

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARDEN AND BOARD OF BURGESSES
THURSDAY, June 30, 2022

4 NIBANG AVENUE and VIA ZOOM

A Special Meeting of the Warden and Board of Burgesses was held on Thursday, June 30, 2022. Notice of the meeting was posted in a timely manner on the Fenwick kiosk and on the website.

PRESENT: Warden Newt Brainard, Frank Keeney, Art Wright, Ann Pulver,
General Manager Jeff Champion (GM), and Zoning Enforcement
Officer/Land Use Administrator Marilyn Ozols (ZEO).

PRESENT via ZOOM: Duby McDowell

ABSENT: Pam Christensen, Jonathan Gengras , Bob Gay

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Present: Laurie Goldsmith, Bill Webster

Present via Zoom: None

1. Call to Order

The Warden called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Residents Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2022

A Motion was made by A. Pulver, seconded by F. Keeney, to approve the May 28, 2022 minutes.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of the Burgess Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2022

A Motion was made by F. Keeney, seconded by A. Pulver, to approve the May 28, 2022 minutes.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Open Forum for Fenwick Residents to Speak

Bill Webster. B. Webster reported concerns about unauthorized beach use and off shore issues concerning moorings and lobster pots. The Beach Monitors will monitor beach use. Harbor issues will be referred to the Harbor Master.

5. General Manager's Report

J. Champion reviewed the items in his report:

- Handicap Ramp 4 Nibang : The HDC approved ramp is complete, using the \$3000 of allocated funds. Railings had to be installed, adding \$500 to the cost. Landscaping will be completed in the fall.

- Pier Update: The engineer who oversaw the first repair remains unresponsive to calls. J. Champion and Daryl met with Harbor Engineering, a firm that had done work on the Crab Creek Bridge. Harbor Engineering reviewed the Crab Creek Bridge erosion, the 4th Tee Box, the middle section of the pier and the seawall. A report is forthcoming
- Golf Course: Revenue from daily ticket sales remains strong and ahead of last year. Golf cart rentals also remain strong. F. Keeney suggested raising the cart rentals from \$15/ 9 holes to \$18/ 9 holes to offset increased fuel and rental prices. The price increase will go into effect on 7/5/2022.
- Surveyor: The project to get a Borough-wide map showing proprietary underground utilities (previously approved, not to exceed \$4250) has been moved to the fall to be part of the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget.
- Widen Sidewalk at Pier Entrance: F. Keeney and J. Champion will develop a plan so that this project can move forward.
- Seasonal Help: We are currently understaffed with lifeguards, have three park monitors, no sailing instructors (July sailing canceled) and slightly overstaffed with beach monitors. The extra beach monitors will assist the lifeguards, when only one lifeguard is on duty, in watching the beach but will not perform life safety rescues.
- Trash/Recycling Waivers: Five residents who have requested inside pick up have not signed the trash/recycling waiver. N. Brainard will follow up with the residents.
- Bulletin Boards for Golf Course: Awaiting delivery.
- LoCIP: A LoCIP application was submitted to the State of Connecticut and we are waiting for approval. The funds will be used for the Pettipaug Ave. road repair.
- Cyber Liability Insurance: J. Champion has applied for coverage three times. Each application has been met with added requirements. The process continues. J. Champion will reach out to the Town of Old Saybrook for further information on their approach.
- Grove Entrance: We are requesting that the entrance to the Grove be relocated to Maple Ave. Robert Boody, liaison from LPLT for the Grove/Meadow, will bring the request to LPLT.
- Mugwort: Dan McGowan, Borough Environmental Staffer, will file a report regarding the invasive mugwort and mile-a-minute vine that are becoming a problem.
- Tennis Wall: Questions have arisen as to whether this wall is being used. F. Keeney will follow up.
- Entrance Project: J. Champion reviewed the accounting for the project.

6. Treasurer's Report

J. Champion reviewed the Budget for fiscal year 2021/2022.

7. Request for Use of Borough Property – Sequassen Avenue Parking, June 24 & 25, 2023; Beach and pier, June 25, 2023 – Laurie Goldsmith – Discussion and possible vote.

A Motion was made by F. Keeney, seconded by A. Pulver, to approve the Goldsmith application for Use of Borough Property as set forth in the application.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Fenwick Yacht Club Lease

A motion was made by F. Keeney, seconded by A. Pulver to approve the Yacht Club Lease after raising the liability insurance amount to \$2 million dollars.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. D. McDowell, Commissions Coordinator – Appointments and/or reappointments to Boards and Commissions – Possible Vote

1. Park Commission: Frank Keeney - President, Robert Gay, Robyn Gengras, Scott Pulver, Margaret Wade – Terms to End July, 2023
2. Harbor Management Commission: Jonathan Gengras, Chip Gengras (Alternate) – Terms to End July 2027
3. Historic District Commission: Deborah Neely – Term to End July 2027; Ashley Gengras (Alternate) – Term to End July 2025
4. Zoning Board of Appeals: Martha Staniford, Rebekah Renshaw (Alternate) - Terms to End July, 2027

A Motion was made by F. Keeney, seconded by A. Wright to approve the proposed appointments/reappointments to the above Boards and Commissions as presented.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Board, Commission, and Committee Reports

- a. HDC: Pam Christensen – No report.
- b. LPLT: Pam Christensen – No report.
- c. Concerns Committee: Pam Christensen – No report.
- d. Commissions Coordinator: DUBY McDowell – see agenda item #9
- e. Harbor Management: Jonathan Gengras – No report.
- f. ZBA: Ann Pulver – No meeting.
- g. Park Commission: Frank Keeney – F. Keeney read thank you notes from the Morgan School in Madison and the Old Saybrook Fire Department, thanking the Borough of Fenwick for use of the Golf Course.
- h. FIF: Art Wright – FIF met and approved funds for the entrance and golf course projects.
- i. P&Z: Art Wright – No meeting.

11. Warden's Report

N. Brainard asked that an email be sent out to residents regarding the planned events for July 4th weekend.

Borough roads and Borough property are accessible to the public. However, in the same way that the golf course requires a fee, other properties like the beach, shoreline and tennis courts require payment of a fee, which can be arranged through the Borough office. Access without a fee is not allowed.

N. Brainard has spoken with Campbell Hudson re: potential purchase of Borough property by the Frelinghuysen family. An appraisal will need to be completed.

12. Other Business

None

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 4 Nibang Ave and via Zoom

14. Burgess Comments

F. Keeney raised the following concerns: There is a neighborhood fox that seems unafraid of people. Keeney cautioned residents about feeding birds: spilled seed attracts wild animals. Some hedges along Borough roads are overgrown, creating visibility concerns. Underage children are driving golf Carts.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, a Motion was made by D. McDowell, seconded by F. Keeney, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectively Submitted,

Nancy Marikar, Clerk