

HALIFAX WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 20, 2007

PRESENT: Dr. Wayne Stobo, Chair
Ms. Ellinor Williams
Mr. Walter Regan
Dr. Barry Thomas
Mr. Derrill Hynick
Mr. Nathaniel Smith
Mr. Ross Evans
Mr. David Ripley
Councillor Mary Wile

STAFF: Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6: 30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - May 16, 2007

Dr. Stobo referenced the second paragraph on page 5 and requested the wording be changed to “failure of aqua slurries is a concern” rather than “successful containment”.

MOVED by Walter Regan, seconded by Nathaniel Smith, that the minutes, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.1 Fall River Water Resources Study

C A copy of the work plan summary for the above noted, was circulated to the Board.

Ms. Attab Erfan and Ms. Elizabeth Kennedy, Jacques Whitford, made a presentation to the Board with respect to Study.

Following the discussion and clarification by members of the Board, Dr. Stobo thanked the presenters on behalf of the Board and requested a copy of the report once complete.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Dr. Stobo noted Alton Gas is proposing to hollow out salt caverns in order to store gas and it was agreed to add this item to the July agenda.

It was agreed that a copy of reports regarding the Moose River Gold Mine be circulated to members of the Board.

5. DEFERRED AND STATUS SHEET ITEMS

5.1 Wind Turbine Siting in Watersheds

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

5.2 Septic Tanks

Dr. Stobo suggested the origin portion of the report be shortened and then in the background take what is currently in the origin and also include the information on the

number of septic systems in HRM and also that HRM needs to be aware that some of the families may or may not be able to cover the expenditure of upgrading the systems.

Mr. Hynick noted it is included in the Regional Plan and Dr. Stobo suggested this would also go in the background.

Dr. Stobo suggested the recommendations also include that as part and parcel of the sale of a house, the septic system needs to be checked and, if upgrading is required, it will be a condition of the sale.

5.3 Open Space Guidelines

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Case 00929: Plan Amendment to Permit an Autobody Shop by Development Agreement, Sackville Drive

- A copy of the draft report was before the Board.

The following amendments/changes were made to the report:

1. Recommendation #1 - A period would be placed at the end of the word "habitat". Permits would start a new sentence which would read "Permits for this would have to be obtained from the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour".
2. Recommendation # 2 - The words "and/or crusher dust" would be removed.
3. Recommendation #3 - The words "zone along the watercourse" would be added after the word "buffer".
4. Recommendation #4 - The words 'zone along the watercourse' be added after the word buffer in the first sentence and the word "sewer" be replaced by "drainage" in the last line of the paragraph.
5. Recommendation #5 - The recommendation be reworded to state "If basement storage for vehicles and parts is included in this development, an oil/grit separator should be provided to filter any effluents from the basement".
6. Recommendation #6 - No change.

7. Recommendation #7 - No change.
8. Recommendation #8 - No change.
9. Recommendation #9 - The recommendation to be reworded to state "If a central sewage system is to be installed in this area, development should be delayed until central sewage is available"
10. Add a recommendation #10 which states " If the building is to be heated by oil, the oil tank should be fully contained to protect against spills.

7. **ADDED ITEMS**

7.1 **Fall River Water Resources Study**

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 3)

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2007.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Legislative Assistant