

**Heritage Advisory Committee  
Mahone Bay**

**MINUTES**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Town Hall, 7PM**

Present: Dell Macomber, chair; Norman Whynot; Mai Al Nabhan  
Councillors: Penny Carver; Kelly Wilson  
Advisor/Secretary: Deborah Trask  
Absent: Ann Benitz

**Call to Order** the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

- 1. Approval of agenda:** moved by Kelly, seconded by Mai *approved*
- 2. Approval of Minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting:** moved by Norman, seconded by Penny. *approved*
- 3. Business Arising:**
  - a. The 2013 Heritage Conference: was held at White Point September 25-27. Deborah attended in another capacity. The theme for 2013 was “Shaping the Cultural Landscape”. A Cultural Landscape is defined in the Heritage Property Act of Nova Scotia as a distinct geographical area or property uniquely representing the combined work of nature and of people. Cultural landscapes are constructed through activity – i.e. the landscape has to continue to evolve in an authentic way – defined by traditional use and maintained or continued by use – sometimes altered. There are as yet no provincial regulations concerning cultural landscapes and the conference did spend some time discussing local criteria. It was an interesting conference with about 85 participants.
  - b. frequently asked questions: for the website and distribution through the town office: Dell and Mai presented a first draft. They will meet before the Feb. meeting to edit their work.
- 4. Standing Agenda Items:**
  - a. **encouragement for property owners: public information event** –Deborah contacted Jeffrey Reed who is available to do a presentation in April, for a fee of \$50. Deborah will confirm a date with Jeffrey. The event will need to be widely publicized.

- b. **Review of potential registrations:** the draft letters, prepared over the summer by Penny are ready to go, once minor revisions are made. Penny will forward the revised letters to Crystal for mailing with the package of information.
  - c. **Town Website & info sheet:** The Town website has been renovated [[www.townofmahonebay.ca](http://www.townofmahonebay.ca)], and heritage properties are listed under 'Living and Working', and other information is being added.
  - d.
- 5. Correspondence:**  
Nothing to report
- 6. New Business:**  
Cemeteries Commission: Penny noted that the Bayview Cemetery, a registered heritage property, is now managed by the Town and that Bob Sayer, a member of the commission, is taking an active interest in its care and preservation. The cemetery is eligible for a conservation advice grant.
- 7. Date of next meeting:** February 12<sup>th</sup>
- 8. Adjournment:** moved by Kelly, seconded by Mai, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. *carried*