

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held at the Municipality of Colchester Council Chambers on October 30, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Present: Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs
Councillor Eric Boutilier

Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Laurie Sandeson, Citizen Representative

Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor / Consultant

Regrets: Mayor Christine Blair
Greg Chisholm, Area Manager, NSTIR
Carl Esau, Manager, Land Protection, Department of Agriculture
Don Mattinson, Cobequid Salmon Association
Kriss Sarson, Regional Engineer, NS Environment

Approval of Agenda: An agenda was prepared and circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on September 18, 2018 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

"That the Minutes from the meeting on September 18, 2018 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: As a result of CN's site visits, they will not be proceeding with any clean up on both the Salmon River and Brookfield sites, so both have been removed from the current project list.

New Applications: Logan:

- Drainage system (old waterway) between two properties; pipe collapsing and wooden catch basins deteriorating
- Other property owner is a County staff member
- Site visit completed by Rod – Ron & Lloyd to visit site
- Still requires a survey
- Doesn't require NSE Approval
- Cost estimate \$7,500

As the current Small Flood Reduction Projects Policy is not clear on what is considered a flood project, the Committee may want to consider updating the Policy to differentiate between flooding and storm water management issues.

**Osprey Future Trail –
Village of Bible Hill:**

A future trail at the end of Osprey Court was discussed at the last meeting pending the Village of Bible Hill's decision on cost sharing. Michelle confirmed that the Village is willing to cost share 50% of the estimated \$30,000 costs. This project will be added to the project list and could be completed this fiscal year pending weather conditions. If not, the project will be moved to 2019/20.

Moved by: Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

“That the Flood Advisory Committee complete the Osprey Future Trail project with 50/50 cost sharing with the Village of Bible Hill.”

Motion carried.

**Review of Projects for
2018/19:**

Carter:

- NSE approval expires December 2018; Rod to send request for extension
- Staff to send letter to determine if family wants to proceed with project next year

Baxter:

- Send request to have TIR review site

Farnham Brook:

- Project completed under budget

Hilden Fire Hall:

- NSE approval expires December 2018; Rod to send request for extension
- Site visit still required
- Schedule for 2019/20

Jaworski:

- Cost estimates remain at \$5,000
- NSE approval expires December 2018
- Staff to send letter to property owners requesting a decision on whether or not to proceed with renewal by December 1st

Portapique Cemetery:

- Cost estimate still accurate at \$60,000
- Rod to schedule site visit with Alden Knight & Ian Sinclair before Committee decides to proceed
- If Committee decides to proceed, send another letter for funding request

Weatherbee:

- Cost estimate increased from \$3,000 to \$7,500
- Property owner to sign new cost sharing agreement with updated cost estimates

Moved by: Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That the Flood Advisory Committee approve the increase in budget from \$3,000 to \$7,500 for the Weatherbee property.”

Motion carried.

Sproule:

- Work complete
- Unknown if Owner is seeking cost sharing contribution

Franklin:

- NSE approval expires December 2018; Rod to send request for extension
- Scope of work involves reconstruction of channel and 1000 feet bank stabilization
- Previously had provincial funding but no approval
- Apply for funding next fiscal and Committee to decide how to proceed

MacAskill:

- Rod to schedule site visit in two weeks

Taylor:

- No approval required
- Complete next week pending weather conditions

Photo's from site visits will be shown at future meetings when reviewing the project list.

Status of Budget:

Total project costs to date is \$23,510 with \$6,900 of this to be recovered from property owners. Total budget for 2018/19 is \$100,000.

Status of Payments from Property Owners:

The Comeau/Upham property outstanding amount is now \$855.78 with the interest applied as per policy. It will continue to accrue interest and a lien will remain on the property until paid in full. An updated invoice was sent with letter of updated amounts.

The other four properties were included under the one-year payment plan and should have been paid in full by March 2018. Interest will continue to accrue on these accounts. No payments have been received from Meyer or Mattatall. Liens will also remain on these properties.

The Committee may want to explore a deposit approach when reviewing the policy for possible revisions.

New Business: None.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Crystal Deuville,
Recording Secretary