Community of Kingston Regular monthly meeting May 13, 2014

Present:

Chair Alan Miller
Dwight Thompson
Tom Coady
Julie Ireson
Keith Boire
Joe Dolphin
Dianne Dowling Administrator

Also present: Megan Harris and Mike Durant from the Water shed group

Regrets:

Dianne Murphy

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Chair Miller.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

To approve the agenda as circulated (M) Keith Boire (S) Dwight Thompson, Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

To approve the minutes of the April meeting as circulated (M) Keith Boire (S) Tom Coady, Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Correspondence from Mr. Taylor in August 2013: The Chair advised that Mr. Taylor had called him and mentioned some additional concerns and requested a written acknowledgement of his correspondence. The Chair mentioned that the reply explain some of the follow up from that correspondence.

PRESENTATION FROM MEGAN HARRIS:

Megan updated Council on some of the things the Water Shed group has been doing in the past year and the plans for 2014 within the Community. She presented the results of the additional monitoring and Councilor Thompson indicated he would like to see this monitoring continue.

Megan said the property on the Currie Road is now in the possession of the PEI Wildlife Federation and will be receiving a NAPA designation. The process has begun concerning a habitat Stewardship program.

Megan circulated the reports on water testing and stressed that long term data collection will give a better indication of what is actually going on in the Watershed. She said Carragher's Pond continues to be a concern and monitoring will continue at that site.

Megan mentioned that a problem with the Bluefield sewage lagoon has been identified and corrected, noting there was a blocked pipe and now that this has been fixed she will continue to monitor this location. The watershed group is also working on Quinn's and Howell's brook to decrease the sentiment. Megan continued to say that 2014 will be a challenge as funding has been kept at status quo. She also mentioned the Greenbay culvert and said their group will continue to work with TPW to clear up this issue. Council then asked if there was anything they could do to help the watershed group with their funding applications. Also discussed potential funding opportunities that may be available from the Central Development Corporation and the Chair indicated he will follow up with this organization to see if there were any funding opportunities that could be accessed. Megan indicated one issue is the cost of the water testing and Council committed to write a letter to MLA Docherty requesting the watershed Group receive a discount on the water testing. Council also noted there was funds included in the 2014 budget to assist with additional water testing, if that is what the group needs.

At this point Megan and Mike left the meeting.

PLANNING REPORT:

Report circulated.

FINANCE REPORT:

Report circulated – A question was asked concerning the cost of the Community map and the Administrator noted that a lot of additional work was required to ensure all the recent subdivision approvals were included. This map should now be accurate as of December 31, 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Planning Guidelines deferred until next meeting when Councilor Murphy is in attendance.

Action items:

- The Administrator is to draft a response to Mr. Taylor this will be circulated to Council prior to be mailed for any comments.
- The Administrator is to draft a letter to Mr. Horne to request the portable toilet be moved from it's current location.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:50 by Councilor Boire.

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling

Administrator