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Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 9th, 2017

Present:	Deputy Mayor Councillors	Viola Parsons Gordon Barnes Helen Harris Tina Crocker Horace Crocker Nelson Barnes
Also, Present:	Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk	Lorraine Barnes Tanya Rogers
Absent:	Mayor	Gloria Barnes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Resolution 17-167

Barnes N/Barnes G

Motion to adopt the agenda with additions:

1. Under Financial Report August #1

Town

- Wiltondale Lumber \$ 48.30

2. Under General Business

- Beach Fires
- Lindsay & Pam
- Maintenance Man Supplies
- Holidays

3. Under Permits

- Freddie Parsons

In favor: 5

Absent: Crocker T

Resolution 17-168

Crocker H/Crocker T

Motion to adopt minutes for July 12th and July 28th

In favor: 5

Absent: Crocker T

Business Arising from Minutes

- Councillor Horace Crocker had a question regarding if there was a letter sent to hydro asking what they meant by “close proximity” No letter was requested to be done. Council feels a letter should be sent for future references

Fire Department

- Fire Chief was notified regarding first aid being done in town on the August 14th
- No fires have occurred
- No regular meetings have occurred

Councillor Tina Crocker Arrived at 7:25p.m.

Public Works

Water/Sewer

- Councillor Gordon Barnes asked if any of the residents that had their water turned off was in to get reconnected. Town Clerk have spoken to two but no reconnection has been done
- Water pressure is low into Tina and Dennis Crocker's (Have Brandon check into this)
- Water has been shut off down on Fisher Drive due to leaking. Harbour Authority has been notified

Garbage

- Old Wrecks has been removed as of July 17th, we now need to clean up the pit Councillor Horace Crocker suggested to have a tractor to go up and spread ground over the entire pit.
- Councillor Gordon Barnes asked why the old dump wasn't crushed and the owner Tony Gill was coming to get it within two weeks. Council feels that if 2 weeks' time he has not come a picked this dump truck up and the Town have it towed and invoice Tony Gill.
- Garbage being thrown out on Adams Road.

Roads

- Council feels that with the amount of complaints from Residents regarding the state of the forestry road there should be a letter forwarded to Forestry for clarification on when this road will be fixed up for a usable state
- Council request that a letter be sent to Parks Canada regarding a fix up with the cattle crossing

Permits

1. Grace Nichols - Permit for demolition of existing shed and to build a new shed 8 feet by 8 feet at 176 Main Street

Council feels that this is a simple request.

Resolution 17-169

Crocker H/ Barnes G

Motion to approve Grace Nichols's permit with the following restriction: Retain 6 feet in distance away from boundary lines

In favor: 6

Resolution 17-170

Crocker T/Harris H

Motion for Councillor Horace Crocker to leave due to conflict of interest

In favor: 5

Abstained: Crocker H

Councillor Horace Crocker departed

2. Alex Crocker – Permit for an extension, 12 feet by 50 feet by 32 feet by 20 feet (Single Story) onto an existing barn at 106 F Old Highway

Council feels that Development Regulations need to be looked at before issuing this permit. Council deferred until next meeting.

3. Janet White – Permit for demolition and to build a 2 storey Cabin/House at 209 Main Street

- Council discussed this matter and feels that this need to be sent to Service NL

Councillor Horace Crocker returned.

Resolution 17-171

Crocker T/Barnes G

Motion for Viola Parsons to leave due to conflict of interest.

In favor 5

Abstained Viola Parsons

Deputy Mayor Viola Parsons departs. Councillor Gordon Barnes takes chair.

4. Keith Parsons – permit for bridge extension

Resolution 17-172

Crocker T/Harris H

Motion to approve Keith Parson's permit to replace bridge at 31 A Mountain Drive.

All in favor

5. Freddie Parsons – permit for demolition of old bridge and to build new replacement.

Resolution 17-173

Crocker T/Harris H

Motion to approve Freddie Parson's permit to replace his bridge with one 8x20

All in favor

Deputy Mayor Viola Parsons returns and resumes chair.

Stop Work Order

Council requested that the Town Clerk contact Kimberly Halfyard regarding a recent Stop Work Order issued by Service NL for an update.

Financial Report

Council briefly discussed the potential for Trout River residents to benefit financially from Cruise Ships stopping in Trout River.

Resolution 17-174

Crocker T/Harris H

Motion to pay August #1

All in favor

Resolution 17-175

Barnes G/Barnes N

Motion for Councillors Tina Crocker and Helen Harris to leave due to conflict of interest.

All in favor

Resolution 17-176

Barnes N/Barnes G

Motion to pay August #2

All in favor

Councillor Helen Harris returned.

Resolution 17-177

Crocker H/Barnes N

Motion to pay August #3

All in favor

Councillor Tina Crocker returned.

Committee Reports

Heritage Committee

Liaison Tina Crocker reported the Heritage Bang Belly Festival went well.

Recreation Committee

No meeting occurred this month

Correspondence

Trails – A trails systems evaluator sent an email inquiry into Trout River's need for his services. Council discussed the need to obtain permission from landowners for continued access to community trails. Trail improvements and plans for upgrading were covered.

Zoning – A resident’s request for the Town to put in a zoning change application to Service NL was discussed.

Resolution 17-178

Crocker T/Harris H

Motion to rezone.

In favor: 5

Opposed: Horace Crocker

Community Clean Up Day – Heritage has received \$500 grant for community clean up to take place in September.

Heritage NL issued a contract for a grant to renovate Jacob A. Crocker House; Town needs guarantee of partial payouts before signing.

Children’s Wish Foundation – The organization expressed their gratitude for the Town’s donation of \$100.

Tax exemption – Town Clerk read a correspondence letter from a business owner; this resident who formerly was in business asked that the Town adjust his account to reflect the fact that he is no longer running that business.

Resolution 17-179

Crocker T/Barnes G

Motion to do an exemption of business tax

All in favor

General Business

Annual Convention to be held in Corner Brook November 1st-4th

Resolution 17-180

Crocker H/Barnes G

Motion to send the Town Clerk plus a Councillor

In favor: 5

Abstained: Viola Parsons

Student for Town of Trout River

Council discussed the need to apply for more student funding for the Town.

Carried forward to next meeting

Sign for Town Entry

Discussion of the need for a professional looking sign to mark the Town’s entrance.

Carried forward to next meeting.

Lift Station #3

Discussion on the need to protect the panel from saltwater spray and the elements.

Resolution 17-181

Harris H/Barnes N

Motion to make a shelter around Lift Station #3

All in favor

Did You Know?

Council discussed continuing to use this forum to let residents know about important Town issues.

First Aid Training

Resolution 17-182

Crocker T/Crocker H

Motion to send both Town Clerks for training

In favor: 5

Abstained: Viola Parsons

Route 431 Pit

Council would like to see the area cleaned up and prevent further garbage and vehicles from being dumped there.

Deputy Mayor Viola stepped down as Chair. Councillor Gordon Barnes takes chair. **

Discussion ensues.

Deputy Mayor Viola Barnes resumes Chair.

Memory Chairs

Location of chairs thus far: Wayfinding Point, Eastern Point, Anglican Church. Council discussed adding another location.

Resolution 17-183

Barnes G/Barnes N

Motion to put the finished chairs out.

All in favor

Lapel Pins

Resolution 17-184

Crocker T/Barnes N

Motion to order 1000 pins

All in favor

Signs

Council discussed the need for dead end signs, another yield sign, school zone signs and the Hillcrest Road sign to be put back up. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact Anthony Blanchard for these items and to have the running deck on the bridge repaired.

Elections

Resolution 17-185

Harris H/Barnes N

Motion to not hold an advanced poll

In favor 5

Against: Horace Crocker

Resolution 17-186

Crocker T/Crocker H

Motion to have August 30th, 2017 be Nomination Day from 8am-8pm.

All in favor

Elections will take place on September 26th, 2017 from 8am-8pm

Boardwalk

Discussion held a discussion regarding the weak spots along the boardwalk that need immediate temporary fixes. Council instructed Town Clerks to contact C. Barnes for a cost estimate for short term and long term renovation costs.

Beach Fires

A resident approached Councillor Helen Harris with complaints regarding beach fires encroaching upon grassy areas and fires being left unattended.

Lindsay's Permit

Council discussed the issue with a resident doing work that was not specific to his approved permit. Town Clerk(s) instructed to send a letter to this resident asking them to apply for separate permit before proceeding with any other new property development. The importance of Public Works checking on sites to ensure compliance with original permit applications was stressed.

Maintenance Man Supplies

Town Clerk instructed to let Brandon know he can purchase saw blades and remind him that for necessary items under \$500, the maintenance man does not need to wait until the next monthly meeting to order.

Holidays

Town Clerk Lorraine Barnes requested to have October 4th, 5th, 6th off.

Resolution 17-187

Crocker H/Barnes N

Motion to give Lorraine Barnes October 4th, 5th, and 6th off.

In favor: 6

Abstained: Viola Parsons

September regular monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, 2017.

Resolution 17-188

Barnes N/Crocker T

Motion to adjourn

All in favor

Approved On: _____

Signed: _____

Position: _____