

**Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce
Directors Meeting June 18, 2015**

Attendance: Jen D'Aubin, Rita & Horace Hurlburt, Gerry Bezanson, Anne Crossman, Mike Gushue, Bob Elliot, Caroline Perriman, Neil Cook, Clark Morris, Kirk Lycett, Jason Rice, Dan Forbes regrets from Gary & Andy

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by chair Jen D'Aubin.

Minutes of May 21, 2015 meeting were read, motion by Neil to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Clark, m/c

Business arising from minutes:

AVRL successful bidder is Town of Berwick at \$10.58 per sq. ft. Inquiries should be made as to whether the bid meets requirements of fair market rates and if the process has been fair and level. Inquiry should be brought to Annapolis County Council by the BACC and a meeting requested.

Reports:

No finance report

No Ciderfest report

Tourism;

VIC will open on June 22, 2015. Have received funding for one position only along with \$2000 from the County. Will be open 5 days/week. Kirk inquired if the BACC could offer funds to hire another student.

Youth Ambassador:

Rita advised there are five applicants for the 2015-2016 school year.

Public Works supervisor will be contacting Emma on starting her garden.

County:

Horace has the key to the old Firehall to store the float, copy of the new design for the float was circulated and discussion held as to who has responsibility of the float going forward.

Several RFP's for the Revere Bldg. have been received and are being reviewed. The County is also looking into other uses for BRES once the new school is completed.

New Business:

Lisa Fleet accepted a cheque for the Food Bank from Jen D'Aubin on behalf of Graves ValuFoods and D'Aubin Family Meats, in the amount of \$280.

Other presentations to the Food Bank will be made when Gary is available.

Think Big Group:

Motion by Mike to accept the BIG group as part of the BACC, 2nd by Neil
Discussion followed as to what the group does for the betterment of the Community; they have ongoing projects in place and being part of the BACC would allow access to funding, however they would not be governed by the BACC. Questions arose regarding the insurance aspect on projects being done by BIG, who would be responsible?

Anne moved for an amendment to the motion stating that the BIG group could come to the BACC asking for support and that the BACC would encourage their involvement in the community improvement, 2nd by Dan, m/c.

Chair Jen D'Aubin attended a meeting with Jane Nicholson from the ABOT. Discussions were held regarding signage directing tourists to Hwy 201 side of Annapolis River, both the BACC and the ABOT will work together on this.

Jen also suggested having a networking meeting to float ideas and talk informally on issues.

Dan Harvey gave a brief summary on Corporate Research Associates. He suggested adding a voice to the immigration issue in our County as the Paradise Baptist Church is sponsoring a refugee group and this could be an important issue for the BACC to support.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am with motion by Neil.

Next meeting Sept. 17, 2015.