A pre-meeting was held between council and representatives from Small Craft Harbours. In attendance were Mayor Conway, Councillors Lee and Carroll, Town Manager J. Butt, Town Clerk D. Woolridge; and Natasha Ingram, Joe McGrath, John Doyle, and Zachary Bartlett from Small Craft Harbours. The purpose of the meeting was to update council since they last met and to have something in place when monies become available for the Divestiture Program. Designs were presented for council’s perusal that included wharves, floating docks, and a launchway. The cost is approximately $1.8 million; plans would have to be approved by DMA. When finished, upkeep and maintenance would be the Town’s responsibility for 5 years. The next step would be a public meeting in the fall.

Members Present

Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors:
  S. Lee
  G. Carroll
  F. Alexander
  A. White
  C. Foote

Also Present

Town Manager J. Butt
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

Two residents

Call to Order

Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of July 4, 2017

Reg. Mtg. of July 4, 2017

Motion #17 - 94 Alexander/Lee
Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of July 4, 2017 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Delegations

One of the residents in attendance had concerns about an ongoing dispute with her neighbours. She was advised that this was a civil dispute and to talk with her lawyer.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #17 - 95 Alexander/Tobin
Resolved that general invoices of $42,364.26 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote was asked to leave the room at this point.

2) Motion #17 - 96 Tobin/Alexander
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. # 261 - Labour: Office Move - in the amount of $241.50 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #17 - 97 White/Tobin
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. # 280 - Cleaning Asphalt from Community Garden - in the amount of $399.05 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Motion #17 - 98 Alexander/Lee
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. # 281 - Fill: Road Work - in the amount of $69.00 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.
5) Motion #17 - 99  Alexander/Lee
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. # 284 - Ditching - in the amount of $1,576.08 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Motion #17 - 100  White/Alexander
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. # 291 - Water/Sewer Installation - in the amount of $3,261.40 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) Motion #17 - 101  Lee/Tobin
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. # 292 - Sewer Installation - in the amount of $721.05 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

8) Motion #17 - 102  Tobin/Carroll
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. # 293 - Curb Stop Repair - in the amount of $388.70 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote then re-entered the meeting.

9) Motion #17 - 103  Alexander/Tobin
Resolved that Atlantic Engineering Consultants Limited Progress Billing #3 - Town Hall Renovations - in the amount of $966.00 be approved for payment from the Projects Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

10) A report of current bank balances and outstanding loans was distributed and 11) Jocelyn reported that 86.31% of 2017 taxes have been collected, 98.18% of 2016 and 98.83% of 2015.

b) Projects
Quotes were obtained for continuous eavestrough and siding for the front of the Town Hall. The chimney also needs to be replaced. An application will be submitted to DMA for approval as a change order. If not approved, council has approved these extras. Work is going well and we should be back in our new offices by mid-late September.

c) Fire Department
A report from the Fire Dept. showed one medical call to the stadium in July.

d) Stadium/Recreation
New LED lighting has been installed at a cost of $14,375.00. A $10,000 grant had been received from NL Power for this project. Lights in the hallway should also be changed. The stadium is running at a deficit of $33,752.08 to date. The benches are ready to paint. Bleachers need to be done and netting fixed. One plant also needs to be done.

e) Roads
An email had been sent to Cyril McCarthy of the Dept. of Transportation outlining the problems caused by inaccuracies in the Google Maps which send tractor trailers toward Shallop Cove with no place to turn around. A power line was brought down on one occasion. Jocelyn requested a “NO TRUCK TURNAROUND” sign be installed at the end of Steel Mountain Road with a left arrow to prevent this from occurring again.

The Dept. had sent two workers to check out the culverts.

Building Applications
Twenty-three general repairs permits were issued in July; also building permits for two garages, two decks, one retaining wall, one deck/ramp and one shed.
a) Farm Road Extension Update
An email had been received from the resident who obtained the permit to extend the road in 2013 and failed to follow through. The resident outlined several complaints he has against the Town, indicated that he has no intention to do anything with the road, and encouraged council to pursue the matter in Supreme Court.

Our lawyer advised that we have no liability for Skinner’s Road and two options:
a) go to court for a possible cost of $40-$50,000;
b) finish the portion of Farm Road that we deem needs to be finished and stop the snowplow at the end of the road.

Jocelyn recommended we fix from the corner in at an estimated cost from the contractor of $4800 + HST.

Motion #17 - 104  Alexander/Tobin
Resolved that council proceed with the second recommendation.

In favour:  Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: S. Lee, G. Carroll, F. Alexander,
A. White
Opposed:  0
Abstained:  Councillor C. Foote (conflict of interest)
Motion carried.

b) Anti-Litter Regulations - Amendment
Motion #17 - 105  White/Alexander
Resolved to accept the amendment to the Anti-Litter Regulations dated 10th September 2007. All in favour. Motion carried.

This amendment will be numbered as Section 12 and states:

(i) No person shall repair, dismantle or scrap a vehicle on residential property.
(ii) Repair in section (i) shall not apply to repairs of a minor nature such as repairing flat tires, boosting batteries, changing filters or replacing spark plugs, to a vehicle which is owned by an occupant of the residential property on which the repairs are being effected.
(iii) No person shall deposit, discard or keep a wrecked, discarded, dismantled, or abandoned vehicle, trailer or other machinery or any parts thereof on a residential property.
(iv) Council shall have the right to remove from any residential property any discarded, dismantled, or abandoned vehicle, trailer or other machinery of any part thereof on a residential property and recover the cost of doing so from the owner as a civil debt.

The current sections 12 - 16 will be renumbered to 13 - 17.

Application - Concrete Plant
An application was received for a permit to operate a mobile concrete plant by On Grade Construction to be set up in their quarry. All other permits required have been received from the Department of Environment.

Motion #17 - 106  Alexander/Tobin
Resolved that approval in principle be given based upon government approvals.
In favour: Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: S. Lee, G. Carroll, F. Alexander,
A. White
Opposed: 0
Abstained: Councillor C. Foote (conflict of interest)
Motion carried.

Fire Hall Extension
MHA Scott Reid informed us that money may be available
($400,000) if we re-apply to put another bay in the Fire Hall at a
60/40 cost shared ratio. We are currently at a 16% debt ratio. This
item was deferred.

Tethered Dogs
The matter of dogs being tethered 24/7 was discussed.

Other Business
Motion #17 - 107 Tobin/Alexander
Resolved that we purchase an outside security system. All in
favour. Motion carried.

Incoming Correspondence
1) An invitation from Miss Teenage Canada Pageant Executive
    Director Michelle Weswaldi to council to sponsor the Miss
    Teenage East Coast/NL 2017 delegate in preparing for the pageant
    with a minimum of personal expense in her quest to be Miss
    Teenage Canada.

    2) A request from the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundation for
       a donation to their Radiothon 2017.

    Motion #17 - 108 Alexander/Tobin
    Resolved that we donate $25 toward the Radiothon. All in favour.
    Motion carried.

3) An invitation from MADD Bay St. George Chapter to support
    their Strides For Change (5km Walk) on September 23, 2017.

    4) An invitation from the Kids Eat Smart Foundation to donate or
       hold a fundraiser for their Radiothon in November.

    5) A letter from the Hon. Al Hawkins, Minister of the Department
       of Transportation and Works in response to our concerns re the
       condition of the Provincial roads in our area.

    6) A letter from Andrew Hunt, Executive Director of the NL & Lab
       Public Libraries Administration in response to our letter of July 4,
       2017.

Adjournment
Motion #17 - 109 Tobin/White
Resolved that council do now adjourn to meet again on September
5. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk