BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012** at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Lucas, Treasurer and Burgess Marie Walker, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Clerk Ann Benore

Absent: Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher

Also Present: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch (8:00)

Burgess Betsy Kenyon made a motion to correct the February 14, 2012 meeting minutes to read "Mr. DaSilva spoke to Don Mitchell relative to the proposed regulations. He presented four different styles and the Historic District requested a white background with black letters. Subject to approval of the proposed regulation, the Historic District did approve his application", seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Burgess Marie Walker made a motion to accept the February 14, 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: None.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that he received a phone call from the resident at 11 West Street regarding the condition of a tree on that property. Clerk Benore also received that phone call and referred the resident to Tree Warden Rob McCulloch to assess the situation. He also received an email from Police Commission Chairman Paul Mangiafico asking him to get together with the Police Commission regarding traffic matters in the Borough. That meeting will take place in a couple of weeks. In addition, Warden Gaston said that he will be attending the Ordinance Committee meeting tomorrow to discuss blight ordinance.

<u>Tax Collector's Report</u>: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2010: \$168,715.45; Current Taxes: \$160,743.51; Back Taxes: \$4,555.94; Interest: \$1,804.06; Lien Fees: \$408.00; Return of Overpayments: (\$1,388.26). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$162,100.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$159,355.25.

<u>Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report,</u> Burgess Baiad seconded and unanimously approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Treasurer Walker reported the following: A deposit of \$1,500.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$162,100.00 to date. A deposit of \$627.00 was made from Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean in February. A transfer of \$10,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing leaving a total of \$223,163.25 to date in the NSBMM account. Capital Reserve is \$1,900.17 as of February 29, 2012.

Burgess Betsy Kenyon made a motion to transfer \$1,300.00 from Contingency to Income Taxes, Senior Burgess Crick seconded and unanimously approved.

<u>Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report,</u> seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that Dr. Beck will be presenting a proposal to build a new structure instead of remodeling the existing building at 12 Queen Street. A traffic study will have to be done regarding the entrance/exit of the property. She also reported that a Borough Zoning meeting will be held on March 20, 2012 where the proposed sign regulations for Main Street will be discussed.

<u>Tree Warden</u>: Rob McCulloch reported that trees were taken down at 7 Hanover Road, 32 Queen Street, and two on Glover Avenue will be taken down shortly. He reported that he will be looking at the tree at 11 West Street. He also received a call from the resident at 10 Main Street regarding a couple of uprooted trees. Mr. McCulloch informed him that those trees were scheduled to be replaced and the stumps will be removed at that time.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Streets & Parks: Burgess Lucas had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Nothing new to report

Old Business: Senior Burgess Crick reported that she attended the Health District board meeting regarding the budget and it was just about status quo.

<u>New Business</u>: Warden Gaston presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013. He asked that board members take it home and review the material to be discussed further and voted on in either April or May. Discussion followed.

Public Participation: None.

The regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses will held on April 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall.

There being no further business, Burgess Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore Borough Clerk