

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, November 13, 2012** in the Borough Office 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 Bill Lucas, Burgess Kim D'Amico, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Cathy Monckton, Clerk Ann Benore

**Absent:** none.

**Also Present:** Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Burgess Bill Lucas made a motion to accept the October 9, 2012 regular meeting minutes,** seconded by Burgess Anthony Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Gaston reported that he spent a lot of time at the Emergency Operations Center along with other town officials after Hurricane Sandy. Meetings were held daily at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to keep everyone apprised of the situation.

Warden Gaston, on behalf of all Borough Board Members, wanted to thank Marie Walker for her dedication and service to the Borough over the last 20 years which went beyond the call of duty.

**Tree Warden:** Rob McCulloch reported that he received emails from the town asking him to look at work on Reservoir Road, Lincoln Road, Lovell's Lane. Warden Gaston reported that a tree on Borough Lane was in the road and pulled to the side by a resident but it still needs to be removed. Rob reported that he had a conversation with Dan Shea (44 Queen Street) who asked that one tree near Merryhill Daycare which was marked for removal be left alone. Rob reported that CL&P actually did leave the tree so he agreed to leave it as well.

Rob heard from Maureen Rohmer (27 Main Street) who had concerns about a tree near her property being a sight line issue. He spoke with John Vouros (29 Main Street) as well and all agreed to take it down and replant another tree. Wayne Adessi (13 Lovell's Lane) had several trees come down during the storm and one came down across a fence so he put a claim into the town. Rob also had to remove a tree at 32 The Boulevard and trees will be coming out at 39 West Street and 13 Lovell's Lane. At this point, Rob suggests that any tree planting be held off until the spring. He is compiling a stump grinding list.

Rob suggested to the Board that it would be helpful to him to have some sort of badge or identification showing that he is Tree Warden, especially in times like these when he needs to be on personal property because of storms to access damage. The Board agreed that it would be very helpful. Cathy Monckton said that the Sandy Hook Fire Department does make badges. Warden Gaston told Rob to get the badge authorized and he will sign it.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2011: \$169,413.31; Current Taxes: \$157,858.60; Back Taxes: \$1,843.92; Interest: \$997.35; Lien Fees: \$184.48; Write-Offs: (\$78.32); Refunds: (\$822.28). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$159,300.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$157,720.94.

**Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report,** seconded by Burgess D'Amico and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cathy Monckton read the report: A deposit of \$3,500 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$159,300.00. A transfer of \$10,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,900.76 as of October 31, 2012.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that Dr. Young (25 Church Hill Road) will be attending tomorrow night's Borough Zoning meeting to ask for signage amendments to the regulations. She reported that 27 Church Hill Road has a new owner who plans to take the building down and rebuild. She also reported that 30-32 Church Hill Road will be closing soon and potential tenants for offices and retail have been secured.

**Historic District:** Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

**Sidewalks:** Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that the sidewalk work will begin tomorrow. Warden Gaston reported that he heard from Dr. Reed (63 Main Street) who was concerned about separating bomanite in some sidewalk areas. He asked if we could have a plan in place to patch these areas. Second Senior Burgess Maher stated he will look into sealing these spots.

**Streets & Parks:** Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report.

**Old Business:** Warden Gaston presented the Anti-Blight Ordinance which was modified as of November 12, 2012 and he noted the changes. Discussion followed. Warden Gaston stated he will send an email to Mary Ann Jacob indicating that the Borough is in favor of the concept if the ordinance was modified to reflect the proposed changes. He also wants to see the Enforcement Officer used as a tool and not a hammer.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Participation:** None.

The regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

**There being no further business, Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore  
Borough Clerk