

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, October 14, 2014** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the September 9, 2014 annual meeting minutes,** seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved

**Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to accept the September 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes,** seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Gaston reported that he sent a "Letter to the Editor" to The Bee thanking the Draper family for their generous contribution to the sidewalk project connecting Main Street to Sandy Hook Center. In the letter, he also thanked Second Senior Burgess Maher for all his hard work overseeing the project thus far.

**Tree Warden:** No report due to Rob McCulloch's absence.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for September 2014:  
Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,372.49; Current Taxes: \$176,370.19; Back Taxes: \$1,453.41; Interest: \$816.89; Lien Fees: \$310.77; Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$176,500.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$176,370.19.

**Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for September 2014,** seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the September 2014 report: A deposit of \$10,500.00 was made by Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$176,500.00 to date. A transfer of \$17,000 was made for this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,902.58 as of September 30, 2014.

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

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean stated that the work at Lexington Gardens has started again. The Newtown Savings Bank building there will begin construction next year. Warden Gaston said he received a phone call regarding the Church Hill project and the need for 3 new fire hydrants to be installed. The water hookup at the intersection of The Boulevard and Church Hill Road is too small so work will begin to modify the system.

Discussion followed.

**Historic District:** Burgess Kenyon presented copies of two reports about the Historic District and its boundaries which were produced in 1996 and 2009. The copies will be kept in the Borough Office for public review. She also presented a sample of the new Historic District signs being made by A Sign Depot and all agreed to order them.

The Historic District Annual Report was presented and Burgess Kenyon reported that 2 public hearings were held (13 Main Street and 64 Main Street) and both applications were approved. Two workshops were also held: one with Newtown Hook & Ladder to review plans for their new firehouse, and the other with 33 Main Street to review renovations.

**Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the Historic District's Annual Report for 2014,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to re-appoint Mark Poirier as a Member, Historic District Commission for a term ending 07/2019,** seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Kenyon made a motion to appoint Karen Boyle as an Alternate, Historic District Commission to fill a vacancy for a term ending 07/2018,** seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

**Sidewalks:** Senior Burgess Maher reported that the work to seal the sidewalks from Glover Avenue to the flagpole was completed. He stated the total cost came to \$11,455.00 to complete the project which was \$3,455.00 more than the original assessment.

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to allot \$3,455.00 more to the sidewalk resealing,** seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

**Streets & Parks:** Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that Tree Warden Rob McCulloch planted 2 trees at 6 Main Street and one tree at 8 Main Street.

**Old Business:** Senior Burgess Crick asked whether an informational piece will be going out soon regarding the new Bamboo Ordinance. Warden Gaston stated that he is preparing one to be published in The Bee.

**New Business:** Warden Gaston noticed that the telephone pole in front of 38 Main Street looks like it is tilting. He asked Senior Burgess Crick to contact CL&P to check on its safety.

Warden Gaston also reported that he received a letter from Mary Barrett Anders (15 Grand Place) who is looking to repair/replace the (Rochambeau) sign in front of the library. She stated the replacement cost is \$450.00 and that the C.H. Booth Library is contributing \$150.00 and the Newtown Historical Society is contributing \$100.00. She asked whether the Borough would consider donating \$50.00 to \$200.00 to complete the job.

**Burgess Kenyon made a motion to spend \$200.00 toward the replacement of the sign in front of C.H. Booth Library,** Burgess Baiad seconded and unanimously approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.

**There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.,** seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore  
Borough Clerk