

# Executive Meeting Feb 5 2017

Brent's house 10:00 am

Attendance: Martin Isaac, Brent Shelest, Yvonne Laycock

Call to order: 10:05 Am

## **Boat Launch Discussion:**

The Board reviewed the proposal received from the Boat Launch Committee. Only two copies were provided, so Martin will scan and email to the Board, so all members can read it at their leisure.

The cost of the proposal is twice as much as the Board had been authorized to spend on the boat launch by the residents at the AGM in June of 2016.

Rather than waiting to get approval, it was decided that if we can, we proceed with getting the permits in, and if not approved at the AGM, then we can cancel our request with the R.M or WSA whichever group is holding the permits at that time.

Yvonne to contact Michele to confirm that submitting permits even though we don't have the authorization to spend the money yet is ok, and to find out the best, and fastest way to get an answer from the R.M-in order to proceed to WSA. Also, Yvonne to check if we need to address Council in person, or if an email is sufficient for requesting permission from Council.

The proposal indicates that the new boat launch will be located next to the existing one and is much longer than the old one. The Board isn't clear whether this will be considered a "replacement" or a "new build". However, it is the only proposal we have, so if it is ok to submit it without authorization for the money, we will do so.

Martin will take Yvonne's info out of the "who to contact" portion- since it is possible WSA won't reply until after the AGM, and there will be a new Board in place after that.

Yvonne will email Brent and Martin with Michele's answers next week.

## **Budget Discussion:**

Martin went through some numbers, and discussions were had about specific categories.

**GAR-** it was decided that now a year has gone with the garbage pick ups paid by individual lots instead of by community, we should ask at the AGM if we want to lock our garbage cans or keep the taxes the way they are. We didn't have a vote on this last year, we were going to wait a year and then see. The R.M is amending the bylaw to include compounds OR locks- yet to be posted.

**Power-** Martin to ask the R.M again about the power bill for the pump. We have always had a power bill of roughly \$1200/ year. The last three years have been around \$300. When Yvonne spoke to the R.M, and provided the meter number to Michele, we were told that the R.M has been paying for that meter. Then which meter are we paying for? We can't keep adding money to the budget for power if we are never getting a bill-and can't recoup money for the meter we have been covering...just a matter of time before they correct the billing and we get a huge bill. It must be addressed, not ignored any further.

**Ariens Tractor-** under insurance, a \$10 charge for a tractor we don't think is ours. Martin to ask the R.M- perhaps it was from another community and charged to us in error.

**Legal Fees-** We should discuss at the AGM that residents should not contact the lawyer directly, as we are being charged for every single email. If residents want to have a legal opinion, they should contact the Board first, and give us a chance to address the concern first. Also, maybe the lawyer shouldn't be answering questions from residents that have not contacted the board or the R.M first. Just like the R.M isn't supposed to answer questions on items before the Board.

**Grass Cutting-** Kirk's proposal for cutting grass was roughly \$5800... Kirk wants to be the one who decides when the grass needs cutting, and put in his proposal that fewer or more cuts than the 19 he was proposing may be required. This could amount to well over \$6000 for a job that previously had been around \$2000 plus gas and maintenance on the mower.

Residents who replied to our question of how much of the budget they wanted to see directed to grass cutting had various answers. The highest number was \$3600. If we have a 10 % leeway like the boat launch, that would be \$4000. All agreed that a fixed amount for grass cutting made sense, and \$4000 would be the number. If Kirk is agreeable, he can have the job. If Kirk doesn't want to accept that, then we will proceed with looking at options. Martin to draft the email to Kirk.

**Snow Clearing-** Tyler has cleared the snow two times this winter so far. Kirk had asked Yvonne about leaving the beach road for tobogganing. As the beach road is a public road and needs to be accessible for emergency vehicles, it does need to be cleared as the other roads within the Hamlet. Budget number to be \$1000. We have been lucky these last few years with the small amount of snow. Better to have extra in the budget than not enough.

**Boat Launch-** The cost will likely be higher, once Gst and Pst are added, and any extras that are not included, so Martin to put extra in the budget for that

**Flooding Assessment-** In the fall meeting, Ron said to leave the flooding problem with him and the committee. We have not had a proposal from that committee, so Martin will email and ask them if they have one, and to let them know that even if we have one there is no guarantee on what we can do with it, the R.M will have to decide.

**Budget Forms-** Yvonne to ask Michele again for the blank budget forms since they did not come with the paper copies of our financial pages, or the digital ones.

**Other comments-** Yvonne to submit the receipts for Photocopying submitted to Brent for the boat launch paperwork, and to remind Tyler we need his last invoice.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 am