

Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
Video Conference and Village Boardroom
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Attendance: Nancy Hatch, Commission Vice Chair; Jo-Ann Grant, Commissioner; Michael Heisler, Commissioner, arrived 7:26 pm; Martin Hiltz, Commissioner; Dennis Egyedy, Clerk Treasurer; Maxine Veinot, Recording Secretary; Everett Hiltz, Fire Chief (via Zoom)

Regrets: Bill Nauss, Commission Chair

Public Gallery –Deputy Chief William Zinck Jr.; Deputy Chief Cody Stevens; Jane Wentzell

1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chair Hatch called the April 14, 2021, regular monthly meeting , via Zoom video conference, of the Village of Chester Commission to order at 7:04 pm.

2.0 Public Forum

Jane Wentzell – Present to discuss Item 6b – Beautification.

3.0 Review/Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

6c – Chester Garden Club Public Consultation – St. Stephen’s Hall

8d – Request for Decision – Election & APM dates

MOTION #21-039: Commissioner Hiltz; Commissioner Grant seconded:

The approval of the agenda with the following additions:

6c Chester Garden Club Public Consultation

8d Election & APM Schedule

Unanimously Carried

4.0 Review/Approval of Minutes

a) Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

MOTION #21-040: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the Minutes of March 10, 2021 Regular Monthly meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Audit Committee Meeting, March 15, 2021

MOTION #21-041: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Hatch seconded:

The approval of the Minutes of March 15, 2021 Audit Committee meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 7, 2021

MOTION #21-042: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:
The approval of the Minutes of April 7, 2021 COW meeting as presented.

Unanimously Carried

5.0 Business Arising

a) Chester Municipal Heritage Society

MOTION #21-043: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of \$7000 assistance to the Chester Municipal Heritage Society for Canada Day events with funding from Celebration account #5582, pending approval of the village 2021/22 budget.

Unanimously Carried

b) Chester Art Centre

MOTION #21-044: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of \$500 assistance to the Chester Art Centre to host a street art festival this summer with funding from Celebration account #5582, pending approval of the village 2021/22 budget.

Unanimously Carried

c) Chester Playhouse

MOTION #21-045: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of \$500 assistance to the Chester Playhouse for the building restoration project with funding from Celebration account #5582, pending approval of the village 2021/22 budget.

Unanimously Carried

d) Firehall Design Committee

MOTION #21-046: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Grant seconded:

To establish a Committee to design a new firehall with the following committee members; Bob Youden, Jane Raeburn, Nancy Hatch, Everett Hiltz, Bill Zinck Jr., Cody Stevens.

Unanimously Carried

6.0 Correspondence

a) Minister of Municipal Affairs, Brendan Maguire

A letter of introduction was received from the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Brendan Maguire. Minister Maguire noted that he will be making bi-weekly open video calls and travelling around the province to meet with as many communities as possible.

Clerk/Treasurer Egyedy was advised to acknowledge the Minister's offer to meet in person during his travels. Secondly, he should note that Bill Nauss is the village Chairperson and we are interested in participating in the open video calls.

b) Beautification, Jane Wentzell

A discussion was held on cleaning up after dogs. Ms. Wentzell expressed concern that there are too many neglectful pet owners not cleaning up after their dogs. She requested that the Village contact MOC to enforce their Dog By-law #140.

The Clerk/Treasurer will include an article on pet feces in the next newsletter. Visitors and residents must be responsible for their pets. The municipality will be requested to include information on pets in the municipal insight.

Chester Garden Club Public Consultation

Chester Garden club is having their Annual meeting April 19, St. Stephen's Hall with discussion on the redesign of parade square. If you would like to attend, please email Heather Hennigar to reserve your seat as there are only 25 places available.

7.0 Reports

a) Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reported that swimming pool wall reconstruction is scheduled to start in April or May. The cost is about \$45,000 to repair each section and funds are available in the budget. The commission would like to meet with Mr. Mason to discuss future repairs to the pool wall.

MOTION #21-047: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve the reconstruction of the interior wall at the Lido pool with Mason construction at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Unanimously Carried

Egyedy stated that swim lessons will commence on Monday, June 28th to August 27th, 2021. The Lido washrooms will be opened on May 1st with regular cleaning. Terry Delong monitoring garbage overflow and Freda beach. Terry has requested \$150.00 per month for his duties.

MOTION #21-048: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

The approval of the Clerk Treasurer's report as presented.

Unanimously Carried

b) Financial Statement/Bank Transactions – March 2021

Clerk Treasurer Egyedy reviewed the financial statements, cheque log and bank transactions for March 2021. Commissioner Hatch asked where is the HST rebate shown in comparative income statement. Egyedy will review the concern and reply.

MOTION #21-049: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

To approve the Financial Statements and Cheque Log for March 2021 as presented.

Unanimously Carried

c) Fire Chief

Chief Hiltz reported fifteen (15) emergency dispatches: six (6) fires, one (1) motor vehicle collision, one (1) rescue, and seven (7) alarms. Virtual meetings and social distance training continue. Hiltz thanked the commission for allowing the fire department to participate in the fire services contract and other related affairs.

MOTION #21-050: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Heisler seconded:

To approve the Fire Chief's verbal report as presented.

Unanimously Carried

8.0 New/Other Business

a) Request for Decision – Lobster Made Easy

Commissioner Hatch presented several concerns such as parking in the area, garbage, water, wastewater, power, and a wooden building, not a food truck. There were other concerns expressed by the commission which included serving lobster rolls and hamburgers, not just ice cream.

There was discussion on a one-year term agreement; however, no details were provided on an agreement. Clerk/Treasurer Egyedy stated that if there were any problems with the business such as garbage and maintenance, he would immediately notify the operators.

MOTION #21-051: Commissioner Hiltz moved; Commissioner Grant, seconded:

To approve the request from "Lobster Made Easy" to setup a shop near the Lido Pool under the condition that the structure be a wooden building, and they provide their own water, and power.

Carried

Recorded vote:

In Favour: Commissioner Grant, Commissioner Hiltz, Commissioner Heisler

Opposed: Commissioner Hatch

b) Request for Decision – Jib Lot Posts

An estimate was received from Elaine Collicutt & Sons to install two metal posts with a concrete base at the Jib Lot between the fence gates. The cost of the project would be \$235.00 plus HST. Commissioner Hiltz stated that Bill Zinck offered to do the job at no cost to the village. Hiltz and Zinck agreed that the job would be completed prior to May 1st, 2021.

MOTION #21-052: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

To approve the installation of two metal posts with a concrete base at the Jib Lot gate entrance with work completed by Bill Zinck Jr. at no charge.

Unanimously Carried

d) Request for Decision – Election and Annual Public Meeting

Clerk/Treasurer Egyedy presented the commission with proposed dates for the village elections and Annual Public meeting. The APM is set by the MGA and elections are according to our Election By-law, section 2(g). There are two commissioners up for election, Commissioner Grant and Hatch.

MOTION #21-053: Commissioner Heisler moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

To approve the Election and Annual Public meeting dates as follows:

- Nomination Day, Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 – 9:00am to 5:00pm
- Annual Public Meeting, Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 – 6:30pm
- Advance Election Poll, Saturday, June 5th, 2021 – 11:00am to 7:00pm
- Election Day Poll, Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 – 9:00am to 7:00pm

Unanimously Carried

c) In Camera – Fire Services Agreement

MOTION #21-054: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

To move In Camera at 8:40 pm, in reference to the Fire Services Agreement with invites: Clerk Treasurer, Egyedy; Chief Everett Hiltz; Deputy Chief Bill Zinck; and Deputy Chief Cody Stevens.

Unanimously Carried

A five-minute break was declared before starting the In Camera.

MOTION #21-055: Commissioner Grant moved; Commissioner Hiltz seconded:

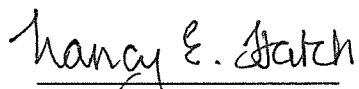
To move "Out of In Camera" at 9:06 pm.

Unanimously Carried

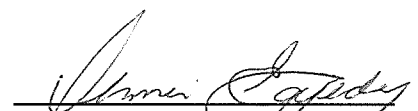
9.0 Adjournment

Next Regular Monthly Meeting – May 12, 2021 – 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the April 14, 2021 meeting at 9:07 pm.



Nancy Hatch
Commission Vice Chair



Dennis Egyedy, BPA, AMCT
Clerk Treasurer