

Westwood Hills Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting
Minutes of May 30, 2019
Tantallon Public Library
7:00 – 8:30pm
APPROVED

Executive Present: **Dustin O’Leary** (President), **Nick Horne** (Vice-President), **Steve Nurse** (Treasurer), and **Julie Gratzner** (Secretary)

Directors: **Carol Grimmitt** (Director), **Melissa Nurse** (Director), **Justin Ells** (Director), **Richard O’Fegan** (Director), and **Nola Button** (Director)

Regrets: **Trevor Magarvey** (Director), **Penelope St. Laurent** (Director), **Shawn Beaulieu** (Director), **Francine Galloway** (Director), **Shawn Duggan** (Director), and **Virginia Boon** (Director)

Guests: **Ben Jessome** (MLA)

Westwood Hills residents in attendance:

Natalie Jay, Debbie Whyte and her husband

- 19.05.01** **Approval of Agenda**
Steve / Carol
- 19.05.02** **Welcome Address**
Dustin thanked all the Board members for all their dedication and hard work this year.
- 19.05.03** **Approval of the May 30, 2018 AGM Minutes**
MOTION to approve minutes as circulated
Nick / Melissa All approved Motion carried
- 19.05.04** **Matters Arising**
3.1 – Community Sign
Dustin and Justin reported that the new sign will be installed sometime in the summer after approval from the HRM.
- 3.2 – Scholarship Fund
Carol presented proposal as attached. Dustin provided a caveat indicating that the rules state that the Area Rate shouldn’t be given to individuals. There is a possibility to find alternative funding for it or discuss/work with HRM.
- Friendly amendment - to have the money go only to those who study in NS as long as their program is available in NS. Also should be a full-time student.
- MOTION to move forward with the idea as long as the results of HRM and the area rate don’t put any restrictions regarding this type of initiative.***
Natalie /Chris All approved Motion carried

19.05.05

Citizens on Patrol

Constable Houston joined us to talk about Citizens on Patrol. Tantallon has the largest CoP in NS. A volunteer member explained the program. Volunteers (two in a car) patrol the area morning, afternoon or evening. They patrol within the subdivision or public areas. If they observe anything unusual they call it in to the police. They have bike patrols, boat and walking patrols. Information to go up on the WWH website.

19.05.06

Election of Executive Committee for 2019-2020

MOTION to dissolve Executive for 2018-2019

Steve / Nola All approved Motion carried

Calls were made to the members in attendance for the positions of President, Vice, President, Treasurer and Secretary. **Dustin O’Leary** put his name forward as President. **Nick Horne** put his name forward as Vice-President. **Stephen Nurse** put his name forward as Treasurer. **Julie Gratzner** put her name forward as Secretary. No others volunteered for these positions.

MOTION to approve the Executive for 2019-2020 as Dustin O’Leary (President), Nick Horne (Vice-President), Stephen Nurse (Treasurer) and Julie Gratzner (Secretary)

Steve / Richard All approved Motion carried

Dustin O’Leary indicated that two of the Directors from the 2018-2019 Board will be stepping down – Nola Button and Francine Galloway. **Natalie Jay** and **Debbie Whyte** put their names forward to fill two positions as Directors within the Board. These were approved by acclamation. The continuing Director members are Trevor Magarvey, Penelope St. Laurent, Justin Ells, Shawn Beaulieu, Richard O’Fegan, and Carol Grimmitt

Four spots available

19.05.07

2018-2019 Budget Review and Approval

Steve reviewed the circulated budget (attached).

MOTION to approve the 2018-2019 WWHRA Budget as presented.

Nick / Carol All Approved Motion carried

19.05.08

Review of 2018-2019 Events and Initiatives

The residents of WWH participated in the following events this year: community yard sale; Canada Day celebrations; family skating; holiday food drive; carolling and tree lighting; fireworks for New Year’s Eve; movie nights; neighbourhood soccer and a Facebook live residents meeting.

The WWHRA on behalf of the WWH residents planned many of the events above and also tackled issues and initiatives including: the Neighbourhood Evacuation Plan and traffic calming.

19.05.09

Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan

Nola reported that the evacuation plan is ready to go if needed. All the information is on the WWHRA website.

19.05.10

Traffic Calming Update

Justin reported that there is a 25% reduction in speed when the signage is in place. We have one speed sign and will be purchasing a new one, which is an update version.

19.05.11

The Year Ahead 2019-2020

a. Outdoor Movies – 2017 we hosted 2 outdoor movie nights and they were well attended. In 2018 we hosted one outdoor movie and we participated in a shared one with Haliburton. Kids movies have more attendance however difficult when it doesn't get dark until late. Suggestion for Saturday Aug 24th. \$1500 limit.

MOTION for a movie night on Saturday August 24th with a \$1500 spending limit.

Richard / Carol All Approved Motion carried

b. Park / Recreational Space / Trail Development Planning – Nick gave an updated on the Community Garden project. The sub-committee determined that the lot at the corner of Wyndam and Hemlock is the best option.

MOTION for the Board in 2019-2020 to work with HRM Parks and Recreation regarding the purchase the parcel of land off Wyndam.

Nick / Julie All Approved Motion carried

MOTION for the Board in 2019-2020 to work with HRM Parks and Recreation on the development of the trails within the parcel of land available to WWH (behind Giant Steps).

Nola / Richard All Approved Motion carried

19.05.12

Update fro MLA Ben Jessome

- * Radon detector kits available in Ben's office... (902) 409-9900
- * Hammonds Plains Rd to be paved this summer
- * 4 year pre-primary program
- * NS student and graduate - 5 years to complete your degree – provincial portion of your loan forgiven. Ben to give us more info.
- * this year's budget – household income threshold to \$30,000 to \$70,000 – child care subsidy
- * healthredevelopment.novascotia.ca –
- * Timberlea medical clinic – new Nurse Practitioner, etc.
- * Wright's Lake has been stocked for fishing

19.05.13

Other Business

a. Call for volunteers

19.05.14

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting

Carol / Melissa All approved Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:51pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Julie Gratzner, Secretary