

Town of North River Meeting Minutes June 6, 2023
Town Council Chambers 43 North River Road, North River, NL

In Person Attendance: Mayor Hurley, DM Blair Hurley, Councilors' Joanne Morrissey, Elsie Morrissey, Kelly Hall, John Newell, and Dwight Snow

Also Present: Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator, James Cummings, Patrick Mackey, David Wicks, Kathy Mahoney, Jennifer Whalen, Cheryl Edmunds, Cyril Newell, Amanda Morgan, Sylvia McCabe, Kayla Higdon, Jenelle Snow, Stacey Peddle, Victoria Hawe, Brian Cummings, Boyd Snow, Amy Snow, Shelly & Gary Kett.

Agenda and Minutes:

Motion 2023 – 2196– Councilors Hall/ Snow

Resolved that the agenda for the June 6, 2023, meeting be adopted with the following additions.

Riverside Road

Minutes from get together on May 29, 2023

Cutting of Grass

Town Signs

North River Road

Volunteers

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Motion 2023-2197 – Councilors J Morrissey/Snow

Resolved that the minutes of May 2, 2023 meeting of council be adopted. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

As requested by Mayor Hurley, minutes from the May 29, 2023 gathering of council/clerk to review documents were circulated for review.

Motion 2023-2198 – Councilors Hall/E Morrissey

Resolved that the minutes of the May 29, 2023 gathering to review documents be adopted. No errors or omissions.

All in Favor, Motion Carried

Delegation:

Kathy Mahoney and Jennifer Whalen addressed Council regarding Councils decision to install barrier rocks at popular swimming/camping area located in Snows Pond Road. The following questions were submitted to council.

What was the motion put forward? Who put the motion forward, who seconded it? What was the outcome of the vote?

What were the complaints that have been made and the dates of said complaints. Were they made by members of the town of North River? If not, why would the town council be concerned about any complaint made by someone not from North River about something that falls outside of the Municipal Boundary?

As Martins is outside of the Municipal Boundaries why is the town council spending taxpayer's money to do any kind of work on land they don't own. Is this not a misappropriation of taxpayer's funds and who now is responsible for the restitution of these funds.

Isn't it a violation of the public tenders act not to have advertised this work and just given the job to a specified person to complete?

Was all required permitting acquired for this from crown lands?

We have been advised by a member of council of a possible day swim park in the works of being constructed in there, how can this be possible if the town does not own the land?

Has a plan been purposed for said swim park and if no is it available for towns people to view?

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Will the swim park have the following:

Wheelchair accessibility

Washroom facilities

Running water

Garbage cans and someone to keep garbage cleaned up and garbage's changed.

A designated boat launch.

A designated swim area so boats and swimmers don't get too close.

Is the town planning to maintain the road to get to the swim park?

Has the town looked into the cost of insurance that will be required?

Is it not a conflict of interest for council members that own property in the area to want to do any work in that area/ I.e.: increasing their own property values by using taxpayer funds completing work in the area. Shouldn't any council member owning land in the area automatically be exempt from having a vote on any of this? (Brain and Blair Hurley specifically).

What are the repercussions if people do move the rocks that have been placed in there? Who do we have to answer to?

Wasn't this tried once before and fought against. Didn't Jack McCabe get grandfathered in to be able to camp there and all fencing that was placed have to be removed.

Business Arising:

Canada Day – 50+ club submitted a proposal for Canada Day events in conjunction with the Town.

Motion 2023-2199 – Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that council join with the 50+ club for Canada Day activities should an agreement be reached by both groups. All in favor, Motion carried.

Councilors Snow and Hall to sit on committee to explore options/plan.

Tree removal on Newell's Road – Clerk reported that she met with Gus French. It was not within his means to remove the tree and suggest the town contact Arbotech.

Clerk to obtain quote from Arbotech.

The council discussed liability and responsibility. Further investigation is required.

15 Dr Whalen's Road – Clerk to follow up.

Madengail Lane – Clerk and members of Council met with an Engineer from Meridian Engineering to discuss flooding/draining issues in the area. Engineer to review and submit options to proceed.

Canada Summer Jobs – now closed. Council to meet Thursday, June 15, 2023, to review.

Community Clean Up – June 24, 2023, from 10am until 12pm. Gloves and bags will be provided. Hot dogs/burgers and refreshments will be served,

New Business:

The fence at the community garden needs repairs. Council and students to complete repairs/paint.

Soil for garden

Motion 2023-2200 – Councilors Snow/J Morrissey

Resolved that the town purchase 1 load of triple mix from Hobbs for community garden.

All in favor, Motion carried.

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Garbage at Calm Hole (Bottom Path). Pictures were sent out regarding shingles that had been dumped off in the area. The only access is by bike with trailer. Councilor Hall was approached by a resident to offer assistance with clean up and the town to look after having materials brought to dump. Councilor Snow said he would make contact with resident.

David Wicks was in council's gallery and offered his dump trailer to assist with clean up. He advised he has a permit for Robin Hood Bay and could take care of disposal.

Councilor Newell brought up an invoice for work completed on Riverside Road in 2021. Work was completed by Riverside Excavating and paid for by a resident. Council later reimbursed the resident. It was questioned whether council could account for all materials said to be used on the road as the road needs repairs/to be built up again.

Motion 2023-2201 – Councilors Newell/ Hall

Resolved that any work to be done on council roads is to be done by Council. Council will hire a contractor to complete the work and pay the contractor directly.

All in favor, Motion carried

DM Hurley spoke on community events and working with local high school students in need of volunteer hours to graduate. Clerk to reach out to school and advertise.

Recently, work was completed on another section of Riverside Road. The clerk advised the council that she has received a call from a resident who said a section of road on Riverside Road was undermined. The resident advised that they had received a permit from Water Resources to complete the work. After investigating, Council believed the road was not undermined and if it was, the concern should have been brought forward for council to address. The Clerk requested a copy of the permit from Water Resources but did not receive it. The clerk proceeded to contact Water Resources for confirmation but was told no permit had been issued.

Motion 2023-2202 – Councilors Newell/ E Morrissey

Resolved that a Stop Work Order be issued to 6-12 Riverside Road.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Clerk noted that Maintenance person asked for update on bedding around town signs. Unable to get in contact or get quotes for rock work. Clerk to try and contact Mr. Kennedy in Brigus.

Mr. Wicks advised of a gentleman in South River who has done work for him previously. Clerk to contact.

Clerk to follow up with letter sent to Dept. of Transportation Minister to meet.

Motion 2023-2205 DM Hurley/ Councilor Hall

Resolved that the rocks at The pond that feeds the brook (Martins Pond) be relocated to the edge of the bank with space between them to allow access to the property and pond, while council investigates further. Council will consult the community with any future plans for the area.

5/2 (Mayor Hurley, Councilor J Morrissey)

Carried

Development Applications:

7-9 Dr. Whelan's Road – House – Clerk advised Council that she followed up with the owner after the last council meeting. The owner is requesting approval in principle, prior to having the land surveyed. The approval in principle will stipulate the conditions the owner has to meet for a permit and would also give him the opportunity to proceed with survey, septic design and ordering material knowing the conditions needing to be met.

After discussion the council requested that the clerk pull the permit issued for the light industrial garage to review any conditions it may have been issued with. Council to revisit.

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Motion 2023-2203 – Councilors Snow/Hall

Resolved that the application for 19 Dr Whalen's Road – storage garage, be approved.
All in favor, Motion carried.

Correspondence for Information:

Anna Myers	Draft Development Regs/Plan & Invoice	Get dates to meet
Municipal Assessment Agency	New Assessor	File
16 Newell's Road	Request to paint lines on tennis court	Motion
Municipal Assessment Agency	Update	File
Digital Government, Service NL	Notice of Complaint	Revisit Hobby Farm Regs
Dept of Trans and Infrastructure	Ice Control Materials 2023/2024 and SSSP	Same as last year
PMA	Municipal Administrator Award	File
6 Efford's Road	Tree Removal	Council to investigate

Motion 2023-2204 Councilors Hall/Snow

Resolved that 16 Newell's Road proceed with line painting on tennis court at own expense.
All in Favor, Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Bay de Grave – Dept. still considering expanding service area. Meeting to further discuss.
Joint Councils – Last meeting cancelled. Nest in-person meeting being held in Clarkes Beach on June 29 at 7PM
Animal Control – Clerk to investigate whether new regulations were adopted last year.
Occupational Health Safety – Nothing to report.

Bills

Motion 2023 –2206 –Councilors E Morrissey/DM Hurley

Resolved that the bills be paid as presented with the addition of invoice from A.M. Group Limited
For work completed to date on Town Plan/Regulations update.
All in Favor Motion Carried

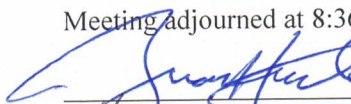
Mayor Hurley asked for an update on the accounting system. The clerk reported that she has met with Hurbert Burden and has been working on getting things in order. Council to provide list to clerk of items to be included in financial report.

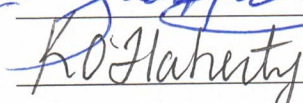
Adjournment

Motion 2023 –2207 – Councilors Snow/E Morrissey

Resolved that this meeting of the council be adjourned until the next regular meeting July 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers, 43 North River Road.
All in Favor Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

 Mayor Brian Hurley

 Katie O'Flaherty - Town Clerk/Administrator

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