

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**Present:** Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Treasurer Paula B. Hughes, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Clerk Ann Benore

**Absent:** Burgess Kim D'Amico, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean

**Also Present:** Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the August 13, 2013 meeting minutes,** seconded by Senior Burgess Crick and unanimously approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Gaston reported that there were two resignations from the Borough Zoning Board of Appeals – Janet Woycik and Robert Taylor. Under the Borough's Charter, the Warden has the authority to make the appointments to fill open positions. There were a number of people who expressed interest. Warden Gaston announced the appointment of Jane Maher, 8 Juniper Road and Mary Thomas, 22 Juniper Road and the Board agreed that they would be good additions. Clerk Ann Benore then swore Jane Maher in as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Warden Gaston also reported that he will be attending a meeting with George Benson and Mary Gaudet Wilson to go over the issue of passing an ordinance regarding the rapid growth of bamboo in the town.

**Tree Warden:** Due to the lack of a quorum at last month's meeting, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch again presented the map indicating the location of trees to be replanted. He made the suggestion that the Borough go ahead with getting the dogwoods planted as soon as possible and then looking into any donations of maples given to the town. The Board agreed with Mr. McCulloch and also indicated they keep consistent with the Borough's tree policy (replacements will be trees as opposed to shrubs).

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez read the May 2013 report: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2011: \$169,413.31; Current Taxes: \$163,932.60; Back Taxes: \$3,853.81; Interest: \$2,439.60; Lien Fees: \$448.48; Write-Offs: \$78.32; Refunds: (\$822.28); Overpayments: (\$294.31). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$167,500.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$163,932.60

Tax Collector Enriquez read the July 2013 report: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2012: \$192,223.78; Current Taxes: \$165,245.89; Back Taxes: \$1,547.77; Interest: \$470.06; Lien Fees: \$216.00; Write-Offs: \$54.98; Overpayments: (\$948.23). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$165,000.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$165,245.89.

Tax Collector Enriquez read the August 2013 report: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2012: \$192,223.78; Current Taxes: \$177,889.67; Back Taxes: \$1,787.67; Interest: \$1,125.80; Lien Fees: \$303.25; Write-Offs: \$54.98; Refunds: (4,515.65); Overpayments: (\$105.98). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$171,000.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$177,889.67.

**Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the May 2013 Tax Collector's report,** seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

**Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to accept the July 2013 Tax Collector's report,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the August 2013 Tax Collector's report,** seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector Enriquez asked the Board to approve her attending and covering the cost of a Connecticut Tax Collectors Association program amounting to \$175.00.

**Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to approve the CT Tax Collectors Association Program for \$175.00,** seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paula B. Hughes read the report for July 2013: A deposit of \$165,000.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$10,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,901.47 as of July 31, 2013.

Treasurer Paula B. Hughes read the report for August 2013: A deposit of \$6,000.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$40,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,901.5 as of September 2, 2013.

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the July 2013 Treasurer's Report,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the August 2013 Treasurer's Report,** seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** No report due to the absence of Zoning Officer St. Jean.

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

**Sidewalks:** Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report. Warden Gaston reported that the grant application by the Town failed associated with sidewalks. He asked that Second Senior Burgess Maher look into applying for smaller grants to complete the sidewalk work in the

Borough at the top of Church Hill Road.

**Streets & Parks:** Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that all was quiet.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Participation:** None.

The regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall.

**There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore  
Borough Clerk