

## REGULAR MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY INNOVATION COMMITTEE

*Wednesday, April 5, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.*

Township of South-West Oxford

Council Chambers

Present: Chair Jim Pickard – via Zoom; Mayor David Mayberry; Councillor Valerie Durston; Works Superintendent Adam Prouse; Cathy Reeves (community representative) and George Klosler (community representative) – via Zoom,

Regrets: Clerk Julie Middleton and Chief Building Official Howard Leaver

Staff: Clerk's Assistant Nicole Chambers

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### **Call to Order**

Chair Jim Pickard called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and a quorum was present.

### **Motion to Accept the Agenda**

Resolution No. 1 Moved by: David Mayberry  
Seconded by: Cathy Reeves

RESOLVED that the agenda for the meeting of the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Environment and Energy Innovation Committee be approved.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

### **Minutes**

Resolution No. 2 Moved by: Valerie Durston  
Seconded by: Adam Prouse

RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting Environment and Energy Innovation Committee meeting be reviewed and approved.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried

Cathy Reeves inquired if the Committee needs to provide more information as to why funding for the Dereham Centre Hall was declined. Jim Pickard will inquire with Peter Ypma (Ward 2 Councillor) who is on the hall board.

*4:35 p.m. – George Klosler entered via Zoom*

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**



any associated work due to issues discovered. Jim noted that the Committee approved \$2,500 from Climate Change Reserves for energy efficient upgrades as a result of the Township's electrical audit. These funds are for the repairs, not for the audit itself.

The Committee directed Howard to audit the Mount Elgin Fire Station next and to provide the total cost of the audit (excluding repairs) so far. Nicole Chambers will follow up with Howard. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

### Tree Planting

David noted that the Township must plant a minimum of 10,000 trees to receive grant funding. Cathy submitted some links for consideration regarding tree planting projects. The Committee inquired about the landlocked parcel in Beachville which Howard noted previously would be suitable for a tree planting project – Nicole will follow up with him regarding this.

Adam noted that the Works Department ordered 200 trees this spring – a mix of sugar maple and oak. These will be planted roadside on Ebenezer Road, Mount Elgin Road, Culloden (the Township side) and Duffy – he has a map if anyone would like to see it. Jim inquired if every tree has a home, to which Adam replied that they may have a few extra if someone has a spot for some. Jim requested that in the future before ordering, staff should ask the hall and park boards if they have any needs. Valerie inquired if there will be any trees planted at Hilltop Park, to which Adam replied that there will be some planted in phase 4 this spring by the developer. Adam added that he may be able to accommodate other locations if any tree requests can be brought to him by tomorrow. Cathy inquired if the Township does any tree planting in the fall to which Adam replied, historically no.

### Question Re: George Klosler's Blog Post

The Committee inquired about the blog created by George Klosler and his wife and if it had been circulated to residents? Nicole noted it was posted in the SWOX Talks Newsletter, social media and on our website.

### Correspondence

None.

### Discussion Items

None.

### New Business

None.

