

**Borough of Fenwick  
Board of Warden and Burgesses  
Special Meeting  
May 11, 2015**

**Present:** Ethel Davis, Warden; Frank Keeney, Bob Gay, Art Wright, Pam Christensen, David Savin

**Other Present:** Larry DeBlasiis, General Manager; Marilyn Ozols; Fran Adams, Bill Webster, Tom Riggio, Park Commissioner; Jennifer McCann

The Meeting was called to order by the Warden, Ethel Davis at 5:03 PM.

**Open Forum for Fenwick Residents to Speak-** Jennifer McCann handed out an osprey map that was completed by Andy Griswold and herself of the platforms and birdhouses that have been placed throughout the Borough thanks to funding from LPLT. Bob Gay, speaking as a resident, inquired as to when the gate to the Beach would be opened. In addition, he asked if the gate should be locked given that emergency vehicles could not get through. Larry DeBlasiis answered that the target is Memorial Day and that the vehicles could drive over the bushes.

**A Motion was made by David Savin seconded by Frank Keeney to approve the Minutes from the previous Meeting.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Hammer Law-** Marilyn Ozols, ZEO; put forth the results of the survey taken by Residents about the current Hammer Law and how and if it should be changed or modified. The Survey overwhelmingly supported retaining the Hammer Law, but a number of modifications were considered. The general consensus of the Burgesses was to retain the current timeframe (July 1 through Labor Day and Sundays from Memorial Day to Columbus Day), clarify enforcement, and perhaps allow interior work that did not violate the intent of the Ordinance. Additionally, changes would be proposed to prohibit construction activity before 7:00 AM and after 7:00 PM year round, prohibit commercial yard work on weekends and earlier than 8:00 AM or after 6:00 PM on weekdays, and include restrictions on trucks with more than two axles. The modifications will have to go before a Public Hearing and it is the hope of the Burgesses to do that before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**General Manager's Report/Treasurer's Report- Budget**

Discussion took place concerning the next year. Bob Gay, the Treasurer, will present the Budget at the Annual Meeting on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend in detail. The proposed budget for next fiscal year will show an operating surplus of about \$20,000 with no change in the mill rate. However, the proposed budget does not include any allocation for capital expenditures, which must be funded from some

combination of the operating surplus, the Reserve Fund balance or the FIF. The Reserve Fund should have a balance of about \$70,000 on July 1. Also we are projecting an operating surplus for the current fiscal year ending June 30 of about \$8,000.

**Park Commission**- FIF voted and agreed to match Borough funding up to \$20,000 for implementation of the Golf Course Strategic Plan. The Burgesses will revisit the exact amount to be funded later in the summer after reviewing golf course receipts.

**Concerns Committee**- An update on the Bill that is presently before the Legislation was given and the result will be known on June 4 when the Legislative Session is completed. It is hoped that it may be a part of a larger Bill and not stand alone. There is some opposition with the language of corporations being able to appoint an individual to be an elector but it is being clarified as to what that actually means in the Borough. If the legislation passes it could mean as many as sixty more electors able to serve on Commissions and in elected positions.

**Land Trust**-It was requested, by Tom Riggio, that the Borough provide a document of in kind services that have been provided to the Lynde Point Land Trust for reporting purposes to the Hastings Trust. This documentation should be provided to the Land Trust every three months. Also, it was requested that the Borough move the designated parking spots for cars in the Maintenance Building Parking Lot for easier access to the Grove. The Warden will discuss with the Land Trust issues conservation easement abuses and the need for better communication between the two entities.

**A Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Bob Gay to accept the resignation of Jessica Gay from the Park Commission.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Warden thanked her for her service to the Community.

**Beach Usage Rules**- The Burgesses continued discussions on the Beach Rules and Regulations. It was determined that Renters who only used the Beach would have to pay the \$300 Renters Fee that includes golf and tennis. In addition, all municipal owned beaches will require a Beach Pass.

**4 Nibang**- The Building Official has stated that since 4 Nibang is used as a public space it has multiple code violations that need to be repaired. It has become a liability to the Borough and the Burgesses agreed to bring the property up to Code this next fiscal year.

**Parkland Monitor**- The job description was discussed and if the right individual was found the Parkland Monitor would be funded for the summer. The Community through the Concerns Committee identified this as a need for the community and

the Burgesses feel that they need to respond. Art Wright, Fran Adams and Larry DeBlasiis will be interviewing the potential applicants.

The Warden discussed the Coyote issue and felt that a Blast was needed to remind the Community of their presence.

**Capital List for the Budget-**

-4 Nibang, Golf Course Strategic Plan, Neponset roadwork. Some sidewalks on the waterfront need repair and the Warden will verify who is responsible for these repairs.

After discussing the Capital items the Burgesses reached a consensus to leave the mill rate unchanged for the next year and fund the capital needs out of the reserve fund.

**A Motion was made at 7:35 PM by Pam Christensen seconded by Bob Gay to go into Executive Session to discuss staff benefits etc.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A Motion was made at 8:50 PM by Frank Keeney seconded by Pam Christensen to come out of Executive Session.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**There being no further business, a Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by David Savin to close the meeting at 8:50 PM.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk