

NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 27, 2013
Louis Millett Community Complex Board Room
7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Minas Water Commission was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Louis Millett Community Complex.

In Attendance: Chair Maynard Stevens
Vice-Chair Robert Horne
Village Commission Chair Dave Chaulk
Village Commissioner James Redmond
Citizen Member Scott Crowell
Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier
Recording Secretary, Clerk Treasurer Terry Silver

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stevens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, February 26, 2013

It was moved by J. Redmond, seconded by D. Chaulk that the Agenda of the Regular Water Commission meeting of February 26, 2013 be approved as presented, with the following additions: Under "NEW BUSINESS – (b) Regional Sewer Report, and (c) Source Water Protection Committee Report." MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, January 23, 2013

It was moved by J. Redmond, seconded by R. Horne, that the minutes of the regular Water Commission meeting held January 23, 2013 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Water Assessment - concerns with NSE requests – update P. Pothier

P. Pothier brought the Commission's attention to an email from Mr. Bob Rowe, Hiltz and Seamone regarding the concerns expressed by some members at the January meeting (copy of email attached to original minutes). Mr. Rowe stated that having Village staff check private wells would be a good process because doing so could alert the Village to any contaminants. He stated this would not be a liability issue.

T. Silver stated the concern she expressed about liability was with regard to staff entering premises. She stated that UARB regulations authorize Village staff to enter the premises of those properties that are serviced by our Water Commission, but she feels properties with private wells would not fall under this authority.

The Commission asked Peter if he is aware of how many private wells are in the Village. Peter stated he really doesn't have much information at this point, and he will know more when he receives the report. The Commission agreed to wait for the Assessment Report before making any decision on what, if anything, should be done about the private wells.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Superintendent's Report

P. Pothier reviewed his report with the Commission (report attached to original minutes)

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by J. Redmond, that the Superintendent's report be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

b) Request Water and Sewer Services – Marvin Barfoot

The Commission reviewed a letter from Mr. Marvin Barfoot, in which he is requesting water and sewer services from the Village. Mr. Barfoot's property is in the new expanded area. The Commission requested staff to provide estimates for this request to be considered at budget time.

c) Regional Sewer Report

Chair Stevens read the report of the Regional Sewer Committee (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by D. Chaulk, seconded by J. Redmond that the report of the Regional Sewer Committee be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

d) Source Water Protection Committee Report

Vice-Chair Horne gave a report of the Source Water Protection Committee. He stated that no meeting has taken place since the last Water Commission meeting. He reminded the Commission of the upcoming Open House to present the Source Water Protection Plan.

It was moved by B. Horne, seconded by J. Redmond that the report of the Source Water Protection Committee be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of J. Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Maynard Stevens, Chair

Terry Silver, Recording Secretary