

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Amherst Town Council
Held in Council Chambers – Amherst Town Hall
Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 12:15 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Jerry Hallee
Deputy Mayor George Baker
Councillor Robert Angel
Councillor Ed Chitty
Councillor Dale Fawthrop
Councillor David March
Councillor Terry Rhindress
Gregory Herrett, CAO
Rebecca Purdy, EA

Mayor Hallee called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. This special meeting was duly advertised, and was called in order for Council to consider appointments to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners.

Appointment of Members to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners

Councillor Robert Angel read the following synopsis:

In early June 2007 Council solicited applications to fill two vacancies on the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners by way of advertising in the Amherst Daily News. The response was excellent, with a number of very qualified applications being received.

Of those candidates, the two that are being put forward for appointment here today are Ray Gallant and Lisa Emery.

Ray Gallant, an Amherst native, retired as CAO for the Town of Yarmouth in 2004 and returned to Amherst where is now President of a consulting firm that provides a broad range of financial and administrative services to private companies and municipal governments. While with the Town of Yarmouth, Ray was a representative on the Provincial Committee charged to develop a White Paper on Policing and related issues within the province.

Lisa Emery, also an Amherst native, is a graduate of Mount Saint Vincent University with a B.A. in Political Studies and Psychology. Her employment history includes work as a Property and Litigation Paralegal in law firms and Legal Assistant to the Department of Justice lawyers. Lisa also has had plenty of experience on other boards in the area, including the United Way, the Nova Scotia Community College Board of Governors, and the board of Family and Children Services for Cumberland County.

The Nova Scotia Police Act requires criminal and background checks, which have been completed by the Amherst Police Department.

Moved by Councillor Robert Angel, seconded by Councillor Ed Chitty that Council approve the appointment of Raymond Gallant and Lisa Emery to the Amherst Board of Police Commissioners for one year terms effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

On motion by Councillor Terry Rhindress the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.

APPROVED:

Gregory D. Herrett, CA
Chief Administrative Officer

Jerry Hallee
Mayor

