

**Call to Order** The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Thurber in the chair at 6:00 p.m.

**Attendance**

Councillors present:

- Jim Thurber, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- Linda Gregory, Councillor
- Randall Amero, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor
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Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Gordon Wilson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Cora Lee Bremner, Executive Secretary
- Hubert Vroom, Dangerous & Unsightly Administrator

**Prayer** Warden Thurber welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked everyone to pause to seek guidance for the meeting.

**Agenda** **MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Adams that the agenda be approved as distributed.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**New Business**

#1 Order to Remedy  
(Demolition) – 16  
Overcove Road,  
Freeport AAN  
01822861

Mr. Vroom invited the Thurber's to come forward for the hearing. Warden Thurber welcomed them to the meeting. Mr. Vroom advised Council that the Municipality of Digby has received complaints for six properties from one end of the Island to the other concerning dangerous and unsightly properties. Mr. Vroom gave a slideshow presentation to Council outlining the pictures of the first property which is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Thurber. The house is open and has no interior walls. The windows are smashed out. There is trawl currently being stored at the location. This property is 12,593 square feet. Mr. Vroom stated that Mr. Thurber is in favor of salvaging the property and invited him to share his plans. Mr. Thurber advised Council that he bought the house with the intentions of fixing it up and has been unable to due to having a couple of heart attacks. He has been making an attempt to keep the property looking good on the outside and has been keeping the lawn mowed. Mr. Thurber has plans to have the outside painted and a drain put in the cellar. Most of the windows are boarded over. Mr. Vroom stated that the floors show no sign of rotting. Warden Thurber stated it needs to be shut up so that no one can get in. It is a safety issue now that Council has been made aware. Mr. Thurber was given 30 days to make the building secure and nine months to fix up the outside of the building. The doors have to be secured and locked. The cellar has to be closed up. The broken windows need to be addressed and the building needs painting. Mr. Vroom and Warden Thurber thanked the Thurber's for coming.

#2 Order to Remedy  
(Demolition) –  
Overcove Road,  
Freeport AAN  
04624726

Mr. Vroom stated that Mr. Ingalls and Ms. Clayton were notified of the meeting and advised Mr. Vroom that they were unable to attend, however, they do intend to remove the building. Mr. Vroom gave a slide show presentation to Council outlining the state of the building. The windows are broken, the door is ajar and the grounds are not kept. The ceiling is in a state of collapse and you can see out through the roof. The owners plan to take the building down between January and April 2010. It was agreed that this plan was suitable as long as the building was secured within the next thirty days.

**MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that an order to demolish be issued for AAN 04624726 located on Overcove Road in Freeport for no later than April 30, 2010 and that the property be secured within 30 days or it will be torn down.**

Mr. Vroom stated that he will look into getting a bulk price for taking down the properties to see if the Municipality can do it a bit cheaper.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#3 Order to Remedy  
(Demolition) –  
Highway 217,  
Tiverton AAN  
03826333

Mr. Vroom noted that the owner of AAN 03826333 was notified of the meeting tonight. Mr. Vroom gave a slide show presentation outlining the condition of the property. The roof is ready to collapse. This building is located on a very small piece of property. The property owner has indicated that he wants to repair the building and has already begun working on it. Mr. Vroom stated that he doesn't think that the building is repairable. He also noted that the property owner may be concerned because he wouldn't be able to rebuild after the building is taken down as the land is so small. Mr. Vroom asked Council if they would be in favor of giving him a time frame to take the building down and put up another building no bigger than the original.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Deputy Warden MacAlpine that Council give Mr. Prime 30 days to demolish the current building and grant him the ability to rebuild a building no larger than it is now within a nine month period.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#4 Order to Remedy  
(Demolition) –  
Highway 217, Central  
Grove AAN 00529192

Mr. Vroom stated that a letter has gone out to the owners of AAN 00529192 making them aware of tonight's meeting. Mr. Vroom has heard that the building has been taken down, but he has not been there to verify this. He noted that there are also a number of appliances laying around the building. Mr. Vroom gave a presentation to make Council aware of the current state of the property. This property is a small lot as well, 14,000 square feet. The roof is gone and you can see out the top. The second floor has collapsed. There were automobile parts in the building.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council give a demolition order for AAN 00529192 owned by Mr. James Tibert and also order that the property be cleaned up.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#5 Order to Remedy  
(Demolition) – 269  
Overcove Road,  
Freeport AAN  
01514504

Mr. Vroom stated that the property owner has been made aware of the meeting tonight. He has had no response from the property owner. Mr. Vroom gave a presentation to Council showing the state of the building. The back of the building is open. The inside is beyond repair.

**MOVED by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Amero that Council give a demolition order as well as a cleanup order within 30 days for AAN 01514504 owned by Mr. Tony Hall.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Additional Dangerous  
and Unsightly  
Property

Mr. Vroom advised Council that there was an additional dangerous and unsightly property that was scheduled for tonight but the owners have come in and received a demolition permit. Mr. Vroom wanted to give them a chance to have the building removed.

**Adjournment**

**MOVED by Deputy Warden MacAlpine, seconded by Councillor Gregory that the meeting adjourn at 6:36 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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