

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs

General Monthly Meeting Minutes from

June 1, 2016

In attendance: Wendy MacKenzie, Ed Empringham, Meryl Atkinson, Rebecca Atkinson, Jack Marshall, George Child, Mark Krause, Dawn Howe-Power, Donald Rutledge, Catherine MacNeil, Cathy Farris, Anthony Farris, Candace MacKean, Penny Farris, Sue Levy, Trevor Gammon, Marilyn Munroe, Jeramy Boudreau, Sandy Moser, Warren Parsons, Doug Stein, Peter Stein, Joyce MacDonald, Roddy MacDonald, Wayne Malay, Brian Smith, David Hendsbee, Deanna Parks

Guests: RCMP Corporal John Berger, RCMP Inspector Dan Murchison, RCMP Sergeant Joe Taplin

Robert welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

The meeting started with an update and presentation from the RCMP:

- Eastern Shore RCMP consists of communities of Musquodoboit Harbour with 1 Sergeant 2 Corporals & 8 Constables, North Central which is Middle Musquodoboit with 1 Corporal & 4 Constables, and Sheet Harbour with 1 Corporal and 5 Constables
- Sheet Harbour RCMP cover Ship Harbour to Ecum Secum and up to Beaverdam
- Sheet Harbour also has one Public Service Employee
- Crime Reduction Strategy-members meet every 3 weeks to discuss “hot spots”
- Youth Intervention/ Hybrid Hub for at risk youth
- Traffic Initiatives- Operation Impact, Party Program and Fatal Vision
- Community members need to be the eyes and ears of the community
- Small discussion around Neighborhood Watch and Citizens on Patrol
- RCMP will look into why 911 gets locked once you dial it from a cell phone
- David Hendsbee mentioned the Vile of Life Program – which could be updated in our community

Agenda was approved by Anthony T and Jack

Minutes from May 4/16 were approved as amended by Mark and Jack

Membership cards: Marilyn explained the meaning of the logo and that we received 1000 cards. Local businesses who are paid Chamber members will have their business info on the Facebook site and Chamber profile.

Taylor Head Park: Gate is open and the next three months activities are listed on the friendsoftaylorhead.com web page. The park needs many upgrades. The Spry Bay Trail is in hard shape and still waiting to hear if the road will be graded. Warren sends off a note every

year to DNR as to the needs of the Park. David Hendsbee reminded us that it is Access Awareness week and it might be a good time to send off a friendly note requesting some funds to approve accessibility to the park/beach. Friends of Taylor Head did a highway clean up on Sunday May 29th.

SHADAC: Wayne reports that the mowing will start soon. He has heard nothing over the last month regarding the lights. It was mentioned that there is a tender out from Nova Scotia Power for ornamental lighting, so this may include the lights here in Sheet Harbour.

Sheet Harbour Port Authority: George reported that not much is going on at the present time. Two new members -Sue Levy and Ed Empringham.

Business Liaison Committee: The committee is working on activities for the fall/winter. How to write a Business Plan will take place in September.

MacPhee House: The VIC will open on Monday June 6 and hopefully remain open until Sept 17. One person was hired through DEENS and four students will be hired for 8 weeks, they will start at the end of June. A cleanup day for the MacPhee House and the Art Park will be planned soon. Mike Coady was up and pruned the Norwegian Spruce and removed the old Christmas tree. The "old ice-cream shop" will be rented out this summer as an art consignment shop. It was suggested by member Brian Smith that we try to get the town clock up and running. This will be looked into.

Bylaws-: The draft of the new bylaws was emailed out to all members. Two amendments were made- #59 to be the appointment of the audit committee and under # 67 it should be 67 a, b, c and change # 69 to # 68 and # 70 to # 69. The bylaws were approved as amended by Ed seconded by George. The bylaws now have to be approved by the Registrar.

New School: It is important that the Chamber have a member on the steering committee for the new school to do what we can to see that enhancements are made to the new school. MLA Lloyd Hines will meet with the Directors to discuss this.

Bicycle Routes Mapping: Sandy explained her efforts in getting parts of the Eastern Shore included in the Bicycle Routes Mapping. She applied for a grant from the Dept of Energy that will cover half of the expenses for the project. She has approval for \$250 from the Sheet Harbour Chamber and will ask Musquodoboit Harbour Chamber to match that and will ask Debbie Finlay from St. Mary's and David Hendsbee for assistance in getting this project going.

Spring Banquet: Robert gave an overview of the Dinner Auction- Tickets \$2790.00, Donations \$600.00, but Legion donated at the bank so that was matched for a total of \$3090.00. Expenses were \$786.43 for meal, \$125.00 for gift, \$100.00 for hall, and \$125.00 for net and lights = \$1136.43, Auction \$2536.02, another \$200.00 donation was received by mail making a grand **net profit of \$7879.59**

Additional Items:

- Mark reported that the internet FM radio station will be located in the Wildlife Association Lodge. He is working with students from DMHS on this. Hoping to be broadcasting by the end of June. Will be called Sheet Harbour Radio. If you have ideas for programming please let Mark know.
- There is a meeting planned for June 12th to discuss having the crosswalk re-installed between Lawton's and the hospital.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm by Mark Krause

Next General Meeting Wed Sept 7, 2016- location to be announced

Submitted by

Chamber Secretary

Dawn Howe-Power June 3, 2016