

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, December 9, 2014** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**Present:** Warden James Gaston, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann Benore, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Absent:** Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean

**Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the November 13, 2014 regular meeting minutes,**  
seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Gaston reported that a Strategic Space Needs Committee has been formed to look at possible uses of several town buildings in the future (3 Main Street - Police Department, Senior Center, and Newtown Hook & Ladder - 45 Main Street). There has also been some discussion about closing a school in town but no decisions have been made as of yet.

**Tree Warden:** Rob McCulloch reported that the State has taken down trees on Main Street and tree work is being done on Lorraine Drive. He also approved a request from Newtown Forest Association to remove some dead trees on Castle Hill Road near the overlook.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for October 2014: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,372.49; Current Taxes: \$178,412.44; Back Taxes: \$2,253.62; Interest: \$1,258.71; Lien Fees: \$382.77; Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$178,200. Current Taxes Collected: \$178,412.44.

Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for November 2014: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,363.81; Current Taxes: \$179,401.64; Back Taxes: \$1,956.89; Interest: \$1,630.49; Lien Fees: \$406.77; Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$178,200. Current Taxes Collected: \$179,401.64.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the November 2014 report: No deposits were made by Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$178,200.00 to date. A transfer of \$10,000 was made for this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,902.74 as of November 30, 2014.

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

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

**Historic District:** Due to Burgess Kenyon's absence, Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that he was able to check the size of the new signs and determined they would be fine with the existing posts. Clerk Benore made a suggestion that the black border box around the new sign be included as it was on the old sign. Second Senior Burgess Maher agreed and said he would let Burgess Kenyon know of the suggestion.

**Sidewalks:** Second Senior Burgess Maher received a request that the masonry work be repaired in the walkway of the library where some settling has occurred. The cost of the project would be \$400.00.

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to spend \$400.00 to repair the walkway at the library,**  
seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

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

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Burgess Lucas was asked by a borough resident whether goats were permitted on personal property. Warden Gaston stated that they were permitted. Burgess Gardner asked whether the lamps on Church Hill Road and Queen Street were on private commercial property. Warden Gaston confirmed that they are on private property; however, the lamps which will be going up on the new sidewalk on Church Hill Road will be the Borough's responsibility.

Clerk Benore presented the Board of Burgesses Meeting Schedule for 2015.

**Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the meeting schedule for 2015,** seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 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 8:24 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Benore  
Borough Clerk