

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, July 14, 2015** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

**Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the June 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes,** seconded by Burgess Baiad, Burgess Gardner abstained due to last month's absence, and approved.

**Public Participation:** None.

**Tree Warden:** None due to Rob McCulloch's absence.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Gaston reported that installation of poles for banners on Queen Street has not gone to bid. Eversource is requiring it to be a very specific type of pole; therefore, a lower cost solution is not an option, so it is best that Eversource take care of the installation. The railroad company has agreed that banners may be hung on the trestle on Church Hill Road as long as the Town hangs them.

The sidewalk project on Church Hill Road has been completed but has gone over budget by \$80,000. The lighting which was installed cost \$33,775 and the Town has now asked the Borough to help defray the costs. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made.

**Burgess Gardner made a motion to give \$33,775 to the Town to cover the cost of lighting and its installation on Church Hill Road (new sidewalk),** seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

With respect to the bamboo problem on Lorraine Drive, Warden Gaston said that before a hearing can occur, a hearing officer needs to be appointed. At that point, the owner will be notified of the hearing. Rob McCulloch has spoken to the State and they are very interested in the process of enforcing the Bamboo Ordinance.

**Burgess Gardner made a motion to appoint Warden Gaston as Hearing Officer for bamboo related issues,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for June 2015 (End of Fiscal Year 2014/2015): Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,183.90; Current Taxes: \$185,975.59; Back Taxes: \$5,684.96; Interest: \$4,726.47; Lien Fees: \$910.77; Refunds:

(\$1,697.49). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$197,583.71. Current Taxes Collected: \$185,975.59.

**Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for June 2015**, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the June 2015 End of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 report: A deposit of \$1,083.71 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$197,583.71. A \$3,000.00 transfer was be made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,903.29 as of June 30, 2015.

**Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2015**, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Clerk LoBosco read Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean's report. The Lexington Gardens project should be coming in this week or next week and is expected to generate \$31,000 in building fees. Court proceedings will begin soon with respect to the blight issue at 48 Main Street. The owner of 38 Main Street has asked that something be done about the brightness of the lights on the new sidewalk on Church Hill Road which borders his property.

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

**Sidewalks:** Senior Burgess Maher will follow up with the owner of 38 Main Street regarding the new sidewalk lights which are very bright and produce a glare. He will contact Rob Manna from LRM to discuss options.

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

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Participation:** None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 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 8:45 p.m.**, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco, Borough Clerk

**NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX**

**MONTHLY REPORT FOR:** JUNE 2015 (END OF 2014/15 FISCAL YEAR)

**TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2013:** \$190,183.90

**AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:**

CURRENT TAX:	\$185,975.59
BACK TAXES:	\$5,684.96
INTEREST:	\$4,726.47
LIENS & FEES:	\$910.77

**TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:** \$197,297.79

WRITE OFFS (WAIVE BILLS UNDER \$5.00)	\$186.30
REFUNDS	(\$1,697.49)

**TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:** \$197,583.71

**TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:**

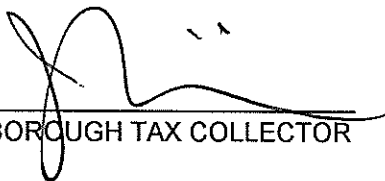
CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$185,975.59	97.8%
OVERPAYMENTS	(\$40.02)	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$4,248.33	2.2%

**NOTE:**

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2012 AND PRIOR:	\$4,044.04
(refund due from prior years)	(\$5.68)

TOTAL CARRYOVER OF UNPAID TAXES AS PAST DUE:	\$8,474.16
SUSPENDED TAXES (INCLUDING PRIOR YEARS):	<u>-\$192.47</u>
TOTAL PAST DUE 2015/2016	\$8,281.69

DATE:  
15-Jul-15

SIGN:   
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

**Borough of Newtown**  
 Newtown, CT  
 Monthly Treasurer's Report  
 For month ending June 30, 2015  
 END FISCAL YR 2014-15

Beginning Balance ( June 1, 2015) \$338,571.23

**OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)**

**Income (Deposits)**

Date	Description	Amount
June 10,,2015	Jean St. Jean	\$739.00
June 10,,2015	Tax Collector	\$786.72
June 29,,2015	Tax Collector <span style="float: right;">(YTD: 197,583.71)</span>	\$296.99

Interest income (June 30, 2015) \$13.98

**Total Income** **\$1,836.69**

**Expenses (checks written)**

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Jun 10, 2015	chk # 219 Treasurer's Acct (331)	invoices	\$3,000.00

**Total Expenses** **\$3,000.00**

Ending Cash Balance (June 30, 2015) \$340,407.92

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
	Total Outstanding Checks		<b>\$0.00</b>

**RECONCILED BANK BALANCE June 30, 2015** **\$337,407.92**

**CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT (#200)**

Beginning Balance (June 1, 2015)	\$1,903.21
Interest income (June 30, 2015)	\$0.08
Ending Cash Balance (June 30, 2015)	<b>\$1,903.29</b>

<b><u>2 Yr. CD ACCT. (#814)</u></b>	matures 10/24/15	\$73,552.06
Interest income (June 30, 2015)	interest .35%	\$21.16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$73,573.22</b>

Respectfully submitted on July 14, 2015  
 Paula Brinkman, Treasurer