

Minutes
MPHA Executive Meeting May 5, 2022
7:00 PM

By video conference

Present: Marc Pallard, Jerry Arenovich, Lori Collins, Adam King, Kate Collins, Al McMillan, Craig Wicks, Al Duchesne (joined late)

Regrets: none

1. Agenda - approved
2. Approval of minutes from 03 February 2022 - moved by Craig Wicks, seconded by Marc Pallard
3. Review of action items
 - J. Arenovich to repair garbage shed door; L. Collins to paint. Jerry and Lori to coordinate this work this spring; Craig to assist.
 - Road widening due to be checked on by Jerry, and there was a plan for additional snow removal to address but this was not necessary due to an improvement in the weather.

ACTION: Jerry, Lori, and Craig to repair garbage shed.

4. Financial report (A. Duchesne)

Highlights from last year:

- Road Maintenance was ~\$600 over budget due to more stump removal than planned; there was no grading done and less brush clearing. We spent twice our snow removal budget (~\$6k vs \$3k), but spent slightly less on sanding and labour. Still, we were over budget in overall Snow Removal by ~\$2,300. Overall spending was \$2,942.43 over budget.
- Motion to accept the financials from Marc Pallard, seconded by Lori Collins.

Budget 2022-23

- Road maintenance budget is less this year since we don't expect any stump removal. Budget item for snow removal is higher for upcoming year to try to plan for increased fuel charges and snow removal.
 - It was noted that Membership fees have been higher in the past decade, so we could justify an increase if we require additional funding to account for the rising cost of many things, especially fuel.
 - Motion to approve by Jerry Arenovich, seconded by Al McMillan.
5. Road (report from R. Harry, comments from B. Mullaney)
 - **Potholes:** thanks to Bernie and John for keeping the road in good shape by addressing potholes before they become problematic. Jerry suggested that we continue the practice of having loads of gravel placed strategically along the road so someone can use it for pothole filling. Adam noted that we should still plan for grading of the road in the next few years, despite the pothole filling. There was discussion about how to best thank John and Bernie for their roadwork; most

agreed that \$100 gift cards for fuel would be an appropriate gesture. Craig motioned for approval, Adam seconded.

- **Gravel:** Colin has indicated that he used the same gravel last summer as in previous years, but residents feel that it is too sharp. This year we need to ensure we have 3/4 inch Class A gravel unless the cost is prohibitive, and we should have it applied soon so that it can be packed down before snow removal season.
- **Culverts:** there are a few that need to be replaced or addressed (by Sunset Lane, by Lot 34, and a few more).
- **Contract:** Lori asked at which point we should review and look for quotes from other road maintenance vendors. Jerry suggested that we run 3-4 year contracts for winter maintenance as well as summer maintenance.

ACTION: Jerry to contact Richard, Colin, Bernie and John to coordinate an inspection of the culverts/sinkholes.

ACTION: Jerry to coordinate getting the gravel down ASAP so it will have time to get compacted before the winter plowing season. Will also ask Colin for a grading forecast.

ACTION: Talk about road maintenance contract at the AGM.

ACTION: Al Duchesne to purchase gift cards for John and Bernie for fuel, \$100 each, and coordinate delivery with Jerry. Al to file under 'Donations' and add this to the budget for next year.

ACTION: Craig to look into the Fire Department donation and what is being done with it.

6. New Business

- **Bell FibreOp schedule:** It's being installed now. If members want to know when they will be serviced they can call Bell.
- **O'Leary's participation in Parklands:** The owners of the property on Parklands Rd that is outside the gate, the O'Leary's, had requested and were granted permission to use our garbage shed. There was discussion around potential benefits for the O'Leary's and MPHA members of having the O'Learys in MPHA; it was ultimately decided that there was no need. They can use the garbage shed and we will keep them updated on any maintenance they can participate in, or changes to the garbage schedule.
- **AGM**
 - Format & location: We will try for a hybrid format, preferably at the Legion, where there is more room. Firehall space is quite tight, might discourage people from coming.
 - Tentative date - June 18, 11:00 a.m.
 - We will not provide snacks, for budgetary and social distancing reasons. People can bring what they wish in their travel mugs.

ACTION - Al McMillan to confirm cost, availability and suitability of the Legion.

- **New executive members?**
 - We have a President and Secretary, need a VP/President-elect to take over in two years. Executive members at large Al McMillan and Marc Pallard are willing to step down or stay as needed. Al McMillan will be VP/Pres-elect if needed. Jerry stays

as Past Pres, Lori is leaving. Craig had left the meeting, but Jerry will find out his wishes. Jerry will also ask Richard Harry if he wishes to remain as Road Liaison.

ACTION - Jerry to contact Craig and Richard about their plans.

ACTION - Lori will inform membership about AGM plans once Al has firmed up the Legion, and put out a call for fresh blood on the executive.

7. Next meeting - will be the AGM. Anything that comes up in the meantime can happen by email.

8. Adjournment at ~8:45 p.m. Moved by Lori, seconded by Al M.