

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Warden and
Burgesses Monday, September 28, 2015 at 4 PM at 4 Nibang
Avenue, Fenwick, Ct.**

The Meeting was called to order at 4 PM by the Warden, Fran Adams.

Present: Ethel Davis, Arthur Wright, Frank Keeney, Valerie Bulkeley, Jonathan Gengras, General Manager; Larry DeBlasiis.

No Members of the Public were present for Comments.

A Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Frank Keeney to approve the September 8, 2015 Minutes as presented.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

General Manager's Report- **Golf Rates-** the month of September has been slow. Weekly rounds were down in the summer while weekend numbers were the same as last summer. An advertisement was placed in the Shoreline Times stating lower golf rates for the Fall. Park Commission will discuss the golf statistics from past years with the effect of the increase in golf rates and report back to the Burgesses at the next Meeting. **Crab Creek-** Bids have been received for the work to complete the Bridge work. A Meeting with Sue Bailey at the DEEP is scheduled to discuss the work to be done and what they will approve. A Meeting also will be scheduled with Bill Webster, Larry DeBlasiis and the Warden to discuss funding opportunities for this work through the Hastings Trust. **Nibang/Sequassen Construction Completion-** Work should be completed by the end of October. Coyote Update- Two traps have been set up in the Borough by the DEEP to trap the Coyotes; one behind the Maintenance Building and the other off Sequassen. The project will take place for up to 6 weeks. The Residents have been informed of the Project through the Borough website. **Pulver Move-** the engineering study to access the Seawall before the move of the Pulver House has been completed. There will be no problems as long as the move is done straight down the center of the waterfront. The engineer should be onsite when the move occurs so that an analysis can be made after the move is completed so that there are no issues.

A Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Arthur Wright to empower the Warden to extend the date of October 12, 2015 for the end date of the Pulver House Move if appropriate.

A Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Jonathan Gengras to amend the Motion on the Table to delete the date.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion Carries as Amended.

Preliminary 5 Year Capital Plan- Discussion took place concerning the Five Year Capital Plan presented by the General Manager, Larry DeBlasiis. He also brought forth a preliminary ten year plan as well. All items were discussed at length with the consensus that in long term planning this will be essential and that the Borough should be looking for assistance with the Town of Old Saybrook and for Grant opportunities to defray costs to the Residents.

Wardens Report-Park Monitor- The Park Monitor position was discussed concerning the responsibilities of the Position and what should be expected next year. Specifically whether or not the individual should be more of an enforcer of the rules of the Borough. It was reported that there was a lack of respect by some residents when asked to follow the rules. One area of great concern for the Burgesses is underage drivers of Golf Carts and the blatant disregard of basic rules of the Borough such as children playing tennis barefoot, not parking bicycles in the correct area at the Pier and cars driving down one way streets the wrong way. It was determined that next summer that Rules at the Tennis Courts, Beach and Golf Course will be clearly stated and also communicated to the Residents. In addition, the endorsement to continue with the Park Monitor Position was made to be included in next year's Budget. **UConn- Professor Miniutti-**Research continues on the correct amount owed to UCONN for the work completed by Professor Miniutti. It seems that Lynde Point Land Trust did submit payment for work completed however, Professor Miniutti does not believe that was for work he completed. Therefore, continued research is underway to determine the amount, if any, owed to UCONN. **Borough Taxes paid to the Town of Old Saybrook-**The Warden met with the Town's Tax Assessor to discuss three properties that the Borough is presently paying taxes. If these properties are unbuildable lots then the assessment of these properties would go down one half to two thirds or if the properties were deemed Municipal properties with no restrictions then no taxes would be owed. The Borough Attorney was consulted and determined that the Borough had a defensible case that since non residents have to pay a fee "Beach Pass" that the Borough would no longer be required to pay taxes on those properties.

A MOTION was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Ethel Davis to have the Warden consult with the Tax Assessor of the Town of Old Saybrook to renegotiate the property tax bases on the Brainard Trust, Connie Wilson and the Pier including east property. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

An issue between the Lynde Point Land Trust and a Resident concerning property purchased from the Borough with easements has arisen concerning the way the property is being maintained. Issues such as "recreational usage" and "natural" and what and how the land should be maintained is being questioned. **Elector Form-** The new Elector Forms are available through the Borough Website or the Borough Office. A hard copy of the form must be delivered to the Clerk for approval.

Other Business:

Harbor Management.-A Meeting was held and the following issues were discussed:

- Expanding the no new dock restriction to include the entire Borough of Fenwick perimeter.

- Hunting for game birds is occurring between the coastal jurisdiction high tide mark and the water and the Commission is looking into whether it can be eliminated or at least controlled (Hunters are coming in off their boats and shooting on the beach)

- Discussion of the potential work on the Breakwater was discussed and the complete project at the estimated cost of \$4 million is not possible with option 2 at an estimated cost of \$275,000 more reasonable but will be discussed in further detail at a later date

- The west side of the Pier repairs were discussed and for budgetary reasons the Commission is only doing maintenance repairs at this time.

- a letter will be sent to the Police Chief in Town to indicate support for the Town to invest in a Police Boat to monitor waters on the River and Town. This past summer they did not have a boat and it was a concern to the Commission as there was no police regulation on the water.

- The Commission is also going to look into dredging South Cove and see what options are available through state or federal funding.

Historic District- Pulver House (window) and the Bush/Jones (siding) Cottages have approvals for work.

Other Issues: The Sidewalk in front of the Ryder Property has vegetation that is growing over that is causing issues with golf cart and bicycle travel. In addition, during rainstorms, the grass turns to mud causing further issues. A sign was added on Pettipaug/Pattaquasset that states "One Way Do Not Enter".

**Being no Further Business, a Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Ethel Davis to close the Meeting at 6:05 PM.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2015 at 4 PM at 4 Nibang