

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, April 10, 2012** at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**Present:** Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Lucas (7:36), Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean (7:45), Clerk Ann Benore

**Absent:** Treasurer and Burgess Marie Walker

**Also Present:** Tree Warden Rob McCulloch, two members of the public

Burgess Anthony Baiad made a motion to accept the March 13, 2012 meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: Lisa Floros, 32 Queen Street, asked for clarification on the grant money being requested for sidewalks. Warden Gaston explained that there are two grants (one is for the sidewalk on S. Main Street connecting to Walgreens and the other is for Queen Street.) He explained that Jean St. Jean and George Benson (Land Use Director) put together the application for the proposed sidewalks on Queen Street and if and when the money is granted, there will be a public hearing to decide the exact location of the sidewalks.

Jill Beaudry, 36 Queen Street, expressed concern over safety issues at the triangle of Queen Street and Glover Avenue if the sidewalks do go in. She also inquired as to why the S. Main Street sidewalk grant was being put through before Queen Street. Warden Gaston explained that it is a commercial zone so the process is different.

Lisa Floros then inquired about the temporary speed bumps going in on Queen Street. Warden Gaston explained that the speed bumps are going in a trial basis and that their impact on surrounding side streets will be reviewed. Discussion followed.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that he received a fax from a resident on Currituck Road regarding grinding the stumps on her property. She attached an estimate of the work to be done. Tree Warden Rob McCulloch offered to look into the matter.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch reported that all the trees have been taken down that were on the list and he is getting prices on grinding the stumps. He also reported that there is a sight line issue on the corner of Mt. Pleasant Road and Mt. Pleasant Terrace and he will have the tree cut down.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2010: \$168,715.45; Current Taxes: \$163,421.52; Back Taxes: \$4,557.38; Interest: \$2,144.05; Lien Fees: \$408.00; Return of Overpayments: (\$1,636.13). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$165,800.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$161,785.39.

Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report, Burgess Baiad  
seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Clerk Benore read the report: A deposit of \$3,700.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$165,800.00 to date. A transfer of \$5,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing leaving a total of \$221,872.59 to date in the NSBMM account. Capital Reserve is \$1,900.21 as of March 31, 2012.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Senior Burgess Crick and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that Dr. Beck's proposed building at 12 Queen Street appears to be larger than what the regulations allow. The matter will be discussed at Wednesday's Zoning meeting and the regulations may have to be amended. She also met with Mr. Kaspar and he will be giving Dr. Beck the right of way to go through his property and exit at the light in the Big Y shopping center. She reported that a couple of people are interested in the empty spaces in Caraluzzi's center.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon reported that the Historic District signs have gone up and she is getting positive feedback.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that he will be preparing a request for proposal for the maintenance work on the islands. The bid will cover the fiscal period of July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, and the maintenance will continue as is until that timeframe.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Budget: Warden Gaston presented the proposed budget for 2012/2013 and noted that the mill rate will once again remain unchanged at 0.61 percent.

**A meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held on May 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Meeting Room at Edmond Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013. A special meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held immediately following the meeting of property owners, in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT.**

Public Participation: None.

There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore  
Borough Clerk