

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: MAYOR GEORGE HARDING, DEPUTY MAYOR ALONZO (LONNIE) TOWNSEND, COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM, COUNCILLOR DAYLE ESHELBY, COUNCILLOR DAWN DEMINGS-TAYLOR, TOWN CLERK/TREASURER, JOYCE YOUNG AND RECORDING SECRETARY, JUNE HARDING

1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Harding at 6:00 p.m.

2. Silence Electronic Devices

All electronic devices were silenced.

3. Approval of Agenda

12-12-16-01

**It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.
Motion Passed**

4. Approval of previous minutes

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2016*

12-12-16-02

**It was duly moved and seconded that the Minutes from November 14, 2016
be approved.**

Motion Passed

5. Open Mic

Suzanne Crosby had several issues she wished to bring up to Council:

- (a) She finds the new sign at the Library annoying. Sue stated that the Library is only open 17.5 hours per week so people could be utilizing the parking space during off hours. She suggested that Council should rethink what the sign says.
- (b) There is someone burning garbage out across the causeway and she needs direction on who she should call to report this.
- (c) She wanted to know if the Play Park would be opened over the winter. Ocean Mist Cottages apparently have bookings for patrons with children over the Holidays and she wishes to be able to let them know if the Park will be available.
- (d) Sue also wanted to know the details of the New Year's Levee so she can pass the information on to her guests that will be staying over the New Year's holiday.

Suzanne said that she would wait for the meeting to end to get the answers to her questions.

6. Presentations

- *Presentation by John Davis, Director of the Clean Ocean Action Committee (Attached as Schedule "A")*

Mr. Davis made his presentation and was assured by Mayor Harding that Council will discuss the content and get back to him.

When asked what exactly Mr. Davis expects from Council he replied that he would like to have a letter of support written and they should check the contents of the letters from other Municipal Units that he included with the presentation.

Mr. Davis believes that the Province of Nova Scotia is enamoured with the thought of the royalty cheques rather than being concerned about the hazards to the ocean and the fishing grounds. The more specific Council can be with their letter the better he would like it.

Mr. Davis thanked Council for listening to his presentation.

7. Recommendations from Other Committees

- *Committee of the Whole November 28, 2016*
- *Letters to NSP, Eastlink and Bell Aliant*

12-12-16-03

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding writes letters to Nova Scotia Power (Emera), Eastlink and Bell Aliant requesting their help by bringing in a bucket truck to assist with the placement of lights on our Community Christmas tree for future years.

Motion Passed

- *Letter of thanks to the Lockeport & Area Minor Ball Association*

12-12-16-04

It was duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the Lockeport & Area Minor Ball Association expressing gratitude for their wonderful donation and assuring them that the money will be spent as they have requested. Council will also send a letter to Shelburne Woodworkers expressing gratitude for their donation of water jugs during our recent drought.

Motion Passed

- *Christmas letter from the Mayor*

12-12-16-05

It was duly moved and seconded that Mayor Harding write a Christmas letter to be sent out in householder mail to the residents of Lockeport and have it include information about the New Year's Levee.

Motion Passed

- *Posting Agendas on the Town Website*

12-12-16-06

It was duly moved and seconded that agendas for Regular Council Meetings, Special Council Meetings and Committee of the Whole Meetings be posted on the Town's website prior to the Meetings.

Motion Passed

8. Finance

- *2017/2018 Operating Budget for Property Valuation Services Corporation*

Information purposes only.

9. Other Business

- *Partnership Opportunities Dept. Of Energy Solar PV program*

12-12-16-07

It was duly moved and seconded that Council contact Aaron Long, Alternative Resource Energy Authority, (AREA's) Director of Business Services to arrange a time to discuss Partnership Opportunities further.

Motion Passed

Councillor Swimm asked Joyce to check with Scotian Windfields for an update regarding a proposed test tower to be erected on Town owned property in West Green Harbour.

- *Town Winter Parking Regulations*

There was a short discussion on Winter Parking bans versus the Winter Parking Regulations we now use. Councillor DeMings-Taylor requested that we be able to revisit this subject at a later date.

12-12-16-08

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Winter Parking Regulations for the period of December 1 to March 31 annually.

Motion Passed

- *Expense Allowance – Income Tax Purposes*

12-12-16-09

It was duly moved and seconded that “For the Calendar Year 2016, one-third of the total sum paid to each Councillor as salaries, or the remuneration, including all non-accountable expense money, shall be declared an allowance for expenses to be excluded from income under the Income Tax Act of Canada.

Motion Passed

- *Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association*

12-12-16-10

It was duly moved and seconded that Council provide a letter of support to the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association as requested in their letter.

Motion Passed

10. Council Reports

- *Deputy Mayor Alonzo Townsend*
 - *Western County Regional Library Report*

Deputy Mayor Townsend presented his report along with the September Meeting Minutes. Lonnie is concerned about the talk of cutbacks and closures in the future due to financial restraints. Council expressed the importance of libraries in the rural communities and it was suggested that Council can discuss increasing the Town of Lockeport annual contribution during budget deliberations next year.

Mayor Harding stated that he feels that students can do very well with the proper support and libraries are very valuable in every Community. The annual Adopt-A-Book Campaign was discussed. It was decided to make sure this event is better promoted to the public next year.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this evening.

12. Date of next Meeting

- *January 9, 2017*

13. “In Camera”

12-12-16-11

It was duly moved and seconded that the Committee go “In Camera” to discuss a legal issue. Time 7:20 p.m.

Motion Passed

The Committee returned to Regular session and following motion was made:

12-12-16-12

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Lockeport approve withdrawal of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne from membership in Roseway Manor Corporation and approve the amendment to the Instrument of Incorporation of Roseway Manor Corporation in accordance with the attached Resolution of Roseway Manor Corporation, duly approved on December 6, 2016.

Motion Passed

14. Adjournment

12-12-16-13

There being no further business to discuss it was duly moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Time 8:10 p.m.

Motion Passed

**George Harding,
Mayor**

**Joyce Young,
Town Clerk/Treasurer**