

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, December 8, 2010
Town Office @ 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Eric Skinner John H. Day Gerald Pittman Angela Tibbo
Eric Day Everett Allen Donald Stewart

Also Attending: Bernice Herritt, Clerk/Manager
Hannah Wells/Lilly, Office Clerk
Palmer Strowbridge, Town Superintendent

Mayor Skinner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. & extended a welcome to Mr. Doug Caines, General Manager of Northern Harvest Sea Farms. Mr. Caines had requested to attend the meeting to discuss their tax bill for 2010 and asking that Council consider a reduction. He explained that they have no fixed structures in the town, with the majority of their capital on the water, and that they pay for their own garbage collection. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, Mr. Caines left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Further discussion held after Mr. Caines left.

Motion #: 10-021:J. H. Day/E. Allen

Resolved that a tax agreement be negotiated with Northern Harvest Sea Farms for 2010, 2011, & 2012 as per discussion held and figures quoted.

In favour: 2

Opposed: 5

Motion Lost.

Motion # 10-022: E. Day/G. Pittman

Resolved that a tax agreement be negotiated with Northern Harvest Sea Farms for 2010, 2011, & 2012 as per the amount discussed.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

The minutes of November 24, 2010 were then presented for adoption by Mayor Skinner.

Errors/Omissions: Minutes of November 24, 2010: N/A

Motion # 10-023:E. Day/G. Pittman

Resolved that the Minutes of November 24, 2010 be adopted as presented, as circulated.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

Business Arising: Minutes of November 24, 2010:

1. Not sure if a committee has been put in place as per meeting held with the CYN, RCMP, & Town regarding the drug abuse in the community, therefore, no decision made as to who will be the Town's representative on this proposed committee;

CORRESPONDENCE: ACTION/SUMMARY REPORT:

1. Citi-financial: Informing once again that they will not be assuming any costs for clean up or destruction of property on 14 Elliott Drive & giving all rights to the town to do with the property as they feel is appropriate. After much discussion on this matter, Council is still not interested in doing anything with this property, however, the Mayor has agreed to talk with an individual that may be interested;
2. MMSB – Household Hazardous Waste: Requesting that the town participate in a pilot project (collection of household hazardous waste). Cost to participate \$0.45 per person. Town not interested at this time;

3. CYN: AGM to be held on Monday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.;
4. Capital Works Project for 2011:
Motion #10-024:E. Allen/E. Day
Resolved that the Town will be increasing either the water rates or the property tax mill rate in 2012 to accommodate the town's portion for the 2011/2012 Capital Works Project, if approved. The town's portion of the funding to be taken out for a ten year term with CIBC.

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

5. NEIA: Upcoming annual conference and trade show to be held in Gander on Feb. 22 – 24, 2011
Motion # 10-025:E. Day/A. Tibbo
Resolved that the Mayor would attend this conference .

In favour: 7

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried.

6. Business on 12 Harbour Drive: Expressing concerns with the Recreation Commission forming a dart league at the Hospitality Room, Arena. Clerk to check with Dept. for a ruling on this matter, then inform the Commission ;
7. Resident on 25 South Side Drive: Requesting a letter from Town in reference to an issue discussed on July 14, 2010 (re: student not qualified for position); Councillor A. Tibbo agreed to take care of this matter;

Town Super Report: & Building Committee Report: (attached); Mr. Strowbridge left at 9:20 p.m.

Finance Committee Report::

1. Recommends to schedule a meeting for Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2011 budget;
- 2.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Public Relations: (E. Skinner):

1. Town's Christmas Social a great success!

Fire Department: (E. Allen):

1. Went over the constitution with the Executive & changes made & retyped. Will now present to Fire Dept. then for Council's approval;
2. List of training that each member has completed was compiled by firefighter, Brian Pierce;
3. Approximately \$3,000 realized from the Fireman's Ball;

Recreation: (E. Day):

Sunny Cottage: (J. H. Day):

1. Timer needed for the Sunny Cottage lights;

Beautification: (D. Stewart):

1. Reminder of the food hamper fundraiser;

Elliott Premises Management Committee: A. Tibbo

1. Suggests that funding is needed to upgrade the electricity at the Elliott Premises;

2. Presentation to the Committee by Mr. Doug Wells on what is required at the Elliott Premises for the Newman Interpretation Center, Bank Fishery, and Theatre. Funding to be applied for in the new year;
3. Committee wanted to extend thanks for their invitation to the Town's Christmas Social;

Update from HBIC Rep. (D. Stewart):

Other Business:

1. Resident on 19A Main Road North advised the Mayor that if the town supplied the materials needed for the steps in the area of their homes, they would do the work themselves. No decision made;
2. Clerk to discuss the issue of vacation pay with Town Superintendent;

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Councillor Eric Day and seconded by Councillor Gerald Pittman . Adjournment @ 10:05 p.m.

Eric Skinner – Mayor

Bernice Herritt – Clerk/Manager