



Vars Community Association

Executive Meeting Minutes
November 12th 2009

Opening:

The special executive meeting of the Vars CA was called to order at 7:09 PM on November 12th 2009 in the Vars Firehall by Ivan Tanner.

Present:

Gary Larocque, Mark Wall, Hope Louis-Suggett, H el ene Manning-Lemieux, Ivan Tanner, Linda Payant, Barb Lavictoire, Darlene Brown. Special guest: Ron Thibodeau

Excused: nil

Absent: Francine Portenier

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Conflict of interest

- No issues of potential conflict of interest were raised.

D. Open Issues

- Calendar, planning for general, executive meetings and next AGM
 - New location at the St-Guillaume church basement at no cost
 - If meetings get bigger participation, will need to book the Bearbrook Centre. Linda Payant to verify if any cost associated for monthly reservation for the Vars.CA
 - Meetings to be held every 2nd Thursday of each month between 7-9PM
 - February 11
 - April 8
 - June 10
 - August 12
 - September 9 (AGM)
 - November 11
- Tasks, issues and priorities for Vars.CA
 - Cenotaph
 - Priority number one at the moment
 - Grant will need to get through Vet Affairs this winter.

- Ivan will send a letter to the City for the grant (required by Linda Payant, councilor Rob Jellett’s representative).
 - Jean Séguin will keep working on the project with Morley Verdier.
 - Surveying still in progress before anything can be changed on the land
 - Neighborhood Planning Initiative
 - Once the CCC goes through City Council, Vars.CA will have a full time job to keep on track
 - Banking changes
 - Hélène will send a letter to the bank as notice of the new board election
 - Ivan and Gary will need to make an appointment with the Bank for signing authorities
 - Signage for Vars
 - Will ask for 3 signs, because on a first come first serve basis
 - Certain templates were circulated in the room, but board members want to see other options. If the community wants a sign that cost above the budget, the community will need to pay the balance. Members liked the ‘Cumberland’ example – heritage; with a sign under for advertisement (with a template to print), no by-laws to what is advertised.
 - Adam Brown has other templates
 - Will have an electronic consensus with board members.
- Options for advertisement of meetings, agenda and minutes
 - Web advertisement (\$)
 - Need to pay access fees to keep site open
 - Board members’ list need to be renewed
 - Need to find another person to help while Mark is moving. Mark is ready to continue helping once settled in new house.
 - Advertisement spots: limited to Vars area residents (\$50/year)
 - Classified ads: free for Vars residents and non-profit organizations
 - Site will need to be translated
 - Advertisement
 - Signs, e-mail, Vars.ca and postings (mail, Péladeau’s and Milano)
 - Mail-out for the AGM
 - Signs: Gary is now responsible for changes
 - Village signs (need to go through process of choosing and then installation by the City)
- Review of the constitution
 - All members of the board need to read the constitution by the next meeting for feedback.

E. New Business

- Rink

- Barb is trying to find a replacement because Mark will be moving away soon
- Ron invited by Ivan for explanation and help with decision of new puddle rink
 - Issues with puddle rink: location and maintenance (needs to be 55' x 35'), volunteers to supervise
 - Had many attempts in the past without success, and running out of location
 - Money was supported by the statistics kept by ice keepers
 - Unanimous decision: no puddle rink for 2009-10, re-evaluate next year
- Miscellaneous
 - City has to re-do boards, height between boards and ground increases every winter because of frost.
 - Need benches outside of fieldhouse (anchored) and 10' extension hose
 - City will change nets and hose if required
 - Old nets need to be out of the storage room for the ice equipment
 - Steve at Navan: cleaning
 - Frank Dupuis: supply
 - City: breaks and issues
 - Snowblower getting old, and is the contractors responsibility
 - Boards available for advertisement (policy in effect), but board members have decided not to go through this year
 - See if Optimist Club ready to donate money for supervision...
- Update from the Councillor Rob Jellett (by Linda Payant)
 - New business in the industrial park before the 417. Well dug ups done as proposed in 1986, road was built in 1986-87 and no news as to the owner's plans for development.
 - Water at the Firehall options (1-extend village boundaries, 2-exception)

F. Agenda for Next Meeting

- Review of the constitution
- Cenotaph update

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Ivan Tanner. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on February 11th 2009 at the St-Guillaume church basement.

Minutes submitted by: H  l  ne Manning-Lemieux

Approved by: Ivan Tanner