

**Heritage Advisory Committee
Mahone Bay**

MINUTES

**Mahone Bay Fire Hall
April 13th, 2016**

Present: Dell Macomber, chair; Judy van Ryckevorsel
Councillors: Penny Carver, Kelly Wilson
Advisor/Secretary: Deborah Trask
Guest: Chase Sutherland

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

1. **Approval of agenda:** the Chair proposed moving New Business, item 6 to 3. Approval of agenda as amended, moved by Kelly, seconded by Judy . *approved*
2. **Approval of minutes of meetings held March 9th, 2016:**
moved by Penny, seconded by Kelly. *approved*

3. New Business –

a. Mahone Bay Centre bell tower rehabilitation – info circulated previously.
The Chair invited heritage contractor Chase Sutherland to describe his planned work renovating the tower. The proposal is to replace existing asphalt shingle with interlocking aluminum. Penny pointed out that the roof tiles are not specified in the statement of significance. She asked if at all possible if the new tiles could be matte rather than glossy. Wherever possible, Chase will be using similar materials and style as existing, while adhering to the building code.

MOTION: moved by Kelly, seconded by Penny, that the HAC recommend to Council approval of the tower renovations and reshingling as presented. *Motion approved*

4. Business Arising –

a. Public Information Session

- Dell has been in contact with the Founders Society. They are interested and will be determining who will liaise with the HAC.

- Penny noted a recent program 'Heritage House Expo' held in Charlottetown last Saturday which might give us some ideas – see:

- 24 Pleasant St. Dell provided the owners with the research material prepared by Deborah on this property last fall. Once we receive their application we will score it and Deborah will write up the draft Statement of Significance.

5. Standing Agenda Items:

- a. encouragement for property owners

Kelly presented his idea about investigating ways to provide incentives for new purchasers of old buildings if they invest in restoration and upgrades. "In recent years it has become increasingly difficult to persuade owners to register their heritage properties. There are many reasons for this, some more perceived than real, but at the outset part of the problem is the old 'what's in it for me?' question. People perceive that there is an issue with insurance, they are told by realtors that there can be resale problems, they believe, sometimes, that planned renovations may be problematic in terms of approval. HAC has done it's best to educate the public about the reality surrounding these issues with limited success." Perhaps there should be public consultation on what the Town values in terms of heritage properties. Deborah will find out for next meeting what is done in other municipalities by way of incentives.

6. Correspondence: for next meeting

7. Date of next meeting: May 11th, 2016

8. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM, by consensus



Dell Macomber, Chair HAC



Deborah Trask, Recording Secretary