

MPHA Executive Meeting - Special Business - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Location: 236 Radcliffe Dr. Halifax, NS

Attendance: In person: Adam Goudey, Devin Young, Richard Harry, Lori Collins, Al Duchense, Jerry Arenovich. By Teleconference: Theresa Tomilson

Special Business: To address/ discuss concerns raised with main gate locking procedures, as presented through email from members: *Judy Murray and Bernie Mullaney, Heather Macleod- Gesner, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

1. Call to order by Adam Goudey
2. Main Gate :
  - a. Review and discussion of: concerns presented in the email re gate locking /unlocking with regards to safety, emergency response measures in place with the NRRFD and EMS, Directors Insurance policy, the question of RCMP Patrol.
  - b. Discussion of previous request by lot owner in 2015 to keep gate unlocked due to medical reasons. This request was presented to members through a private email vote and granted for the 2015 season only. Gate locking procedures reverted back to standard seasonal closing effective Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
  - c. Discussion: Concerns were raised about the manner in which this situation (email) was presented and expressed. Executive members agreed that this matter needs to be handled respectfully, appropriately and fairly in keeping with the interests of all MPHA members.
  - d. Review of email responses: Twelve responses to keep the gate unlocked.
  - e. Suggestions presented:
    - i. The need to verify clear and thorough information with regards to EMS procedures currently in place before responding to members was acknowledged.
    - ii. Lock box installation at the gate was presented as an additional entry option should this be determined as a feasible option. The issue that a code would still be needed and could be given out

indiscriminately was brought up as a potential problem, but the box would give owners an additional option to key entry as a solution to the concern expressed in the email around emergency crews not necessarily having the appropriate cutting equipment to cut the lock.

#### Action Plan:

1. Executive in agreement with keeping the gate locked as per standard seasonal procedure; as decided June 2016 MPHA AGM. Agreement among the executive members to table the matter of requesting a full vote on gate locking/ unlocking preference among members until the AGM of June 2017.
  2. Research options as an intermediate compromise to address concerns and to ensure the safety for all members as the main priority.
  3. Ensure that every service provider who needs a key has one and make it as easy as possible for emergency services to enter without hindrance.
  4. Research to do: Call NRRFD and 911 services to present/discuss the feasibility of a lock box to ascertain if this is a good plan B option - Al Duchense to call.
  5. Jerry Arenovich has a lock box he will supply charge free of charge with the exception of any gate mounting hardware required - which he will look into. He could have box in place by next week - Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, if this is a feasible option.
  6. Director's insurance policy to be reviewed to ensure adequate coverage is in place. Theresa will call. Devin will also consult with lawyer associates as well, for their feedback.
  7. Directors will share the information they gather by email and collectively draft a response to the email to send to all members with action plan/ decisions.
- Minutes of last meeting approved with amendments. Devin to supply amended copy of minutes - Theresa to contact Dave Campbell to post on website.

- Adjournment?