

Town of North River Meeting Minutes April 4, 2023
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Brian Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, Kelly Hall, John Newell and Dwight Snow
Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator
Absent: Councilor Elsie Morrissey

Mayor Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:59PM

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2023 – 2162– Councilors J Morrissey/Hall

Resolved that the agenda for the April 4, 2023, meeting be adopted with the following additions;

Memorial

Road condition in Municipal Boundary Extension

Hobby Farm Regulations

Maintenance Worker

Request from 44 North River Road

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023- 2163 –DM Hurley/Councilor Snow

Resolved minutes of the March 6, 2023, meeting be adopted as circulated. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Business Arising:

The agenda for the upcoming Municipal Symposium is now available. Councilor Snow is interested in attending.

Councilor J Morrissey has been doing some research for the proposed memorial. She requested Council form a committee to work on the proposal.

Motion 2023- 2164 –DM Hurley/Councilor Snow

Resolved that a committee be established to work on the proposed memorial consisting of Councilor J Morrissey – Chair, along with DM Hurley and Councilors Hall and Snow.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

The Clerk made note of ongoing work to address the water/drainage issue on Madengail Lane. Following council's meeting with a representative from the Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure, it was decided that the council would get another opinion that would pose a long-term solution to the ongoing issue. The clerk has contacted Meridian Engineering.

New Business:

Dog Park – signage and bins to be installed once the maintenance worker returns.

Hobby Farm Regulations – Clerk to send out samples for review.

Motion 2023- 2165 –DM Hurley/Councilor Snow

Resolved that the outside maintenance worker to start back to work on May 1, 2023.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Mayor Hurley presented a quote to have large rocks placed at the pond/Martin's bridge to eliminate campers from setting up in the area. The area is a popular spot for swimming, boating and sea-dooing. It was agreed that the location is ideal for such recreational activities. Council to look at adding picnic tables and possible fixed BBQ for families to enjoy.

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Motion 2023- 2166 –DM Hurley/Councilor J Morrissey

Resolved that council accept the quote provided and have rocks placed to eliminate camper parking.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Councilor Newell spoke to the condition of the section of Snows Pond Road which now lies within the Municipal Boundary. The Clerk noted that she had received a call from a resident who damaged their car due to the potholes. Clerk to write letter to Department of Transportation and request a meeting with the minister regarding paving in North River. Clerk to check with the Dept of Highways, Bay Roberts for updates on grading road.

Mayor Hurley left the meeting at 7:35PM due to conflict of interest.

A request was presented from residents of 44 North River Road requesting that the town clean up ditch and have culverts installed along the access road to All Hallows School/Field or reimburse residents for the installation in the form of a tax credit. The resident cited safety concerns as well as the accumulation of garbage. Installation of culverts would allow the resident to build up their property without the ditch foundering in. It was noted that the biggest issue is with the lack of drainage due to the silt blocked culvert across North River Road.

The council noted the ditch referenced was widened and left open to allow the free flow of water. The ditch was then lined with blasted rock, to keep ditch from eroding, as the flow of water is very heavy at times.

Motion 2023-2067 Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the request for 44 North River Road be denied. The council is of the opinion that the open ditch is doing its job as intended. The council does not see a safety concern in the matter and believes that the installation of culverts could cause more harm. The council did recognize the issue with the heavily silted culvert going across the main road and will consult with the Department of Transportations and Works to have the issue addressed.

All in Favor 4 (Councilors Snow, Newell, Hall and J Morrissey), Opposed; 1 (DM Hurley), Motion Carried
Mayor Hurley returned to the meeting at 7:49PM

Development Applications:

Request for demolition permit. Council confirmed permit was not needed for demolition.

Correspondence for Information:

17 Dr Whelan's Road
Municipal Affairs
NL Hydro
Municipal Assessment Agency

Clean up
MOG & Gas Tax Accountability & Exemptions
Take Charge NL Grant
Update

Write 15 Dr. Whelan's Road
File
File
File

Committee Reports

Bay de Grave – Councilor Snow spoke to the recent discussion had on expanding services.

The Firefighters Ball on May 6, 2023

Motion: 2023-2068 Councilors Hall/J Morrissey

Resolved that the council advertise in the Firefighters booklet and purchase tickets for members of council who are interested in attending.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Joint Councils – Zoom meeting took place March 30, 2023.

Animal Control –. The clerk reported that a dog had been seized and the owner fined. The dog has since been returned to its owner.

Occupational Health Safety – Nothing to report.

Bills

Motion 2023 –2169 –Councilors Snow/J Morrissey

Resolved that the bills be paid as presented.

All in Favor Motion Carried

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Councilor Hall suggested the council establish a finance committee to ensure accountability.

Motion 2023 -2170 -Councilors Hall/Snow

Resolved that a finance committee be established with Mayor Hurley as Chair, along with DM Hurley and Councilor J Morrissey.

All in Favor Motion Carried

The clerk noted the towns GIC has reached maturity and questioned the council's plans to renew.

Motion 2023-2171 -Councilors Snow/J Morrissey

Resolved that council reinvested the GIC on terms of 13 months at 4.6%.

All in Favor Motion Carried

The council entered into a privileged meeting at 8:17PM to review disclosure statement forms.
The privileged meeting ended at 8:23PM.

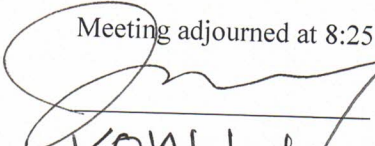
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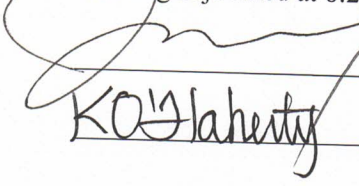
Motion 2023 -2172 - Councilors Snow/J Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.

All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

 Mayor Brian Hurley

 Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator