



## Environment Committee Minutes

February 21, 2023 - 7 pm

Lighthouse River Center

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Blenis

Blair Boudreau

Councilor Karin Boye

Bailey Brogan

Pam McKenzie

Laura Myers

Jean Northrup (arr. 7:45)

Phil Taber

### **TOWN STAFF**

Arthur McCarthy, Development Officer

Marilyn Duplacey, Planning Coordinator

#### **1. Call to Order**

Interim Chair, Bailey Brogan, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

#### **2. Staff Introduction of New Committee Members.**

Councilor Karin Boye

John Blenis

Pam McKenzie

Non Voting Member : Student Jordan Smith (not in attendance)

#### **3. Round Table Introductions**

#### **4. Confidentiality Agreements- signed by all committee members**

#### **5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023**

**Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by Pam McKenzie to appoint Phil Taber as the Environment Committee Chairperson for 2023. Motion Carried.**



**Moved by Phil Taber and seconded by Councilor Karin Boye to appoint Pam McKenzie as the Environment Committee Vice Chairperson for 2023.**

**Motion Carried**

**Following appoints of the chair and vice chair, the interim transferred the chairing of the meeting to the newly appointed chair.**

**6. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by Bailey Brogan that the agenda be approved.**

**Motion Carried**

**7. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.**

Bailey Brogan declared a conflict of interest with regards to the Solar Feasibility Study and left the meeting when it was discussed.

**8. Approval of Minutes.**

**Moved by Blair Boudreau and seconded by Bailey Brogan that the minutes of September 21, 2022, be approved as submitted.**

**Motion Carried**

**9. 2022 Year End Report – Staff gave an overview of the 2022 Year End Report**

**10. Old Business:**

**a) Partners in Climate Protection – Milestones 4 and 5 - Staff Update**

Staff advised that work is continuing on Milestones 4 and 5 with the intent to be completed by March 31, 2023. To date, staff have compiled data, workshops were held with department heads, Council and town committees, and a public online survey was available on the website. All information collected will be included in the final report. A presentation regarding the final report is tentatively scheduled for the next Council meeting scheduled for March 14, 2023



## 11. New Business:

a. **Hampton Battery Recycling – Call 2 Recycle – Information 2022 – Chris Rendell as given by Laura Myers.**

Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by Pam McKenzie to recommend that Council consider promoting/expanding awareness of the battery recycling program using Call 2 Recycle 2022 statistics and recycling locations.

After further committee discussion, the motion was amended as follows:

**Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by Jean Northrup to recommend Council consider promoting awareness of the battery recycling program including battery drop off locations, and the use of rechargeable batteries as an alternative.**

**Motion Carried**

b. **Solar Feasibility Study for Municipal Lagoon – Staff**

Bailey Brogan declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Public Works and Utilities received information regarding a Solar Feasibility Study for the municipal lagoon, which has been forwarded along to the environment committee. There will be a presentation by Jeff McAloon of Smart Energy Company on Wednesday February 22, 2023, at 8 pm in the Hampton Council Chambers. Several members of the Environment Committee will attend to gather information.

**Moved by Jean Northrup and seconded by John Blenis to table this item to our next meeting when there will be more information available.**

**Motion Carried**

Bailey Brogan returned to the meeting.

c. **Climate Solutions Engagement Sessions – Bailey Brogan**

Bailey Brogan updated the committee on this upcoming workshop being given by Lillian Barraclough from the NB Environmental Network (NBEN) scheduled for Saturday March 3, 2023 from 10 am to noon. The goal is to determine how nature-based climate solutions can benefit our communities, what barriers to



implementation might be faced and how to best develop a cost-benefit analysis to support decision making. Bailey will in attendance and will update the committee at our next meeting.

**d. Environment Committee Mandate Proposal – Laura Myers and Phil Taber**

Phil Taber presented the work that Laura Myers and himself prepared related to the mandate of the committee outlined in the procedural by-law. The work reviewed terms of reference of other municipalities in Canada that had populations similar to Hamptons (both before amalgamation and after). The work presented compared Hamptons Environment Committees to other municipalities committee activities and mandates. Laura and Phil suggested to the committee to consider updating the mandate to include a mechanism in place to initiate new policy development that may affect the Environment.

After discussion, the committee agreed that they are interested in this initiative but would like time to further review the material presented. Town staff noted that any further ideas/thoughts should be sent to the Chair or staff to compile for the next meeting.

**Moved by Bailey Brogan and seconded by Councilor Karin Boye to table this item to be further discussed at the next meeting.**

**Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Laura Myers that the meeting be adjourned at 9:13 pm.**

**Motion Carried**

Phil Taber – Chair

Marilyn Duplacey – Staff Representative