

Public Meeting
September 21, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting on the Draft Dangerous and Unsightly Property Bylaw, the Draft Summary Offense Bylaw and the Draft Municipal Offense Ticket was held on September 21, 2016, at the North Rustico Lion's Club.

PRESENT: Chair – Matthew Jelley. Councillors: Edmond Richard, Linda Lowther, George Clark Dunning. Administrator, Brenda MacDonald.

ABSENT: Kay Hryckiwi, Gwen Wyand and David Gauthier.

VISITORS: There were 17 visitors in attendance at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jelley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m..

Chair Jelley welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to sign in at the front of the room if they haven't done so for the record.

Chair Jelley advised that the meeting is being taped for office use only.

Chair Jelley turned the meeting over to Planning Board Chair Richard.

Planning Board Chair Richard advised that we are here to discuss the Draft Dangerous and Unsightly Property Bylaw, the Draft Summary Proceedings Bylaw and the Draft Municipal Offense Ticket. Planning Board Chair Richard advised that these are new documents in response to concerns from property owners and that the Planning Board recommends approval of the draft Dangerous and Unsightly Property Bylaw, the draft Summary Proceedings Bylaw and the Draft Municipal Offense Ticket.

Planning Board Chair Richard turned the meeting back to Chair Jelley to present the changes to the document.

Chair Jelley advised that the Council has brought in the draft regulations to deal with concerns that have been raised by property owners in the community. He advised that the regulations have been carefully considered and the intent of the municipality is to meet the minimum requirements provincially.

Chair Jelley advised that public that the media had quoted him incorrectly as the Council will enforce the bylaw with a municipal offense ticket, but the municipality will not be going onto properties and cleaning the property up and billing the owner for the services that were completed as the municipality does not have the jurisdiction to do this.

Chair Jelley presented the draft Dangerous and Unsightly Property Bylaw to the public.

Chair Jelley advised that the document has a number of definitions that clearly define the terms in the agreement.

Bob Briehl asked what happens if a person is off Island and they are not aware of an issue on their property.

Chair Jelley advised that the owner would be contacted to make them aware of the issue either through e-mail or regular mail.

Peter Fullerton questioned the bylaw and whether it was well thought out and clear to be enforceable and the costs versus the benefits to enforce it.

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Chair Jelley advised that the Council has worked with the municipal lawyer on the regulations and comparisons have been done with other communities and the enforcement of the bylaw and the planning board and Council have made the recommendation to bring it forward to the public meeting as there needs to be some measures put into place.

Peter Fullerton raised concerns over lupins and having them grow on your property and whether that would be considered unsightly under the bylaw based on no definition of grass in the bylaw.

Chair Jelley advised that the wording states grass and not flowers in the bylaw.

Peter questioned private laneways and the first 25' on the property and who is responsible to maintain that portion of property.

Chair Jelley advised that the bylaw cannot deal with grass on private roadways as it does not have jurisdiction, similar to the grass on Route 6 or 13 as it is owned by the province and is in the highway right-of-way.

Ron Toombs raised concerns over farm vehicles and that he does not agree with the bylaw as he has a number of vehicles for parts and they don't have a valid sticker on the window and now the Council is going to tell him that they are derelict and order them removed.

Chair Jelley advised that if the vehicles are at the back of the property in the trees and are unable to be seen then there is not an issue with that but if they are in the open area on the property and are visible then there will be an issue.

Ron Toombs advised that there are farmers and truck drivers in the area and the bylaw should not impact them.

Bob Briehl and Barry Toombs advised that if something is unsightly on your property then if it is out of sight it is out of mind.

George MacEwen advised that he has operable equipment and combines and they sit on the property but they are not used all the time and is the municipality going to state that they are derelict.

Chair Jelley advised that the intent is that they are not located at the roadway of the property with broken windows or tires missing as they would be derelict in this case.

Chair Jelley presented the draft Summary Proceedings Bylaw to the Public.

No questions were raised by the public.

Chair Jelley presented the draft Municipal Offense Ticket to the Public.

No questions were raised by the public.

Chair Jelley advised that there were no comments received from the public prior to the meeting tonight.

Chair Jelley asked if there were any further questions on the documents.

George MacEwen asked that when the waste watch truck comes by for the garbage pickup and the garbage blows all out on the road who is responsible for this under the new bylaw.

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Chair Jelley advised that waste watch should have their trucks secured properly so that garbage is not blowing out.

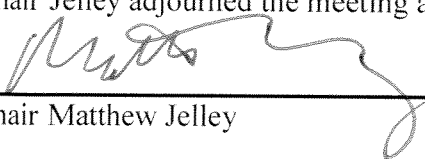
No further comments were raised by the public at the meeting.

Chair Jelley advised the public that they have until September 28, 2016 to send in written comments with any concerns or questions on the document or map.

Chair Jelley thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Jelley adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m..



Chair Matthew Jelley