

**Heritage Advisory Committee
Mahone Bay**

MINUTES

**Mahone Bay Fire Hall
October 11th, 2017**

Present: Joseph Feeney, chair; Penny Carver, Dell Macomber;
new members Michael O'Connor, Chris Berkeley
Advisor/Secretary: Deborah Trask

Call to Order the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Welcome – Deborah provided some background on the history of the committee and all members then introduced themselves. There was agreement that a package of information will be provided to the members of the HAC, to include the heritage bylaw, the application for registration forms and FAQ, and all information that is provided annually to registered property owners.

1. Approval of agenda: moved by Penny, seconded by Michael. *carried*

2. Approval of minutes of meeting held October 12th, 2016:
moved by Penny, seconded by Dell. *carried*

3. Business Arising –

Deborah read an overview of the HAC activities in 2016:

The Heritage Advisory Committee held 7 meetings in 2016. Goals were set for the year in October 2015. At that time, these were:

- To register two properties – these are still in the works.
- To sponsor one public information session - Planning for this is ongoing.
- To meet with the Mahone Bay Museum to discuss ideas about fun ways to engage the public and feature heritage properties. This was the initiative of a former committee member, but interest waned after she left the HAC.
- To consider an appreciation process for good stewardship.
The HAC reviewed incentive programs in other municipalities in Nova Scotia and prepared and recommended a program to Council in June 2016. There is currently no budget for incentives so this initiative will stay on the 'back burner' for now.
- To respond to requests to alter existing municipally registered properties:
A proposed addition to the registered property at 17 Aberdeen was recommended to Council in February, and the renovation of the bell tower at the Mahone Bay Centre was recommended in April.

a. Public Information Session

The committee will consider presenting a public information session, or Heritage Expo, with possible input from the NSCC Heritage Carpentry program.

Also, the NS Association of Architects newly formed South Shore chapter may be willing to give a public talk. Joe will check with the mayor to see where this stands.

b. Realtors & Heritage

Dell contacted the NS Real Estate Commission in Halifax last fall, and also the South Shore NS Realtors Association – contact person, Nicole Kreiger. It might make sense to include a public info session on heritage registration and resale at some point.

4. Standing Agenda Items:

a. encouragement for property owners

Dell would like to re-approach properties that are not registered but of heritage significance to the town. Deborah will circulate a list of those discussed in the last few years.

5. Correspondence:

None

6. New Business:

- a. Nova Scotia Built Heritage Conference, Nov. 1-3, 2017, Westin Hotel, Halifax. Information has been circulated.
- b. old School Bell - currently in Bayview school. Although there is general support for this project, it is not considered a concern of this committee.
- c. 2018 meeting schedule – we will continue to meet regularly on the second Wednesday each month, but the time will be **5:30 to 6:30 PM**, at the Fire Hall.

7. Date of next meeting: November 8th, 2017

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by consensus

Joseph M. Feeney, Chair HAC

Deborah Trask, Recording Secretary