

Town of North River Special Meeting Minutes October 25, 2021
Held in Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Attendance: Councillors Joanne Morrissey, Blair Hurley, Kelly Hall, Elsie Morrissey, Dwight Snow & Ryan Gates
Also in attendance: Sheila Hall Town Clerk/Administrator/ Returning Officer

Returning Officer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
After a Judicial Recount Brian Hurley was officially sworn in and took the Oath of Office.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Election of Mayor

Brian Hurley nominated Kelly Hall for Mayor. Seconded by Ryan Gates.
Kelly Hall declined the nomination.

Kelly Hall nominated Blair Hurley for Mayor. Seconded by Elsie Morrissey.
Blair Hurley declined the nomination.

Joanne Morrissey nominated Ryan Gates for Mayor. Seconded by Elsie Morrissey.
Ryan Gates accepted the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, Ryan Gates was declared acclaimed Mayor.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Election of Deputy Mayor

Kelly Hall nominated Blair Hurley for Deputy Mayor. Seconded by Elsie Morrissey.
Blair Hurley accepted the nomination.

Brian Hurley nominated Kelly Hall for Deputy Mayor. Seconded by Elsie Morrissey.
Kelly Hall declined the nomination.

Ryan Gates nominated Dwight Snow for Deputy Mayor. Seconded by Kelly Hall.
Dwight Snow declined the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, Blair Hurley was declared acclaimed Deputy Mayor.

The town clerk then turned the floor over to Mayor Ryan Gates

Agenda

Motion 2021 –1994– Blair Hurley / Dwight Snow

Resolved that the agenda for October 25th be adopted as circulated.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Business Arising:

Appointment of Signing Officers

Motion 2021 –1995– Dwight Snow / Kelly Hall

Resolved that the signing officers be Mayor Ryan Gates, Deputy Mayor Blair Hurley and Town Clerk/Administrator Sheila Hall.

All in Favor Motion Carried

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Mayor Gates updated members on Public Health Measures Guidelines to be followed.

Bonfire Night, Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Walk combined. Friday, Nov. 5

Pumpkin Drop off @ 6:00-6:45 PM Pumpkin Treat Walk @ 7:00 PM Bonfire @ 7:00 PM

Loot bags here at council building and \$2.00 ticket sales for Make a Wish or Pumpkin Walk

Mayor Gates will contact Make a Wish. Discussion on bonfire area outside the field area fence.

Motion 2021 –1996– Dwight Snow / Kelly Hall

Resolved that Mayor Gates proceed with Bonfire Night, Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Walk combined. Friday, Nov. 5

Pumpkin Drop off @ 6:00-6:45 PM Pumpkin Treat Walk @ 7:00 PM Bonfire @ 7:00 PM

All in Favor Motion Carried

Environmental Assessment Decision Calm Hole-Councillor Hall and Councillor Snow had checked and found permanent signage is required and that culvert can be replaced but would have to close Calm Hole. After discussion members agreed that this issue be deferred.

87A North River Road-

Deputy Mayor Hurley provided the following response after snow clearing contractor site visit.

Currently no place to turn around at the end of the road as there is a grassy embankment there. A turn around spot could be made if Council wishes to remove grass and level out area.

As for turning around in the homeowner's driveway, this is not possible unless you go right down to his house. Contractor is not comfortable in doing this.

Mayor Gates suggested he approach resident and obtain list of terms wanted.

After some discussion it was determined that small turn area suggested by contractor is sufficient

Deputy Mayor Hurley will schedule another visit with resident and contractor to review proposal.

If acceptable proceed as project was previously approved October 2020 under Gas Tax

Water issues on Snows and Burseys Roads require grading to make passable and possibly two culverts. Noted resident willing to contribute portion of expense. Councillor Snow will contact Concord and report back. Water issues on Newells Road dog park area is pooling needs to be sloped. Deputy Mayor Hurley will contact G & J for quote, as contractor is working in the area.

Christmas concert December 12-

Mayor Gates updated members as reported back to council by Friday October 15 email.

Decision on proceeding was split three in favor with three against due to COVID safety concerns.

“I have a small business (Dis'Guys MAscots and Costumes) which will sponsor the event.

Meaning, no cost to the town if that is your primary concern. Also, I will not take any profits if there are any. It can go right back into the rec fund for future events. A no financial risk event to the town, all ages, Christmas event like no other. By sponsoring the event, Dis'Guys would also send Santa, the Grinch and Olaf and Elsa from Frozen to the event for the kids.”

Discussion around Public Health Guidelines. School capacity and recent COVID outbreaks in Central. Noted if resident wanted to sponsor event that is entirely up to them. Deferred to Nov 2

Adjournment

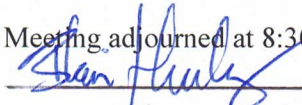
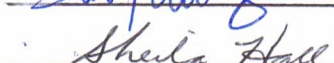
Motion 2021 –1997– Kelly Hall / Elsie Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of council be adjourned until the next regular meeting

November 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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