

Town of North River Minutes Meeting December 1, 2020
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Attendance: Mayor Joanne Morrissey, Deputy Mayor Blair Hurley
Councillors' Kelly Hall, Brian Hurley, Patrick Mackey, Dwight Snow & Elsie Morrissey
Absent:

Also in Attendance: Sheila Hall Town Clerk/Administrator

Mayor Morrissey called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

Agenda and Minutes:

Councillor Mackey requested Boones Lane be added to the agenda.

Motion 2020 –1868– Dwight Snow / Patrick Mackey

Resolved that the agenda for December 1st be adopted with addition as circulated.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion 2020 –1869– Blair Hurley / Kelly Hall

Resolved minutes of November 3rd meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor Motion Carried

3. Business Arising:

Budget 2021 copied to all- Councillor Hurley explained revised revenue and expenses. Minimum property tax adjusted & Covid Stimulus program were discussed.
Revenue \$393,222.00 Expenses \$393,222.00.No rate increase.

Motion 2020 –1870– Brian Hurley / Blair Hurley

Resolved that for the 2021 fiscal year, Council adopts a balanced budget in the amount of \$393,222.00 with the following tax structure:

Residential & commercial mil rate at 4 unchanged

Minimum property tax at \$400.00 unchanged

Business Tax at \$300.00 unchanged

Fees for permits shall be applied according to the following schedule;

Residential Development \$100.00 Commercial Development \$100.00

Extensions \$50.00 General Repairs \$20.00 Garages/Sheds \$20.00

Other Fees and charges shall be applied according to the following schedule;

Tax Certificate \$100.00	Compliance Letter \$75.00	Pavement Cutting Fees \$1000.00
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Tax Discount Policy must be in receipt of GIS or Widowed Spouses Allowance will be accepted					
All in Favor Motion Carried					

Ditching behind 20 North River Rd. Deputy Mayor Hurley had contacted property owner and received written permission for ditching private property. G & J should be able to complete work next week. Effords Road class a delivered. Noted blocked culvert should be cleaned out.

Aspells Road- As council had placed catch basin at previous owner's request. Currently catch basin is blocked. Agreed resident should clean it out.

Motion 2020 –1871– Brian Hurley / Blair Hurley

Resolved that clerk inform resident their responsibility to clean catch basin.

All in Favor Motion Carried

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School Road –Clerk reported that Concord has completed ditching repairs.

Christmas Parade cancelled due to Covid. Christmas dinner discussion on Covid guidelines and social distancing. Suggested members only December 8th get together at council chambers, with snacks and \$50.00 gift cards. Virtual tree lighting same night. Councillor Snow to get tree, discussed possibly asking permission from maintenance person to cut tree on his property. Councillor Hall in charge of lights and Councillor Morrissey to order food and beverages. Deputy Mayor Hurley will have sign changed and Councillor Hall will post on face book. Discussion on best decorated house. Agreed as impartial judges needed will skip event this year.

4. New Business:

COVID-19 Stimulus Program-Mayor Morrissey informed members this is a small scale program to help provide short term employment and stimulate economic activity, 90/10 cost shared maximum \$150,000.00 Deadline to apply is December 7.
Detailed proposed projects and cost estimates were copied to members.

Project 1 Walking track-complete chain link fence, add benches, landscape and install lighting.
Provincial Fence 300 ft quote \$8775.00
Noted waiting on quote from Light & Power.

Project 2 Dog Park-clear property, landscape & chain link fence.
Provincial Fence 976 ft quote \$29,580.00

Project 3 Community Garden -Upgrade entrance & complete fence
Project 4 Town Hall-install mini-split, paint & refinish floors.

Members agreed on proposed projects and to apply for maximum funding allowed.

Motion 2020 –1872– Brian Hurley / Blair Hurley

Resolved that Mayor Morrissey apply for maximum amount for proposed projects.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Calm Hole Wood- Mayor Morrissey reported she was approached by a resident concerning cutting the trees on the property. This should be advertised on face book.
Councillor Hurley will draft an Expression of Interest to clear trees Free, for face book post.

Christmas Office Hours

Motion 2020 –1873– Brian Hurley / Dwight Snow

Resolved that office closed December 23 until January 4 open.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Walking Track Winter Maintenance- Discussion on cost & no maintenance worker for winter.

5. Development Applications: No applications received.

6. Correspondence for Information:

Signs-Ordered two speed signs 30 MPH including posts for Newells Road & Dr. Whalens.

Boundary Extension- Mayor Morrissey met with MHA & will schedule meeting with Minister.

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Boat launch & Calm Hole Rd- Councillor Snow to contact Environmental Assessment. Deferred

Asset Management-Clerk reported all assets being itemized and will be forwarded to MNL.
Mayor Morrissey, Deputy Mayor Hurley along with clerk to compile data.

Walking Trail lighting- Pending Light & Power installation. Defer.

Remuneration 4th Quarter Distributed

6B. Committee Reports

Bay de Grave- No report available.

Joint Councils- Mayor Morrissey reported will present Transportation letter again.

Skate Park - No report.Phase 1 finished. Application for Phase 2 sent.

Garden- No report.Application sent.

Seniors Committee- No report.

Animal Control- No report.

Dog Park- No report, covered under Covid 19 Stimulus Program.

Recreation Committee- No report.

OHS Committee- No incidents reported.

7. Financial Reporting Policy and Procedures

Balance Sheet & Income Statement along with Expense Statement were provided for Council.
Financial Transaction Summary November General Ledger Cash outflow / inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council.

Total deposited \$133,490.23 includes MCW \$108,783.90 receipt# 15622-15652.

Total payable \$131,569.06.Cheque # 1561-1576. Closing Balance \$53,722.98.

Accounts Payable Ledger to November 30, 2020 was provided for Councils' review.

Motion 2020 -1874- Elsie Morrissey / Brian Hurley

Resolved that Operating accounts payable in the amount of \$469.80 be approved for payment.
All in Favor Motion Carried

Grants Income Statement along with Expense Statement were provided for Council.
Financial Transaction Summary to November 30, 2020 Grants Ledger Cash outflow /inflow reports and financial statement reviewed by council.

Total deposit \$0 Total payable \$0.No cheques issued. Closing Balance \$24,205.78.

Tax Adjustments/Write Offs to November 30, 2020 No Adjustments

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Tax Dollar Arrears to November 30, 2020.

Detailed aged accounts receivables were provided for the information and review of Council.

Total outstanding to 2020 taxes \$334,355.78 .Collections percentage at 86%.

7:40 P.M Mayor Morrissey declared a privileged meeting to address Boones Lane.

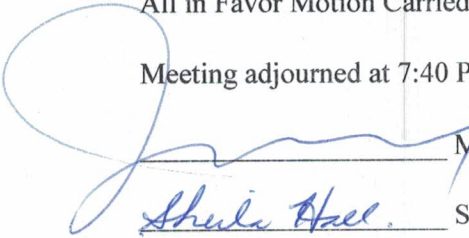
Adjournment

Motion 2020 –1875– Blair Hurley / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting
January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.



Mayor Joanne Morrissey



Sheila Hall, Town Clerk/Administrator

The clerk excused herself and left the building at 7:40 P.M.

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7:45 P.M. Privileged meeting to address the last item on the agenda. Boones Lane.

In Attendance: Mayor Joanne Morrissey, Deputy Mayor Blair Hurley
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There was a lengthy discussion around an issue concerning Boone's Lane and the boundary line of property on that lane.

Mayor Morrissey advised that she was contacted by a resident on Boone's Lane and that he had expressed his dissatisfaction with the construction of a fence on the opposite side of the road from his property and that in his opinion it was outside of the residents' boundary line. He also thought that snow clearing would pose a problem for him getting out of his driveway and that he wanted council to step in and resolve the issue by re-establishing the boundary lines.

Mayor Morrissey stated that she explained to the resident that it was discussed at November's meeting and in Council's opinion it is a matter to be resolved by the concerned residents. Also discussed was the fact that the Mayor has been advised by Municipal Affairs that this is a civil issue and should be resolved by the residents concerned. Municipal Affairs advised the Mayor that they had just previously discussed the same issue with Councillor Patrick Mackey and advised him the same.

Mayor Morrissey also stated she contacted the snow contractor Mr. John Hayes to see if this fence would pose a problem for snow clearing on Boones Lane, his response was "no it would not". After much discussion for and against doing a survey to re-establish the boundary line, a motion was brought forward;

Motion 2020 –1876– Patrick Mackey / Dwight Snow

Resolved that the town establish the boundary on Boones Lane.

In Favor: Councillor Patrick Mackey

Councillor Dwight Snow

Councillor Kelly Hall

Against: Deputy Mayor Blair Hurley

Councillor Brian Hurley

Councillor Elsie Morrissey

Mayor Joanne Morrissey

3 in Favor

4 Against

Motion Defeated

Mayor Morrissey asked that this be recorded in the minutes for present and future reference.

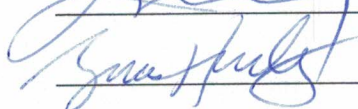
Adjournment

Motion 2020 –1877– Blair Hurley / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that this Privileged meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

 Mayor Joanne Morrissey
 Councillor Brian Hurley