

**BOROUGH OF FENWICK  
BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016 AT 9 AM**

**APPROVED**

**Present:** Warden Fran Adams, Frank Keeney, Valerie Bulkeley, Ethel Davis, Jonathan Gengras, Treasurer Bob Gay.

**Also Present:** Bill Webster

The Warden opened the Floor for Public Comment.

Bob Gay told the Board of Burgesses that while playing golf with non residents he has been told that the course has never looked better. Positive Comments from multiple non residents have been reported.

Ethel Davis cited the safety hazard when the back tee is used on the second hole. Multiple golf shots land in her yard as well as the road where people are walking.

**A Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Ethel Davis to approve the Burgess Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2016 as presented.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**General Manager's Report**

General Manager Larry DeBlasiis was unable to make the meeting but provided his report to the Board.

**A Motion was by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to approve the FIF amount of \$3619.92 for expenses related to storm damage incurred by the Borough.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to approve the allocation of the remaining \$5000 FIF amount for funding A WHC Phase 2 for replanting efforts.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Treasurer's Report**

The estimated Borough's budget is to end with an operating surplus of \$52,000. Final numbers will be available in mid July. Expenses came in close to budget as

there was very good cost control. The Borough did draw \$20,000 on the line of credit for precautionary purposes to ensure there would be no cash flow issue at the end of the year. It will be paid back next month with interest expense being minimal. There are five outstanding Recreation fees to be collected.

A discussion took place on investigating how to identify a regular source of income to maintain the roads in the Borough. One idea was to raise fees for building permits to offset road expenses but it is illegal to use building permit fees as a source of income. Another idea would be to institute a road agreement with the Builder of any new construction in which if the roads were damaged they would be required to fix it. The possibility of instituting a toll road in the Borough was also discussed whereby non residents would pay a fee to pass on Borough roads. There is no legal reason against creating a toll road but there may be a public relations reason not to proceed in this direction.

### **Board Reports**

**Park Commission:** Frank Keeney was asked by Robyn Gengras to request the Burgesses to fund the purchase of a mechanized ball hopper for the Junior Program.

**A Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Ethel Davis to purchase a mechanized ball hopper for \$450 for the Junior Tennis Program.**

**ALL OPPOSED**

**MOTION FAILS**

The Burgesses stated this was specific to the Junior Tennis Program and should be directed for consideration to FIF.

**A Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to approve the following Commissions as presented:**

**Park Commission: One Year Appointment**

**President: Frank Keeney**

**Members: Robyn Gengras  
Margaret Wade  
Peter Bulkeley  
Robert Gay**

**Harbor Management**

**Member: Charles Renshaw-2021**

**Alternates: Wayne Arute-2017  
Chip Gengras- 2019**

**Historic District**

**Member: Valerie Bulkeley-2021**

**Alternates: Debby Neely-2017  
Christine Duncan-2019**

**Planning and Zoning**

**Member: Sallie Boody-2021**

**Alternate: Taysen VanItallie-2021**

**ZBA**

**Member: Robert Gay-2021**

**Alternate: Jill Bornstein-2020**

**Nancy Haviland-2021**

**Dockmaster: Jim Mitchell-One Year Term**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to nominate Duby McDowell as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Warden requested that the Burgesses send him an email to consider individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee. It was discussed that the individuals should be from different areas of the Borough as well from different generations.

**Historic District-** Valerie Bulkeley reported that the Commission would be meeting before the Moratorium begins to shore up all odds and ends. In addition, she reported that she is halfway through the Borough taking pictures of each Fenwick Home for the Commission to create a record. Unfortunately, she discovered one home in complete disrepair and felt that it was creating a safety hazard in the Borough. The Warden will contact the homeowner and will request immediate attention to the property. A discussion then ensued concerning the creation of a Blight Ordinance in the Borough. It was determined that the Zoning Board should consider this in an upcoming Meeting. Many issues such as hedge height are issues that are regulated but not enforced. There is no database with all the requirements for each property and one should be created to be able to regulate the landscape and ensure safety within the Borough. Finally, it was brought up that compost heaps should be included in the Ordinance as the DEEP informed the Borough that open composts are a ready source of food for the coyotes and that given the Borough's issues closed composts should only be allowed.

**Wardens Report**

The Warden reported that the sign at the entrance of the Borough has been removed and that a new sign should be made. He furthered explained that an individual from Indiantown is the person who is responsible for drawing attention to the sign in the Old Saybrook Community by using his Facebook page to describe his "issues with the Borough of Fenwick". His main concern is that the Borough is challenging people with their right to come into the Borough. However, he has many misstatements on the Facebook page. The Burgesses discussed their

relationship with the Town and the community. The Warden has tried to communicate to the Mike Spera on many occasions to discuss the language for the new sign but has not been able to connect. The frustration lies in that the Borough is trying to manage the traffic in the Borough for the safety of its children and its residents. Speeding, running stop signs and driving down one way streets are a problem that are getting harder and harder to control. The decision was to put up the following sign:

NO LIGHTHOUSE ACCESS  
NO PARKING ALLOWED  
NO OUTLET

The Warden will send a FYI to Chief Spera with the language of the sign. The Clerk will send out the Memo of Understanding that was signed in 2011 between the Town and the Borough to the Burgesses so that they can review the actual position of both municipalities. A concern that the Town may start to deny services is becoming an issue.

**A Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Jonathan Gengras to extend the trapping of the Coyotes for another month if permissible by the DEEP. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Burgesses also will move forward with making sure the traps are clearly marked. The Junior Program will be notified to tell all children to stay clear of the areas that will be marked with yellow caution tape. In addition, animals should be on leashes to insure their safety as well.

Bill Webster updated the Burgesses with his proposal to create a dune on Sequassen which will be paid for by grant money. He is meeting with Sue Bailey in the next few weeks.

**Being no further business, a Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Jonathan Gengras to adjourn the meeting at 10:45AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk