

NEW MINAS WATER COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 23, 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, January 23, 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 Commissioner James Redmond
Citizen Member Scott Crowell
Superintendent of Public Works Peter Pothier
Recording Secretary, Admin/Accountant Lynn Spencer
Clerk Treasurer, Terry Silver

Also in Attendance: Don Zwicker, Resident
Gordon Silver, Resident
Mary Munroe, Resident

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, January 23, 2013

It was moved by J. Redmond, seconded by S. Crowell that the Agenda of the Regular Water Commission meeting of January 23, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, August 22, 2012

It was moved by J. Redmond, seconded by R. Horne, that the minutes of the regular Water Commission meeting held August, 2012 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Regional Sewer Update

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

P. Pothier read from his monthly report (attached to original minutes).

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

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Environment System Assessment Report – Update, Peter Pothier

P. Pothier explained that every 10 years all Water Utilities in Nova Scotia are required to prepare and submit a report to NS Environment, and the Village is in the process of doing this report now. He stated that we must hire our Engineers and Hydrologist to complete the technical side of the report, and as much as possible we provide administrative support. Peter said we have now gathered all the data and the report should be completed by March 31st 2013.

Peter stated that one of the things NSE are requesting from Utilities, at the local level, is that staff tests private wells. T. Silver expressed great concern about this. She stated the Village Commission has a legal right to enter private homes to deal with the Village-owned utility infrastructure, but she doesn't feel it is appropriate for NSE to require the Village to enter into private residences to test private wells.

Peter will look into the requests that cause concern and provide an update to the next meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

Ms. Mary Munroe – Ms. Munroe asked Peter Pothier what time of the day the chlorine is placed into the system. Peter explained the requirements under the regulations and stated that chlorine is injected continuously in compliance with the regs. Ms. Munroe stated that the Chlorine smell seems to stronger in the morning, and Peter stated that is normal.

Ms. Munroe also asked about the lifespan of water heaters (eg.: only 5 years). Peter stated that the pH was very low a number of years ago, and we add Caustic Soda to soften the water. The pH and the level of Caustic Soda re tested every day to ensure the balance is correct, and again, this is a constant process to ensure the proper levels are maintained.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of J. Redmond, the meeting adjourned.

Maynard Stevens, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary