

**ATTENDING**

Mayor Don Clark  
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty, Chair  
Councilor Adam Lutz  
Councilor Chris Goddard  
Councilor Derrick Jamieson  
Councilor Rod Reeves  
Councilor Ty Walsh  
Jen Boyd, CAO  
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance  
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development  
Tim Harding, Director of Public Works  
Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator – Recording Secretary

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

Geoff Muttart, Town Solicitor  
Bob Stewart  
Larry Burke  
Hayden Sarsfield  
George Floris  
Ailie Longley, Apple Valley Foods  
Brittany Longley  
Sheila Stewart

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**a. IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF February 14, 2023 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.**

**MOTION DEFERRED**

**4. SECOND READING:**

**a. Foster and Bentley Development Agreement**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOHN M. FOSTER TO**

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**PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF 12 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AT 131  
FOSTER STREET, BERWICK, NS. (PID 55237044 AND PID 55535173)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Apple Valley Foods Development**

Much discussion and debate ensued with regard to the issues mentioned at the Public Hearing on March 20<sup>th</sup> concerning the application for a Development Agreement with Apple Valley Foods to have a Boarding House at 245 Commercial Street.

After discussing matters such as parking, in-house manager, the life of the DA if the property was sold by Apple Valley Foods, upkeep of the property, etc., Council passed the following motion:

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH APPLE VALLEY FOODS, 245 COMMERCIAL STREET (PID 5523884) BE REFERED BACK TO STAFF FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR AMENDMENTS TO THE DA RELATED TO:**

- **Maximum of 9 bedrooms for a maximum of 10 people**
- **Increase the minimum number of parking spaces**
- **Consideration of property standards**
- **Consideration of onsite property manager**
- **Consideration of a maximum of ten tenants at the home**

And be brought back to the next meeting of Council on April 11, 2023.

**MOTION CARRIED  
(Councillor Jamieson opposed)**

**5. PRESENTATION**

**a. Groundwater Use Study, Colin Walker, CBCL**

Mr. Walker offered a very informative presentation on a Groundwater Use Study for Berwick. Staff will consider next steps and will be back in touch with Mr. Walker.

**6. FIRST READINGS**

**a. Accessory Dwelling Units**

Planner Fuller presented a report to allows Accessory Dwelling Units in R1 and R2 zones.

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC CRITERIA TO ENABLE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – DETACHED SUITES IN THE R1 AND R2 ZONES AS-OF-RIGHT AND FORWARD THE APPLICATION TO A PUBLIC HEARING.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. MPS Amendment – Might Metal Roofing**

Planner Fuller presented a report to rezone the previous Rebecca Lodge property from Institutional (I) to Residential (R-2).

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO REDESIGNATE AND REZONE PID's 55241822, 55549125 AND 55288567 FROM INSTITUTIONAL (I) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-2) AND FORWARD THE APPLICATION TO PUBLIC HEARING.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Support for Letter Re: Emergency Department Closures at Soldiers Memorial Hospital**

Council gave direction to staff to support the Town of Middleton with this endeavor.

**8. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**a. RFD003-2023: 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET**

Mayor Clarke explained that because of the proposed increase in the Berwick Electric rate and the increase in many assessments, he would like to see a decrease in the tax rate as opposed to keeping it status quo.

After discussion and review to allocate the \$21,000 needed to reduce the tax rate by one cent, Council made the following motion:

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2023/24 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET V3 AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE THE 2023/24 TAX RESOLUTION.**

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Councillor Jamieson opposed)**  
**(Councillor Walsh opposed)**

**b. RFD004-2023 Five Year Capital Investment Plan**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2023/24 5 YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**c. RFD005-2023 Valley REN IMSA**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CAO TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED VALLEY REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK INTERMUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9. DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

Deputy Mayor Trinacty highlighted meetings and events he has attended since February COTW.

Upcoming meetings:

COTW – March 28

Mayor's Meeting – April 3

Council Meeting – April 11

Mayor Clarke returns to the office – April 4

**10. IN CAMERA SESSION - PROPERTY**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED TO IN-CAMERA AT 10:09pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA BE ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:30PM**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:30P.M**

**Approved by Town Council Month DD, YYYY.**

**As recorded by Chantal Franey, Executive Coordinator.**