

# **Borough of Fenwick Board of Warden and Burgesses Residents' Meeting May 28, 2016**

The 2016 Annual Resident's Meeting was called to order by the Warden, Fran Adams.

The Warden asked for the Residents to stand for a Moment of Silence for the passing of the following Residents:

Hootie Daras  
Sandy Dewing  
Lafayette Keeney  
Martha Soper  
Cricket Staniford  
Rocky Staniford  
Bill Walton

## **Annual Budget**

The Warden introduced the 2016-2017 Annual Budget. The Budget process is limiting in that there are only two opportunities for revenue in the Borough: property taxes and golf course receipts. The Burgesses believe it is necessary for the continued financial security of the Borough to dedicate \$50,000 to a Capital Reserve Fund.

## **Other Business**

One Resident requested the repair of potholes. The General Manager, Larry DeBlasiis responded that they would be repaired in a timely manner.

Golf Course Daily Rates were discussed. Finding the right price point is the challenge and the golf course market is extremely competitive. The Park Commission and the General Manger are continually evaluating the price structure and made adjustments last fall when the market indicated a necessary change in the Daily Rate to remain competitive in the market and not lose players.

The Coyote situation was raised and the Warden reiterated that if a Resident had a coyote act aggressively toward them or had a coyote come within twenty feet they were to notify the Borough office and to call the Old Saybrook Police. The only way for the DEEP to allow the trapping of the coyotes is if they feel there has been "evidence of aggressiveness". The Old Saybrook Police are in favor of the trapping so they will be responsive to our community. The Warden also stated that there is a

penalty for an individual who takes action against the Coyote and a trapper cannot be hired unless he receives approval from a state agency.

The cutting of trees within the Borough was also discussed with Residents. The Warden stated that presently there is a moratorium on the cutting down of trees. The Borough has been working on a three year plan approved by the Land Trust and Park Commission to cut down trees that were damaged or dead due to the flooding from the Storms Sandy and Irene. Also included were trees that presented a safety issue to Residents and trees that were dead from invasive species. Specifically, the trees that were removed from the golf course were part of the Master Plan Narrative that was approved by the Burgesses. Presently, the Operational plan is being developed that will describe hole by hole improvements or changes if any. The goal is to have graphics of this Plan available for Residents to view in August at 4 Nibang. The Master Plan Narrative is available to read on the Borough website.

The Park Commission President thanked Larry DeBlasiis and his team including Daryl Aresco for their hard work and for doing a great job.

One Resident inquired as to the status of the research of privatizing the Borough. The Warden responded that the Concerns Committee contacted two different attorneys that both stated one hundred percent of the Residents would be required to vote for it. Through experience, one hundred percent of the Borough is not in favor therefore it is not being pursued.

The Warden encouraged Borough Residents to sign up to become electors as the Bill passed that opened up the requirements to become a voter in the Borough.

The Warden thanked the Burgesses and Borough Staff for their great work and dedication and the community for attending the Meeting.

Frank Keeney in respect to his father, Lafayette Keeney, adjourned the Meeting at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk

# **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 10 AM at St. Mary's by the Sea, Fenwick, Ct.**

The Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by the Warden, Fran Adams.

**Present:** Warden Fran Adams, Ethel Davis, Frank Keeney, Arthur Wright, Valerie Bulkeley, Pamela Christensen, General Manager Larry DeBlasiis, ZEO/LUA Marilyn Ozols.

**Others Present:** Peter Bulkeley

**A Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to approve the 2016-2017 Annual Budget.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Burgesses discussed the necessity of placing \$50,000 into the Capital Reserve Fund and that those funds would be explicitly used for Capital Projects on the Capital Budget Plan unless there is an emergency. In addition, the need to reach out to the Town of Old Saybrook for assistance for certain projects was discussed and the opportunity to fundraise for other items in the Capital Budget was a possible option.

**A Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Ethel Davis to set the mill rate at 3.23.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **Other Business**

The landscaping at the Pier specifically the hydrangea beds are in great need of work. It was discussed that when a memorial or donation is made that the ongoing commitment of maintaining the gift should be considered. The increase in staff time to maintain the hydrangea beds is time consuming. In addition, other memorials such as the water fountains and the maintenance of the Ryder Course have also increased costs and the employees' time.

**There being no further business, a Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Ethel Davis to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 9AM.**