

Beaver River Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 20, 2012
6:30p.m. Town Hall Committee Room

Members in attendance

Brian MacAteer, Jay Kivell, John Ardiel, Patt McGirr, Mike Hammond, Alex Maxwell, Bill Remus

Town Staff: Shawn Everitt

Regrets, Norman Ragetlie, Sean Brady, Brian Goodings

Call meeting to order

Adoption of Agenda

That the Agenda be approved as presented

Moved by Alex Maxwell

Seconded by Mike Hammond

Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

That the previous minutes being adopted as presented

Moved by Alex Maxwell

Seconded by Mike Hammond

Carried.

5 Minutes discussion period

Brian McAteer brought forth the topic of the Clay Banks on Grey Road 40 by the Bridge down from Grey Road 13 on Private Property and the amount of erosion taking place. Significant discussion about the consistency of how to deal with these types of issues and concerns and what agencies are authorities over these types of concerns. A clear a concise structure of authority defining roles of Department o Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Natural Resources, Grey Sauble Conservation, Ministry of Environment, First Nations, etc.

Some discussion took place on the desire of a potential tour to see these areas of concern first hand.

Review of Guest Speakers

Short discussion on the Guest Speaker topic, the Committee suggested this discussion be postponed until Norman was present.

Spawning Bed Project update & overview

Alex Maxwell provided an update on this project. The original project was slated for the Clendenens Dam Area however; due to land ownership this location has been tabled. New locations have been identified as potential sites. These locations are further up river in the Kolapore and Little Germany area.

Education Forum

Mike Hammond updated the Committee, the original date identified was April 28th and the new date reviewed was May 5th.

3 to 4 speakers preferred, however the date must work with speaker availability.

It was decided by the group that the speaker forum be deferred until Norman can provide an update and availability. An Advertisement plan must be in place prior to the forum to ensure effective marketing.

Official Plan

The Committee discussed the previous meeting and the information provided in regards to the Official Plan Public Process. The Committee believed there was a benefit to having Town Planner Cindy Welsh and Director David Finbow provide additional information and clarity on how the Public Consultation process worked and how the Committee was allowed to provide input.

The Committee also felt an identified process specifically showing how the Committee's input was to be received would be a benefit.

In regards to the process for the official plan, identifying the appropriate process to discuss restrictions and regulations, such as Septic Systems along Waterfront, shorelines, riverbanks, etc. What is the most appropriate way to discuss and get clarity?

10th Line Bridge

Shawn Everitt provided an information update as to the status of the 10th Line bridge closure. Committee members identified the need to ensure public consultation through this process. Concern was raised by the committee that the increase of traffic through the Clarksburg core as well as the increase agricultural traffic. The Committee requests that information and discussion with the group take place during the planning process. Staff also suggested that concerns can be submitted prior to the actual public consultation process.

Stormwater Management Ponds

Alex Maxwell brought up the topic of how the design and construction of Stormwater Management Ponds can be modified to make more of a feature than an eyesore.

New Business

Wildlife Corridors, in particular Deer Corridors. The question was raised of what process is to be followed to determine to ensure these are protected.

Meeting Adjourned