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Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 13, 2017 at 7 PM

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Resolution 17-108

Parsons V/ Barnes G

Motion to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

Add Delegate: Wade White

1. Under Roads
 - Ditch up the Feeder
2. Under General Business
 - Parks Canada
 - Clinic
 - Come Home Year
3. Under Permits
 - Darrell & Cheryl Ezekiel
 - Shawn Barnes
 - Grace Nichols
 - Thomas Sheppard
4. Under Financial Report (Town) #1
 - Shears Building Supplies \$910.48
 - Randy Walsh Electrical \$425.50
 - Gros Morne Safety Services \$300.15
 - SaltWire Network Inc. (The Western Star) \$387.88
 - Martin's Transportation \$103.50
5. Under Financial Report (Town) #4
 - Brandon Harris \$300.00
6. Under Financial Report (Town) #5
 - C.Barnes Excavating \$17, 825.00

All in favor (7)

Delegate Wade White called in at 7:10 p.m.

Regarding a permit Mr. White had already approved by the Town prior to 2017 regulations going forward for Service NL requirements (to open a craft store). Anthony Blanchard had told him to fix up his craft store where it was currently. Council felt this was too close to the boardwalk. He was told that if the Town of Trout River forced him to go by Service NL guidelines that stated all buildings must be 10.5

metres from the Department of Highways road, then all the stores, homes, sheds along this section would be in violation. Should he choose to open his craft store within the 10.5 m he could not hold the Department of Highways responsible in case of an accident and would therefore need to have adequate insurance coverage. Mr. White stated he had already made major changes to the windows, door sizes, flooring and paint because of the new rules and safety regulations. He simply wanted the Town's permission to open the craft store. Mr. Blanchard told him Service NL and Department of Transportation had nothing to do with opening craft stores.

Mayor asked if any of the Council Members had questions for Mr. White. Council thanked Mr. White for taking the time to explain his situation. Delegate departed at 7:23pm

Resolution 17-109

Crocker H/ Barnes N

Motion to let Wade White go ahead with opening his craft store where he originally intended it, with the stipulation that he will be responsible for his own parking and insurance AND any new development/Change of Occupancy from the Craft Store would have to be addressed by Council once again for approval.

All in favor

Resolution 17-110

Parsons V/ Barnes N

Motion to adopt the minutes of May 09, 2017 and May 22, 2017.

Councillor Viola Parsons questioned Resolution 17/101. Clerk and Mayor confirmed that the motion did carry and dishwasher is being paid for. Councillor Horace Crocker asked whether the Anthony Blanchard had been contacted for the school signs. Town Clerk responded Mr. Blanchard had been emailed regarding this. Councillors asked about the renovations being done by maintenance man Brandon Harris to the Jacob A. Crocker House and Trout River Interpretation Building. They preferred these buildings be ready for the July openings. Boardwalk has been tipping in some places, suggesting more remediation work may need to be done soon. Councillor Horace Crocker asked if liability insurance was on the truck when it was driven to where it would be disposed of. Town Clerk Lorraine Barnes confirmed the insurance was on the truck up until the plates came off it after Councillor Nelson Barnes took it to its destination. Both Councillors Horace Crocker and Gordon Barnes expressed their feelings that the Town should have been able to sell the old truck; the Town could have made some money on it. Horace Crocker mentioned that in the future, when holding a public auction, the notification should have a closing time/date on the announcement form. The 209 Main Street building was sold on Friday June 9th 2017 for a total of \$3600 to Janet White. Mayor Gloria Barnes asked if there were any other questions regarding the minutes or if they should be approved?

All in favor (7)

Fire Department

- Nothing to report from the fire department liaison. Next regular fire department meeting is scheduled for July. There were fire inspections done for Heather Brake and Tracey Langdon by Alex Hann through Fire Services. The youth AED unit was received.

Water/Sewer

Water line was fixed. There had been leaking under the cage. Pressure has been restored to residents suffering from low water pressure. Councillor Gordon Barnes stated that the main line, where it went into the T was damaged and had been leaking awhile. A resident's curb stop is leaking but that resident has had their water cut off due to tax arrears. Councillor Horace Crocker mentioned that up on the Hillcrest Road, the pavement had been all broken due to vandalism (children were throwing junk into the field), but that Department of Highways had put some cold patch on it. Water tank inspection due; Council will speak on topic alone later on in meeting.

Garbage

The garbage truck broke down, went back to Deer Lake for repairs, came back and finished its route later Tuesday (June 13th 2017) afternoon. There were two vehicles in the Pit that could be taken with the old wrecks. Another vehicle had been dropped off on Edwin Langdon's property. Town Clerk Lorraine Barnes suggested the town pay for it to be removed. Garbage in the pit, such as a trailer chassis, metal pieces and other things thrown over the bank need to be cleaned up. There was a brief argument over whether or not biodegradable items were truly garbage. Several councillors noted litter being thrown from cars onto the roadways. Council decided there should be a policy for fining people regarding littering and for the Town Clerks to look into this. The old board left behind the shed of the Council building was accumulating. Councillor Gordon Barnes offered to remove this. All Council Members were in agreement with Councillor Gordon Barnes removing the old board from behind the Council Building.

Roads

Cold patch has been put in the potholes. Hillcrest is graded. The grader is too wide for Hann's Lane. Crushed stone has been ordered for Hann's Lane and Brandon will fix the holes.

Permits

1. Heather Brake

Lorraine issued the permit on Friday after Heather presented an Approval from Department of Transportation for Commercial Access from department of transportation

Resolution 17-111

Parsons V/Barnes N

Motion to approve Ocean Breeze B&B.

In favor: 6

Opposed: Horace Crocker

2. Corey Crocker

Corey presented Lorraine the bill of sales for the property listed as 126A Old Highway. Lorraine wanted the Council to consider that Ed Langdon's construction project will be putting units adjacent to this property and that there is a stipulation as to how many animals are allowed in a barn near a place of residence. Councillor Tina Crocker interjected that the area on the hill was originally designated for livestock and barns. Lorraine asked whether the environmental zone or water zone would be factors. Council responded the barn and property were not near either zone. Mayor Gloria Barnes stated there was a stipulation in the regulations regarding how many animal units could be contained in this structure.

Resolution 17-112

Parsons V/Harris H

Motion approved for Corey Crocker to build his barn (24 feet by 30 feet) with Stipulations from the Development Plan regarding livestock use on page 26 #45 and page 47 (Animal Unit)

All in favor

3. Darrell and Cheryl Ezekiel

Lorraine stated the names were changed on the MAA book.

Resolution 17-113

Barnes G/Parsons V

Motion to demolish old house and rebuild a new one 32 feet by 32 feet

All in favor

4. Bill and Angelica Brake

Resolution 17-114

Parsons V/Crocker T

Motion to approve Angelica and William Brake's permit application to build a garage onto their home along with bridges

All in favor

5. Mitch Brake

Resolution 17-115

Crocker T/ Parsons V

Motion to approve Mitch Brake's permit application to build an extension on his home 10 feet by 24 feet; with the following stipulations: 1. no digging into the hill 2. No interference on other property owners land.

All in favor

6. Marie Crocker

Resolution 17-116

Crocker H/Crocker T

Motion to approve Marie Crocker's permit to build a shed 24 feet by 30 feet

All in favor

7. Jennifer Hann

Mayor asked if Councillor Gordon Barnes had check the slopes issue and if it was situated in the Environmental Protection B area. Clerk, Mayor, and Councillors checked the map on the wall for reference. The Access Road requested by Jennifer Hann was leading up to this area. Council recommended that a letter be sent to Ms. Hann to inform her of this. Other residents who owned land in the environmental protection zone should be contacted to explain that they cannot sell, build, dig etc. on these properties.

8. Kayla Brake

A discussion around the table took place over boundary lines, and penalizing people over other's boundary lines. The permit seemed to have spacing of only 4 feet but permission was given by the other property owner.

Resolution 17-117

Barnes N/Crocker T

Motion to Approve Kayla Brake permit as she requested

All in favor

9. Darrell and Cheryl Ezekiel

Resolution 17-118

Parsons V/Crocker T

Motion to approve permit to build shed

All in favor

Resolution 17-119

Parsons V/Crocker T

Motion for Councillor Gordon Barnes to leave the room due to conflict of interest

All in favor

Councillor Gordon Barnes departed

10. Shawn Barnes

Resolution 17-120

Crocker H/Parsons V

Motion to approve Shawn Barnes permit to build a porch on his home

In favor: 6

Abstained: Gordon Barnes

Councillor Gordon Barnes returned

Resolution 17-121

Crocker H/Parsons V

Motion for Mayor Gloria Barnes to leave due to conflict

All in favor

Mayor Gloria Barnes departed

Deputy Mayor Viola Parsons took chair

11. Grace Nichols

Gordon pre-approved on Friday; Lorraine already issued the permit.

Resolution 17-122

Barnes G/Crocker T

Motion to approve Grace Nichol's permit to replace an existing bridge with a new one 8 feet by 10 feet

In favor: 6

Abstained: Mayor Gloria Barnes due to Niece of Grace

Mayor Gloria Barnes returned and resumed chair

12. Tomas Sheppard

Resolution 17-123

Crocker T/Parsons V

Motion to approve Tomas Sheppard's permit to build an extension of his Veranda on his home and to build a Sun Roof 16 feet by 12 feet

All in favor

Financial Reports

Resolution 17-124

Parsons V/Crocker T

Motion to pay June #1

All in favor

Resolution 17-125

Parsons V/Crocker T

Motion for Councillor Gordon Barnes to leave the room due to conflict of interest.

All in favor

Councillor Gordon Barnes departed

Resolution 17-126

Crocker H/ Crocker T

Motion to pay June #2

In favor 6

Abstained: Gordon Barnes

Councillor Gordon Barnes returned

Resolution 17-127

Parsons V/Crocker T

Motion for Councillor Helen Harris and Councillor Tina Crocker to leave the room due to conflict of interest.

All in favor

Councillor Helen Harris and Councillor Tina Crocker departed

Resolution 17-128

Parsons V/Barnes N

Motion to pay June#3

In favor 5

Abstained: H Harris & T Crocker

Councillor Tina Crocker returned

Resolution 17-129

Crocker T/Parsons V

Motion to pay June #4

In favor 6

Abstained: H Harris

Councillor Helen Harris returned

Resolution 17-130

Barnes G/Harris H

Motion for Mayor Gloria Barnes and Councillor Tina Crocker to leave the room due to conflict of interest

All in favor

Mayor Gloria Barnes and Councillor Tina Crocker departed

Deputy Mayor Viola Parsons took Chair

Resolution 17-131

V Parsons/N Barnes

Motion to pay June #5

In favor 5

Abstained: Gloria Barnes and Tina Crocker

Mayor Gloria Barnes and Councillor Tina Crocker returned

Mayor Gloria Barnes resumed Chair

Councillor Horace Crocker asked how the Town can charge taxes on property the Town doesn't own – specifically Industrial Marine.

Town Clerk Lorraine Barnes stated that any structure within the Town's boundaries can be charged \$250. Councillor Horace Crocker then asked if docks counted as structures?

The Town Clerk replied they technically could.

Councillor Horace Crocker asked what Beauty Salon referred to on the Financial Statements.

Clerk Lorraine Barnes replied that someone paid on their property and business tax at the same time (their business being a Beauty Salon).

Heritage

- A letter was read from Vice President of the Trout River Heritage Committee, on behalf of Molly Barnes requesting the position of curator not be posted.
- Council responded that this is a position that is normally posted annually and is something the Town expects, so it would be better to leave things the way they are normally done.
- Councillor Viola Parsons asked if it wasn't too late to post the position, since the buildings would need to be cleaned before the opening of the tourist season on July 1st.
- The other councillors agreed that it should be posted immediately on Facebook and throughout the community with a deadline of Friday June 16th at 5pm.
- Last year there was a concern regarding hours So Lorraine offered to do the scheduling for the curator and students hours so than we can avoid any concerns that Council has.
- It was decided that Councillors Helen Harris, Tina Crocker, and Gordon Barnes would be the hiring committee.
- The deadline for the student applicants was set for the 14th of June.
- At the time of the meeting 4 applied: Destiny, Chloe, Brandon Marshall and Jason
- Bang Belly will be held in August this year: August 3-5th.
- The Heritage Committee Liaison Tina Crocker pointed out that the Lower Viewpoint needed some repairs by July 1st.
- Councillor Gordon Barnes stated only two loads of crushed stone would do the job if Town Maintenance Man, Brandon Harris could remove the bricks first.
- Councillor Tina Crocker also added the RCMP will be attending the Canada Day Parade.

Resolution 17-132

Parsons V/Barnes G

Motion to have Brandon take the bricks up of the lower viewpoint and replace them with crushed stone.

To buy two loads of crush stone.

All in favor

Recreation

No meeting has occurred

Correspondence

1. Tony Howell wrote to Council to inform them The Rusty Jigger has new ownership:

Roger Hann, President;

Crista Crocker Hann, Director;

Neta Crocker, Director;

Howard Crocker, Director.

2. A Resident wrote to Council concerning roaming hens they believe belong to Gar and Christine.

They also had a concern about water flowing onto their property that could possibly be sewer water from the hill.

Town Council decided the hen matter should be settled between the parties involved. Councillors discussed the fact that old septic systems could be leaking from other properties; it was definitely not coming from the Town Water/Sewer line.

Resolution 17-133

Parsons V/Barnes G

Motion to write a letter to the Resident asking them to contact Gar & Christine regarding their hens and the Department of Environment about the water.

All in favor

3. Ina Burden wrote on behalf of her brother Hubert Brake regarding his outstanding bill.

Councillor Horace Crocker feels he is in conflict due to Hubert Brake being his brother in law

Resolution 17-134

V Parsons/T Crocker

Motion for Councillor Horace Crocker to leave the room due to conflict

All in favor

Councillor Horace Crocker departed

Council heard from the Town Clerk who stated she had left several messages with George at Social Services and Rita Wayson, but have not received a phone call back from either person. Town Clerk feels the amount owing seemed to stem from a balance back over 7 years.

Resolution 17-135

Crocker T/Barnes N

Motion to adjust his bill to \$200 and for a letter to be sent explaining Lorraine did not have the power to make these changes without Council's approval.

In favor 6

Abstained: H Crocker

Councillor Horace Crocker Returned

4. Lacey/Blair Barnes wrote to council to see if council would allow her and Blair to pay off their poll tax arrears by the end of 2017, since they have become joint owners with Stanley Barnes for 105B Main Street.

Councillor Gordon Barnes feels he is in conflict due to Blair being his nephew

Resolution 17-136

Crocker T/Barnes N

Motion for Councillor Gordon Barnes to leave the room due to conflict

All in favor

Councillor Gordon Barnes Departed

Councillors discussed the situation at hand.

Resolution 17-137

Harris H/Crocker T

Motion to have Blair and Lacey pay \$260.00 every 2 weeks to pay their outstanding bill with the Town. Both Lacey and Blair must sign a contract to pay the minimum payment required every two weeks. If Contract is broken than the Town will result in action with cutting of the water.

In favor: 6

Abstained: Gordon Barnes

Councillor Gordon Barnes Returned

Received letter from William and Linda Hann regarding sending 3 checks and only wants council to cash 1 because they want the road fixed up. They wrote in their letter that water and sewer lines are showing. They are not paying the balance until something is done with their road.

A letter should be sent back to William and Linda Hann. Council responded that Taxes are due by the end of June otherwise Cut offs will occur and we have purchased crush stone to fix up Hann’s Lane already.

Fisher Drive – Allen’s Fisheries being charged 18 Fisher Drive for Water and Sewer. Asking to remove sewer lines due too no sewer line hook up in building

Resolution 17-138

Crocker T/Harris H

Motion to make appropriate adjustments to remove sewer for the building 18 Fisher Drive

All in favor

Letter from Town Clerk Lorraine Barnes proposing for Office Hours change for a trial basis for July August and September. Monday to Thursday 8am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm And Friday 9am to 12 noon. Closed Friday afternoons.

Resolution 17-139

Crocker H/Crocker T

Motion to approve office hour’s change for a 3 month trial basis effective July 1st, ending September 30th.

In favor: 5

Abstained: Gloria Barnes & Viola Parsons due to conflict

General Business

1. 3 T’s Building

Decision to get insurance on building – Liability

Resolution 17-137

Parsons V/Crocker T

Motion to put insurance on the 3 T’s building and remove heater from the building

All in favor

2. 209 Building Demolition

- \$360.00 was received from Janet White for the 10% down on the Building with ther result of purchase being \$3600.00
- Purchase of Sale Agreement signed

3. Elections

Separate Mayor Election or a Full Council Election

- Council feels if they go separate for a mayor they may lose out on a good councillor.

- Councillor Horace feels the mayor should be selected by the community not amongst the Council

Resolution 17-140

Barnes Gordon/Parsons V

Motion to leave it as it is; Mayor being selected by Council

In Favor: 6

Opposed: Horace Crocker

Town Clerk Lorraine Barnes needs Oath of Secrecy signed by Commissioner of Oaths

4. Tutoring for the summer

Viola took Chair, Gloria speaks on behalf of tutoring for the summer

Mayor Gloria Barnes was approached by Ms. Williams from the school regarding that the school needs a building for summer tutoring. She is asking if the Community Hall or the Town Hall be used for Summer Tutoring. This will be funded through the government. Kids that are tutoring will be getting paid. This will happen July and August Months.

Resolution 17-141

Barnes Gordon/Barnes N

Motion to accommodate the students in any way that we can.

All in favor

Mayor resumed Chair

5. Old Wrecks

Ron Thomas will come to pick up old wrecks at the cost of \$50.00 per wreck plus tax. He can start on June 15th removing old wreck. Newco Metal will remove the old wrecks at no charge but the stipulation that all wrecks be placed in one site.

Council is thinking of the pit on route 431 but wondering if the crusher will be able to get down there.

Town Clerk will find that out and if they can will post this up to get vehicles moved to the site for Crushing.

Truck in the Pond by Edwin Langdon's will be left for last

6. Water Tank Inspection

Overdue for inspection

Discussion occurred amongst Council. Town Clerk will check out the Guidelines. Check to see if other Towns have their inspected.

7. Quotes for Ditching Feeder

Two Quotes was presented to Council for ditching.

1. C Barnes 300 metres ditching for \$1900.00 plus HST
2. Pikes Service Station \$1000.00 per day. Estimated to be 1 and ½ days.

Town already has culverts

Need to find out who owns the land which we are about to ditch on?

Deferred until next meeting

8. Reconnect water lines on Fisher Drive

Re-Connect water lines to Allen's Fisheries and Town Building on Fisher Drive

9. Beach Clean Up

Mrs. Pevie Contacted Town Clerk Lorraine Barnes regarding the Beach Clean Up. Asking if the Town would supply garbage bags and gloves to student kindergarten to grade 6 for an afternoon of clean up on the beach.

Also Town Clerk Lorraine has put in for a grant for community clean so then the Town can offer fruit/water for residents helping in the clean-up.

Resolution 17-142

Parsons V/Barnes N

Motion to buy the garbage bags and gloves for the beach clean up

All in favor

10. Boardwalk Discussion

Mayor Gloria Barnes, Councillor Gordon Barnes, Town Clerks Lorraine Barnes and Tanya Rogers attended a meeting on June 6th with Sonya Collier, Mark Tierney, Jason Young, Paul Taylor, Denise White and Cynthia Nicolle

11. Clinic

Carlson Way and Jason Rowsell met with Mayor Gloria Barnes, Gordon Barnes, Deputy Mayor Viola Parsons to discuss some issues with the clinic. They are interested in leasing the building. Need to adjust the bridge to code. Town is on board with a 5 year lease with Western Health.

12. Parks Canada

- Councillor Gordon Barnes asked what we can do regarding nothing being on this side.
- Can Trout River and Bonne Bay Councils get together and discuss major concerns regarding the Park and nothing being on this side.
- We are now losing 11 km of Green gardens Trail. They are taking from us and giving nothing back in return

13. Come Home Year

Money raised for multi-purpose building for the town. Why was the money used to buy a dishwasher for the Lion’s Hall? Lion’s Hall used by the Town as a multi-purpose building currently.

Schedule of next meeting: Wednesday July 12th, 2017

Resolution 17-143

Parsons V/Crocker T

Moved to adjourn meeting

All in favor

Approved on _____

Signed _____

Position _____