

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:52 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, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Clerk Ann LoBosco, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Absent: None.

Also Present: 2 members of the public

Senior Burgess Crick made a motion to accept the August 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes,
seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: Debbie and Jack Moreno (23 Main Street) had several questions for the Board. The tree in front of their house is not healthy and they asked about replacing it. Warden Gaston said that the Borough does have a policy in place and will contribute to its replacement if they replace it with a sugar maple. They asked about the status of the Inn at Newtown. Warden Gaston said they are still hoping for a restaurant/inn. The building is in the Historic District so it will have to go through Historic District. The Town is in the process of foreclosure on the Connor house (48 Main Street) due to blight. The home has to be taken down and the Zoning Commission will remain involved by maintaining the character of the property.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that Newtown Hook & Ladder will be having their Annual Firehouse Ride and he would like the Borough to support the event as it has in the past with a \$2,500.00 donation.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 to Newtown Hook & Ladder in support of the Annual Firehouse Ride, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Warden Gaston and Chris Hottois met with Pat Llodra to discuss Mr. Hottois' presentation about a traffic plan for Main Street. George Benson then reviewed the plan and felt it looked good. Next steps will be to present it to Planning and eventually the Police Commission.

Warden Gaston received an email from Edmond Town Hall asking whether they would be permitted to sell beer and wine at their concerts/special events. Ms. St. Jean said that it is not a zoning issue and as long as they get a liquor permit there should be no problem.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch presented his report (see attached). A total of 15 trees will be replanted and Mr. McCulloch's recommendation is to plant Green Mountain Sugar Maples; each tree costs \$500.00 for a total of \$7,500.00.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to spend up to \$7,500.00 to replant 15 trees as requested, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher. Burgess Gardner recused. Motion passed.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for August 2016: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2015: \$188,472.40; Current Taxes: \$178,985.63; Back Taxes: \$941.67; Interest: \$355.53; Lien Fees: \$68.00; Refunds: \$109.21. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$172,500.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$178,985.63 reflecting a 94.9% rate.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for August 2016, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the August 2016 report: A deposit of \$142,500.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$172,500.00. A \$39,500.00 transfer was made to cover this month's invoicing. The 1 Yr. CD Account totals \$73,965.34 as of August 31, 2016. This account will mature in October 2016 so Ms. Brinkman will present interest rates at next month's meeting.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2016, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean reported that the past year has been very busy. Building fees totaled \$45,362.72 with \$7,278.00 still to come in from Lexington Gardens. She stated that the proposal to build 29 cluster homes by the road on Mt. Pleasant is finding some resistance from neighbors. The residential open space property runs from Mt. Pleasant Road down to Taunton Lake.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon reported a conflict in the Historic District book of homes with respect to the Connor house (48 Main St.). Warden Gaston said that a house has to be voted in the district through an ordinance. Although the Connor house was included in the list of Historic District homes presented it was never officially voted on (therefore it is not in the Historic District). Burgess Kenyon will correct the book and after reviewing with Stephanie Gaston and Warden Gaston she will print a new book.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report.

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

Old Business: Burgess Baiad reported that John Madzula (20 Boulevard) is looking to have the street light replaced on the pole in front of his house which came down during a storm. Several attempts have been made to contact Eversource about the light; Clerk LoBosco will try again.

New Business: Burgess Baiad received an inquiry about the agendas which the Borough posts. The question was whether more detail should be included on the agenda indicating specific topics to be discussed. Warden Gaston said that the agenda indicates reports that will be presented at the meeting. There is no prior knowledge of what may occur during Public Participation. When appointments are to be made, they are included on the agenda. If specific action will be required on a topic, it will be included as well.

Public Participation: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 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 9:11 p.m., seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco
Borough Clerk

TREE WARDEN REPORT

Work Order List

13 Knollwood Dr.	Not Town trees
11 Borough La.	Snapped pine – Newtown Arbor
3 Wendover Rd	Not Town trees
3 Main Street	Maple removed – Newtown Arbor
17 Boulevard	Storm damage – Newtown Arbor
14 Main Street	Tree in pool – Newtown Arbor
10 Hall Lane	Not Town trees
7 East Street	3 trees tagged – Newtown Arbor
4 Glover Ave.	Dead Maple – Newtown Arbor
1 Currituck Rd.	Dead trees – not Town trees

Stump List

18-19 Queen St.	4 stumps
23 Queen St.	3 stumps
4 Mt. Pleasant Terr.	1 stump
4 Glover Ave.	1 stump
15 & 19 Main St.	2 stumps
33 Currituck Rd.	2 stumps
7 Glover Ave.	1 stump/tree not removed yet
Glover/Queen island	1 stump

Planting List

33 Currituck Rd.	2 Maples
65 Main Street	2 (one Maple & 1 Dogwood)
4 Mt. Pleasant Terr.	1 Maple
18-19 Queen St.	4 Maples
23 Queen St.	2 Maples
15 & 19 Main St.	2 Maples
7 Glover Ave.	2 Maples (not removed yet)

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX			
MONTHLY REPORT FOR:	AUGUST 2016		
TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2015:			\$188,472.40
AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:			
CURRENT TAX:		\$178,985.63	
BACK TAXES:		\$941.67	
INTEREST:		\$355.53	
LIENS & FEES:		\$68.00	
TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:		\$180,350.83	
TOTAL CARRY OVER		-\$1,381.94	
CARRY OVER FOR CREDIT APPLIED 7/1		\$1,272.73	
REFUND DUE FROM PRIOR YEAR \$109.21		-\$109.21	
CURRENT REFUNDS		\$157.77	
TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:		\$172,500.00	
TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:			
CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:		\$178,985.63	94.9%
OVERPAYMENTS		-\$199.20	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:		\$9,685.97	5.1%
NOTE:			
BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2014 AND PRIOR:			\$1,148.06

Borough of Newtown
 Newtown, CT
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 For month ending August 31, 2016

Beginning Balance (August 1, 2016) \$388,532.08

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
Aug 17, 2016	Tax Collector (YTD: \$172,500)	\$142,500.00

Interest income (August 31, 2016) \$18.26

Total Income \$142,518.26

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
August 8,2016	chk # 233	Treasurer's Acct (331) invoices	\$35,000.00
August 19,2016	chk# 234	Treasurer's Acct (331) invoices	\$4,500.00

Total Expenses \$39,500.00

Ending Cash Balance (August 31, 2016) \$491,550.34

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
Total Outstanding Checks			\$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (August 31, 2016) \$491,550.34

1 Yr. CD ACCT. (#814) matures 10/24/16 \$73,934.02

Interest income (August 31,2016) interest .50% \$31.32

TOTAL \$73,965.34

Respectfully submitted on September 13, 2016
 Paula Brinkman, Treasurer

Paula Brinkman