

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Lucas, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann Benore

Absent: Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Chris Gardner

Also Present: Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the July 8, 2014 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved. (There was no meeting in August.)

Public Participation: None.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that he has been receiving quite a few thank you cards from people regarding the passing of the Bamboo Ordinance including one from a resident of Spring Hill, Florida. He stated that he would be checking with the Town Clerk's Office about the recording of the list of historic district properties in the Borough, in particular the list that was approved in 2006. His concern is that the land records do not reference the recording properly.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch reported that 6 trees have been removed (2 on West Street, 3 on The Boulevard, and the one dead ash on Johnnycake Lane). He also stated that stumps were ground on the corner of Church Hill Road and The Boulevard, West Street, and Johnnycake Lane. He reported that pruning still needs to be done on Queen Street and in Ram's Pasture.

Rob requested that a tree be planted on West Street where 2 trees were removed. Second Senior Burgess Maher also noted that the Dogwood tree planted at 8 Main Street did not take and should be replaced. Mr. Maher said that the property at 6 Main Street looks bare because of the loss of trees and requested plantings be done there as well.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to spend up to \$1,750.00 on the replacement of 4 trees, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for July 2014: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,372.49; Current Taxes: \$165,564.59; Back Taxes: \$432.19; Interest: \$137.20; Lien Fees: \$72.00; Current Taxes Collected: \$165,564.59.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for July 2014, seconded by Senior Burgess Crick and unanimously approved.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for August 2014: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,372.49; Current Taxes: \$175,096.50; Back Taxes: \$1,196.43; Interest: \$732.65; Lien Fees: \$279.25; Current Taxes Collected: \$165,564.59 which represents 91.4%.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for August 2014, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the July 2014 report: No transfer was needed for this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,902.42 as of July 31, 2014.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2014, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the August 2014 report: A deposit of \$166,000.00 was made by Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$12,000.00 was made for this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,902.50 as of August 30, 2014.

Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2014, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean stated that the work at Lexington Gardens has stopped because paperwork from the state regarding the traffic light still needs to be submitted.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon reported that there was a public hearing regarding an application from 54 Main Street for a cupola on the garage, new garage door, and steel fence. The meeting went well and the owner is taking their suggestion to have a carpenter make the garage door rather than use Overhead Door due to the large size of the door.

Sidewalks: Senior Burgess Maher was approached by Trinity Church to repair the sidewalk in front of the rectory on Main Street. Mr. Maher stated that it is the last section of asphalt and is in bad shape. The section is 145 feet and would cost approximately \$12,000.

Second Senior Burgess made a motion to authorize \$12,000 to replace the sidewalk at 64 Main Street, seconded by Senior Burgess Crick and unanimously approved.

Mr. Maher also discussed protecting the sidewalks installed in 2006 from Glover Avenue to the flagpole. The estimate for the sealant is approximately \$8,700.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to spend \$8,000 to seal the sidewalk from Glover Avenue to the flagpole (east side), seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Streets & Parks: None.

Old Business: Treasurer Paula Brinkman asked whether 2 street lights could be installed – one on Grand Place (between #3 and #5) and one on Glover Avenue near the island. Discussion followed.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to authorize Senior Burgess Crick to contact CL&P regarding the installation of 2 street lights, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

There being no further business, Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore
Borough Clerk

