

Minutes WATCH meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Wallaceburg Town Hall Board Room

7 pm

Present: Tom Kissner, Kris Lee, Bill Arends, Mike Zell, Barb Parrish, Jen Parrish, Ken Dickson, Corinne Courteaux, Dave Courteaux, Jim Hasson, Jeff Wesley, Joe Hill, Joel Johnson

Regrets: Sheldon Parsons, Bela Trebics, Art Parrish, Art DaCosta

1.0 Welcome:

2.0 Agenda

- M. Bill Arends S. Dave Courteaux

3.0 Review of Minutes April 9, 2013:

- M. Jim Hasson S. Bill Arends

4.0 Treasurer's Report for WATCH:

Current Balance: \$2, 329.66

Bills to pay:

\$46.00 (Dave C.- correction April 2013 minutes to reflect.)

\$248.60 (Magnum Signs)

\$340.56 (Chevy Lane- two amounts)

* Cannot pass treasurer's report

* Need to verify double payment issue

\$175.15 (Sheldon Parsons- Stickers)

There will be an adjustment credit of \$175.15 as this was accidentally paid out twice. Treasurer's report was tabled to April 2014 meeting.

5.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Shell Natural Gas proposal

* Discussion about the impact to Wallaceburg on this project. Generally it was agreed that there would be no negative impact on Wallaceburg and there may very likely be a positive economic impact. It was also explained that feedstock from fracking, tar sands and traditional recovery are not separated. So the raw material that comes to Sarnia is all mixed together. Example: Lake Huron receives water from both Superior and Lake Michigan which eventually flows to St. Clair River.

*"Facts on Fracking" youtube lecture by Dr. Ingraffea is a good learning opportunity.

* WATCH will not offer to host Shell's open house but did see this as a good opportunity for community engagement.

6.0 Business arising:

Action Item from April 2013 meeting:

5.1 Transport Canada- update on August meeting

* Memo to: WATCH (questions were sent)

* Transport Canada is interested in communicating with the community on any marine issues.

7.0 New Business: (Other Business)

6.1 Lake Erie/Huron Water Line

* \$10,000 cost for purchase of water will be forwarded to ratepayers

* 2012 water/waste water plan was approved

- * CK municipality is investigating servicing, efficiencies, etc. by exploring regionalization of water filtration system
- * Sept 26, 2013- Commission meeting
 - Class Environmental Assessment will be conducted:
 1. request for proposals has been sent for Wallaceburg systems (engineers to look at servicing Wallaceburg as a whole, and propose a plan)
 2. community will input at options stage
 3. community will input again at preferable options stage
 - The project was not triggered by spills but due to old infrastructure that needs upgrade.
 - * Turbidity and run off are greatest concern, especially during spring which includes high nitrates (non point source- runoff)
 - * The addition of chlorine in maintenance of turbidity creates free radical ions which combine with residuals and nitrates. The plant is challenged to balance its levels of chlorine and free radicals in the water.
- * Report to commission on Dec. 12th, 2013
- * Timelines will be set up January
- * Process meetings will be set up with the public (potentially March or April)
- * WATCH hopes to take a position once the process has unfolded

6.2 Environmental Award- Chamber

- * Where should we put it? Approach Wallaceburg Service Centre (old town hall).

6.3 Recycling Issue

- * Report by Kayleigh Howie will be forwarded by Ken Dickson to WAMBO
- * M. Ken Dickson S. Bill Arends
- * Need to consider sustainability plan- place to hold bins and potentially contract out to private (part of Trillium Grant)

8.0 Next meeting: April 2014 (preferably on a Wednesday)