

Minutes of a General Meeting of Harmony Residents Group Inc. Members on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 in the Virgil Arena Mary Snider room.

R.Busbridge, Chairman, began the meeting at 7:10 PM with 19 people present, including 5 members of the Group Board of Directors. He said that this meeting is the first of those to be held annually, with the object to report to Group members the activities of its Directors during the year past. His 4 page summary is appended to these Minutes and he spoke to it until 7:33 PM.

The notes following were brought forth during his presentation.

The traffic study, which was done about one year ago, was inadequate, so a further study has been proposed, but nothing has been done since December 2009 for lack of funds.

The second public information session planned for October 2009 by Hatch, Mott, MacDonald Consulting Engineers regarding improvement to the local sewage treatment plant did not take place, apparently because of the political activities of Regional Council, whose Chairman Partington seems determined to circumvent due process in his support of the Project Niagara proposed music festival for the Parks Canada Lakeshore Properties. Board members have contacted the media in Toronto and Hamilton and received a sympathetic interview from TV station CHCH personnel (Hamilton).

Board members have met with people from the Queenston Residents Association (QRA), the (Garrison) Village Residents Association (VRA) and the Chatauqua Residents Association (CRA) and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Conservancy. During a meeting with Michael Chan, provincial minister of Culture and Tourism, it became public knowledge that Regional government has asked for money to move the sewage lagoons before their Environmental Assessment is complete, or the criteria for the effluent from the improved plant have been established.

Regarding the Group`s alternative proposal to that of Project Niagara, Parks Canada personnel advise that there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between them and the promoters of Project Niagara.

Board members made presentations to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NRCA) who are sympathetic but cannot actively support the Group proposal.

There were a few questions from people after 7:33 PM, concerned primarily with odour problems that have been experienced with the existing sewage treatment plant. Board members made clear that the Consulting Engineers Study indicated that an improved plant in the present location will eliminate the odour problem, will have the least socio-economic impact on the community and is the least expensive alternative available.

At 7:43 PM, in the absence of Treasurer A.Hardison and Director D.Campbell, K.Morrison reported that currant Group assets are about \$2500 and Group membership about 125 people. He proposed acceptance of his report, seconded by Elizabeth Oliver-Malone and approved by a show of hands.

Regarding elections, R.Busbridge said that 7 people were elected to the Group Board of Directors last year and that A.Hardison and C.James had been appointed since, as

Treasurer and Secretary respectively. He asked members to confirm their term of office until the 2011 General Meeting. Lorraine Busbridge made the proposal, seconded by Elizabeth Oliver-Malone and approved by a show of hands. He said that the Board can have as many as 9 members, that Joanna Gorski resigned because of business commitments, so asked for nominations from those assembled. After 3 requests brought none, he declared nominations closed, thanked J.Gorski for her contributions and stated that the Board of Directors now is R.Busbridge, D.Campbell, M.Cowling, A.Hardison, D.Hennessey, C.James, F.Madsen and K.Morrison, to serve until the 2011 General Meeting.

At 7:55 PM R.Busbridge requested comments from attendees. Pat McCann announced his candidature for Town Council, to applause. A study of the Short Hills area was suggested, a type of ecological park with a Friends organization, also Balls Falls, Quiet Waters in Maryland, USA, and the Nixon Environmental Centre in Pennsylvania, USA, to serve as guides for the Group EcoPark proposal.

This meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Thanks to Rosamund and Dave Hennessey for providing good coffee and absolutely delicious cookies which were available throughout the meeting.

Cliff James, Secretary.