

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in the Library on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Present:

Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Councillor Mike Cooper
Mayor Christine Blair
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative

Dan Troke, CAO
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Paul Smith, Director of Community Development
Colin Forsyth, Development Officer

Regrets:

Councillor Lisa Patton
Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Hank Kolstee and seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the agenda be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Robert Monk

“That the Minutes from the meeting on August 12, 2024 be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None.

Planning Implications, Flood Projects:

Paul Smith and Colin Forsyth provided an overview of the current Land Use Bylaw (LUB), planned future revisions, and historical information including:

- Flood Damage Reduction Agreement implemented in 1988 and incorporated into the current LUB
- Current LUB only includes central Colchester area
- Future revisions include land use planning for all areas
- In 1994 – Town and County implemented a cut and fill program to allow development without reducing existing flood storage capacity
- In 2022, the current LUB was adopted
- Flood Risk Study identified additional flood zones in 2016

Discussion was held on the importance of collaborating with the planning department to identify flood plain areas to ensure that any flood remediation projects are within the guidelines of the LUB. Development permits within the currently identified zoned areas are required for works such as berms and fill and will be reviewed and issued by Colin prior to any work being scheduled.

Further discussion was held on previous projects being completed within flood plain areas/riparian zones without approvals from planning. Michelle to discuss with Paul and Colin regarding the types of work the Committee can take on given the current LUB regulations and flood plain/riparian zones.

Additional discussions are required around possible modifications to the flood advisory program, including types of work which can be taken on, risk and liabilities and possible options for a grant program.

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That a staff member from planning be invited as a representative on this Committee.” Motion carried.

New Applications:

Hillvale Drive – Bucci:

- Rod to schedule a site visit

Review of Projects for 2024/25:

The following updates were made to the project list:

Highway 311, North River (Sani):

- Work scheduled to be complete next couple of weeks

Farnham Road (Fenerty):

- Remaining top soil and seeding to be put on hold pending legal advice due to berm construction in riparian zone

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Robert Monk

“That legal advice be sought for this property and then a letter be sent to the owner.” Motion carried.

MacLand Drive, Onslow:

- Release form and note left with Smith to contact the office
- Fred still to sign a release
- Culverts are on site

Wharf Road, Great Village (Hudson):

- Discuss with owner to confirm proceeding with work

Branch Road, Onslow Mountain (Stone):

- Discussed at last meeting for Committee to provide % funding
- Does not meet policy
- NSPW culvert issue – no updates

Onslow Mountain Road (Drainage), Belmont:

- No response from NSPW – currently a year wait list for culvert replacements

Mountain Lee Road (Drainage), North River:

- Release form still outstanding from one property owner

Lower Harmony Road, Harmony (Roost):

- Work complete

Spruce Drive, Salmon River (Shipley):

- Release forms signed
- Work scheduled for this week

Mountain Lee Road, North River (Morrison):

- Work complete

College Road, Valley (Woodbury):

- Site visit required

Chestnut Court, Salmon River (Parker):

- Site visit complete
- Scope - replacement of stormwater pipe – approx. 80 ft
- Cost estimate \$6,000

Moved by Robert Monk and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the Committee proceed with the Parker project up to a maximum of \$6,000.” Motion carried.

Truro Road, North River (Terry):

- Site visit required

Old Salmon River School Walkway:

- Work complete

**Election and Future
Committee Members:**

Advertisements will be sent out in October for external citizen reps for all Committees. Council reps to be selected by the Nominating Committee in November.

New Business:

A request was made for the County to reach out to the Town to schedule a Joint Flood Advisory Committee meeting in regard to the Oxbow project. The County has reached out numerous times with no success. Dan to follow up with the Town again.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2024 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers pending Committee appointments.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting adjourn at 10:50 am.” Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary