

Hebbsville Village Commission

Annual General Meeting

Hebbsville Fire Hall

Nov. 08/23 7 - 9 PM

Attendees:

Andrea Hyslop, Municipal Affairs Advisor
Wendy Oickle, MODL Councillor, District 3
Doug Peveril, Hebbsville Fire Dept. Chief
Carol Hutton
Ian Tufts
Lorraine O'Dell

Glen Hebb
Jamie Richards
Greg Flinn
Paul Fynes
George Bush

Call to order by HVC clerk, Lem Hebb shortly after 7PM. The last AGM June 12/19 The HVC commissioners' terms have expired. Due diligence on part of the clerk to follow the guidelines and best practices became evident when he asked Councillor Wendy Oickle for help several months earlier. She put me in contact with Andrea Hyslop. A Municipal Affairs Advisor. Who is determined to come to Bridgewater to put on a seminar for the newly formed HVC as an orientation on guidelines and best practices to follow. In fact both Andrea and Wendy drove from Halifax tonight to attend our meeting. Andrea to support and help guide the clerk along through the process of electing and swearing in three new Commissioners. And Wendy as guest speaker. District 3 Councillor lending her support and perspective to the HVC. Both Andrea and Wendy still have to go back to the city tonight.

The clerk after a brief summary of the HVC mandate, perpetual succession and discussion on electing electors for commissioners by acclamation. Explained that Ian Tufts former Commission Chair is stepping down. Glen Hebb, former Vice Chair is stepping up to Chairperson, Jamie Richards former Flood Mitigation Chair will assume Vice Chair and Greg Flinn, a new member, nominated round out the 3 required commissioners for this village. 3 calls to the floor without opposition. They were proclaimed elected by acclamation. A round of applause and Ian thanked.

After getting ahead of ourselves, the clerk remembered that the swearing in process had not been performed. We had the option to wait and decided now. Swearing in sheets filled out, bible in hand, each took the oath. Commissioner Glen Hebb takes the chair position and the new commission with Commissioner Jamie Richards and Commissioner Greg Flinn is formed and takes control.

Ian Tufts approves the agenda as presented. Commissioner Glen Hebb seconds.

Next the last AGM meeting minutes from June 12,2019 were read. Ian Tufts approved the minutes and Paul Fynes seconded. No business arising from the minutes but noted that common themes have prevailed right up to the present.

The treasurer's report follows. As of Aug. 23 there is \$589.58 in a checking account and \$30,397.16 in a preferred interest rate savings account. Fairly consistent budget over last 6 years but financial audit, mailbox price has increased. Explaining the audit comes with a letter of content that looks at irregularities or poor practices in our business operations. Commissioner Glen Hebb approves and Paul Fynes seconds.

Commissioner Jamie Richards leads off reporting. Reflecting on the amount of work done in the HVC and what was achieved. Citing a communication link with the PSC through Audrey Buchanan that has enhanced awareness and a sense of security in the way the PSC manages and controls their water flow through the Hebbville Dam. The facebook page "Fancy Lake Memories" relays these messages and has proven a real time resource at critical times. Do not forget the public awareness and participation campaign. Commissioner Richards concluded that the HVC may have to back off on this flood mitigation project for now.

Ian Tufts takes the floor to say a few words about how much work and time spent on this project over the years. Missing minutes creating unresolved issues highlight the importance of a good paper trail for the record.

Commissioner Greg Flinn, far side of table just out of my hearing range, was commenting on why he joined the HVC.

Then Commissioner Glen Hebb takes the podium and uses the projector to show a slide of the Conquerall Mills Dam when built. Explaining how it managed to control water levels in Fancy Lake and what is there now to handle the water and how it came to be. Updated the group on the winter and summer settings for stop logs and how he thought it could be better controlled. Also a picture of the Milton River berm indicating that would be a better solution for the outflow of Fancy Lake. He said it has become a nightmare and is frustrated with the flooding he has to deal with.

He has contacted a lawyer and said. " If the lawyer says yes to the lawsuit that Bridgewater is responsible. We are going to take steps to reduce flooding as individuals." He is contemplating digging a canal from the cranberry bog to the Weagle channel to relieve water flow from the Mill Brook, flooding his cranberry piece. He said basically we are on our own. Make sure you have a spare sump pump for back up. Lastly he showed a slide of a novel sprinkler system to put on asphalt roofs to help in the event of a fire dropping live embers. Carol Hutton spoke about not being covered for insurance after 2 ft of water in her home. Act of God.

Next Wendy Oickle, District 3 Councillor, took the floor as our guest speaker. She unveiled a new MODL initiative. MODL 2040. It is a municipality land use project planning strategy for every property in MODL Specifics unknown at this point. There will be specific regulations for the Village of Hebbville and prior input may be advisable. Most options to reduce flood risk and mitigate flooding on Fancy Lake were not accepted by regulators or the public at large because of cost, environmental impact and a host of other things. PSC to build a communication link on flooding. She said we need to build resiliency become self reliant and prepared and the HVC could play a role in that.

In the course of discussion and input. Information on the cost of flooding to the people of the Village of Hebbville in this July/23 rain event may be something she can take to council or at least have on record. I believe the clock was approaching 9:30 PM. Meeting wrapped up. A belated thanks to all who attended. Especially our 2 guests who helped make this AGM possible.

Lem Hebb HVC (clerk/treasurer)

