of a tape recorder and movie camera if someone has one that could be donated.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm by Jack Marshall/Mark Krause

Next meeting will be on November 2, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Lions Centre

Submitted by

Chamber Secretary,

Dawn Howe-Power

Oct 13, 2016