Minutes

Annual General Meeting Centreville District Community Development Association May 28, 2015

Attendance:

Executive: Directors: Members:

David Briggs Merv Steadman Jim Hoyt

Kim Foote Jack Waterbury
Anne-Marie Waterbury Peggy Sheffield
Marilyn Kennedy Doug Brown

Other: Pauline Raven, Councilor District 3

The 17th Annual Meeting of the CDCDA was opened at 7:30 pm at the Centreville Hall with President David Briggs welcoming all present.

Opening Remarks:

D. Briggs introduced the executive and outlined the meeting format. Copies of all reports were distributed to attendees on arrival.

It was moved by M. Steadman and seconded by D. Brown that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Minutes:

Secretary A.M. Waterbury read the minutes of the May 22, 2014 Annual Meeting. It was moved by J. Waterbury and seconded by P. Sheffield that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Directors' Report:

After Secretary A.M. Waterbury read the Directors' Report, M. Steadman raised a question re: the list of organizations represented by the CDCDA, in particular the Charles Macdonald Concrete House of Centreville Society. He suggested that, since they are not represented on the Board of Directors or report to us, they should not be included. A board member pointed out that Mark Slipp, a past Director, represented that group, and also that it is only very recently that we have had representation from the Park Association. Pauline then raised the question: are individuals or are organizations members of the CDCDA Association? She suggested the issue would be clarified if the wording were changed from "The following organizations were either represented on the Board of Directors or within the Association's membership and the Board followed their activities" to read "The following organizations were either represented on the Board of Directors or the Board followed their activities". K. Foote moved and D. Brown seconded that the wording be amended. Motion carried.

Financial Statement:

Treasurer M. Kennedy read her report. P. Raven noted the starting balance should be dated March 31, 2014 - not 2013. It was moved by M. Kennedy and seconded by K. Foote that the report be accepted as presented with the date corrected. Motion carried. Copy attached.

Election of Directors:

The following people were nominated for position of Directors for 2015/2016

Peggy Sheffield Mervin Steadman

Kimberley Foote Doug Brown

David Briggs Anne-Marie Waterbury

Marilyn Kennedy Jack Waterbury
Ted Davison Helen MacDonald

George Graves

Nominations from the floor: Three calls were made for nominations, with none forthcoming. It was moved by D. Brown and seconded by M. Steadman that the directors be accepted as presented. Several names were suggested to be approached re: serving on the board. A.M. Waterbury and D. Brown will contact them.

Centreville Area Planning Advisory Committee (CAPAC):

D. Briggs and T. Davison volunteered to represent the CDCDA on this committee for one-year terms. All members were in agreement.

Jim Hoyt agreed to serve a two-year term as one of two representatives at large required. There were no nominations or volunteers from the floor for the other position.

P. Raven spoke to this committee, which has been inactive the past two years. She has learned of an issue relating to parkland in Ellsworth Estates that will be coming up in the near future, and suggested that someone from the Park Association would be an appropriate member at large. K. Foote will get in touch with George Graves re: selecting a representative.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm on motion of J. Waterbury and K. Foote.

Respectively submitted,

Anne-Marie Waterbury Secretary

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Directors' Report Fiscal Year 2014/2015

This report is structured by subject, and covers the period April 01, 2014 to March 31, 2015. Events are not in chronological order.

The following organizations were either represented on the Board of Directors or the Board followed their activities. The list is not all-inclusive.

- The Centreville Good Neighbour Club
- The Charles Macdonald Concrete House of Centreville Society
- The Centreville & District Park & Recreation Association
- The Centreville Baptist Church Evening Workers' Auxiliary
- The Centreville Hall Association
- Kings Citizens' Patrol
- Centreville Centre Post
- Centreville Secondary Planning Strategy Committee
- Comfort Station Committee
- Web Site Committee
- Welcome to Centreville Sign Committee
- CDCDA Annual Dinner Committee
- Pins and Needles Group
- The Centreville Area Planning Advisory Committee
- 50-Plus Seniors' Group
- Christmas Tree Lighting Event Committee

Directors nominated to the Board for 2014-15 were: David Briggs, Kimberley Foote, Marilyn Kennedy, Peggy Sheffield, Mervin Steadman, Doug Brown, Ted Davison, Debra Ridley, Ron Sanford, Jack Waterbury, and Anne-Marie Waterbury. With the exception of Debra Ridley, all accepted the nominations and were elected. In November 2014 we welcomed the addition of George Graves and Helen MacDonald, representing the Park & Recreation Association.

The Executive elected by the Board of Directors consisted of:

David Briggs President
Kim Foote Vice President
Anne-Marie Waterbury Secretary
Marilyn Kennedy Treasurer

CDCDA Annual Dinner: The dinner was held May 3, 2014, and featured roast beef. Approximately 168 meals were served, with a profit of \$1617.75 realized for community work. For the second year in a row, numbers and profits were down significantly from the preceding year. Thanks are extended to all those who contributed to its success by baking, donating items, and working. Given the tremendous amount of work required to put on the supper and the diminishing returns for the effort, alternative means of raising the CDCDA's approximately \$1000 yearly expenses will be considered.

Development Plan: The Centreville District Community Development Plan continues to be implemented through such means as ongoing renovations/updates to the Centreville Hall, improvements to the web site, quarterly publication of the *Centre Post*, community-centered activities, and activities of the park association.

- **Web Site For Centreville**: This site continues to be very active. Local businesses advertise on the site; a calendar is available to provide a means for local organizations to inform community members of up-coming events; current and past issues of the *Centre Post* are available for viewing, as is the Centreville District Community Development Plan, and a 'virtual kiosk' shows features of Centreville and the District. Water test results for Ellsworth Estates are posted, and a link to District Councillor Pauline Raven's blogspot has been added.
- Community Hall: The Centreville Community Hall continues to undergo capital and maintenance upgrades with funds provided by the Hall Association, the Good Neighbour Club, the CDCDA, grants from various levels of government, and community contributions. Projects this year included expansion and gravelling of the back parking lot and some interior painting. Future plans include consultation with Energy Nova Scotia and investigation of heat pumps.
- **Good Neighbour Club:** The monthly 'Big Breakfast' continues to be very popular among those from the community and beyond, with an average of 250 served. The February 2014 breakfast marked the ninth anniversary. Funds raised go toward community projects and charitable organizations. The group meets twice monthly.
- Annual Fuel Supper: The Fuel Supper was held in October, with a profit of \$4300 realized. For the first time, we ran out of food and people were turned away. Steps will be taken to ensure this does not happen again. This is a wonderful example of cooperation among community groups and community members. Funds raised are used to cover fuel costs for the hall, and are administered by the Hall Association. The Good Neighbour Club organizes the supper and does most of the legwork, but it would not be possible without the contributions of the scores of community members called upon for donations of food and/or time. Thank you to all who participated and attended, and especially to Mary Ellen MacDuff for organizing it.
- The Centre Post: The 16-page community newspaper is published quarterly, with 500 copies issued. Local businesses and community members continue their support through advertising, contributing material for content, and volunteering time to produce and distribute the newspaper. Editorial staff consists of Suzanne Trudeau (Lead), Elisha Harper, Anne-Marie Waterbury, and reporter Gail Salmon. Mike Sweeney continues to attract advertisers and he and Madeline Sheffield look after distribution.
- Centreville Area Planning Advisory Committee (CAPAC), formerly the Centreville Area Advisory Committee (CAAC). The committee provides advice to the Municipal Planning Advisory Committee on planning and development matters in the Centreville Growth Centre that have been brought before the Municipality. Representation on the committee consists of two CDCDA directors, two members of the community at large, and our District Councilor. No issues arose this past year.
- Pins and Needles Group: This group remains very popular, and meets in the Hall each Thursday.
- **NKEC Bursary:** Kelsey MacDonald was the 2014 recipient of the \$500 CDCDA Bursary, first awarded to a graduating NKEC student in 2009. The CDCDA approved the awarding of a bursary in 2015.
- Christmas Tree Lighting Event: The annual Christmas tree lighting event, sponsored by the CDCDA, was held December 8, 2014, with 80-100 in attendance. All enjoyed carols and refreshments. Marc Potvin was the MC and Ada MacDuff, Kings County Volunteer of the Year, switched on the tree lights. Special thanks go to G. K. Morse & Sons Trucking Limited for their donation of the tree, to those who put it up and decorate it, and to those who organized the event.

- Construction of Sidewalks: Sidewalks were constructed in 2010 along the east side of Hwy 359, from the intersection of Hwy 359 and Sherman Belcher Road to the south boundary of the Growth Centre on Hwy 359. No progress has been made on Phase 2 of the project sidewalks along south side of Sherman Belcher Road. Sidewalk and road maintenance issues (snow removal, drainage, cleaning) have been addressed as needed.
- **50+ Group:** This seniors' group continues to be a welcome addition to the community, and meets each Wednesday at the Community Hall.
- Community Park: In February 2015, the Centreville Growth Centre's community members again voted in favour of a \$20.00 per family area rate to support the Park Association's maintenance and improvement plans. The amount will appear on Municipal tax bills. This is a very active group of volunteers who are making a great contribution to our community. A very successful Park Day was held last summer, and a free snowshoe loan program was begun this winter. Construction of a new playground, for which a grant was received and the equipment has been purchased, has been delayed by the weather.
- Centreville Baptist Church Evening Workers Auxiliary: The 5th Annual Quilt and Rug show was held in May and raised \$12,000 toward the kitchen renovation, which was completed in time for September's Annual Chicken BBQ. OASIS (Older Adults Sharing in Service) luncheons have been held on a regular basis, free through a grant. Clothing give-a-ways were held in April and October. Several youth programs are being held, including an after school program.
- **Speed Limit**: The process of investigating the possibility of reducing the speed limit in areas of our community has progressed. Meetings have been held with representatives from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (DOTIR) and the Municipality's Administrative and Protective Services. Further action is anticipated.

The Board's sincere thank you to Pauline Raven, District 3 Councillor, for her interest in and contributions to our community through activies such as her participation in meetings, updates on Municipal activities that affect our community, and assistance with grant application preparations.

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Anne-Marie Waterbury Secretary CDCDA

David Briggs
President CDCDA

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