## BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday**, **June 12, 2012** at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Present**: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Borough Clerk Ann Benore

Absent: Treasurer and Burgess Marie Walker, Burgess Bill Lucas

Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher made a motion to accept the May 8, 2012 special meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

<u>Burgess Betsy Kenyon made a motion to accept the May 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes,</u> seconded by Senior Burgess Joan Crick and unanimously approved.

## Public Participation: None.

<u>Warden's Report</u>: Warden Gaston reported that he received a bill from Supreme Hill Landscaping for the mowing of the entrance to Old Castle Drive. It was decided last year by the board to have Supreme handle the maintenance of that property and Warden asked whether it should continue for this year. Discussed followed.

Burgess Betsy Kenyon made a motion to approve payment of \$600.00 to Supreme Hill Landscaping for the continued mowing on Old Castle Drive, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Warden Gaston also reported that he received a request from a food vendor to sell food at this year's Labor Day Parade. He stated that the code book does regulate vendors and they are only allowed to sell from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There is no selling on Sundays and Holidays with the exception of the Labor Day Parade. Discussed followed. Burgess Baiad expressed concern about allowing food vendors at the parade. Warden Gaston suggested that the Borough set a fee for food vendors and a fee for non-food vendors. He stated that the vendor would need an insurance policy and receive approval from the Health Department & Police Department before coming to the Borough.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to set the fee at \$50.00 per permit for selling of food and/or non-food items by vendors at the Labor Day Parade, seconded by Burgess Baiad, Senior Burgess Crick opposed but majority ruled.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to approve the procedure for food and non-food vendors which includes approval by the Health Department and Police Department prior to going

<u>to the Borough for approval</u>, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher and unanimously approved.

**Tree Warden**: No report.

<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: \$164,963.88; Back Taxes: \$4,562.13; Interest: \$2,360.21; Lien Fees: \$408.00; Return of Overpayments: (\$1,643.19). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$169,700.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$163,320.69.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher and unanimously approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Clerk Ann Benore read the report: A deposit of \$900.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$169,700.00 to date. A deposit of \$1,309.00 for building fees, etc. was made from Jean St. Jean. A transfer of \$14,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing leaving a total of \$201,729.81 to date in the NSBMM account. Capital Reserve is \$1,900.28 as of May 31, 2012.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that she met with Peter Scalzo and the bank regarding the Lexington Gardens property and their proposal should be submitted in July. Construction is expected to start in the fall with Bennett Sullivan designing the buildings. She also reported that she met with a realtor and several people are interested in the property at 27 Church Hill Road. She said that Dr. Beck's proposal will be finalized at the Zoning meeting tomorrow night and it looks like he will get approval for a 2-story building which includes retail on lower level and his medical office on upper level. Finally, Toll Bros. will be taking over the French's subdivision on Mt. Pleasant Road.

**<u>Historic District</u>**: Burgess Kenyon had nothing to report.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing to report.

<u>Streets & Parks</u>: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that 2 trees were planted at 7 Glover Avenue to replace tree damage due to the storms from last year.

<u>Old Business</u>: Burgess Kenyon asked about the status of the Blight Ordinance. Warden Gaston reported that the Ordinance Committee of the Legislative Council is still putting it together.

New Business: None.

**Public Participation**: None.

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

## <u>There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at</u> <u>8:24 p.m.</u>, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore Borough Clerk