

**BOROUGH OF FENWICK  
BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016 AT 9 AM**

**APPROVED**

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

**Also Present:** Jessica Gay, Robert Boody, Chuck Chadwick.

The Warden called the Meeting to Order at 9 AM.

The Warden then asked for a Moment of Silence in Memory of Rocky Staniford who passed away on April 22, 2016.

The Floor was then open for Public Comment. Jessica Gay speaking on behalf of the LPLT, requested to speak when the Coyote issue was to be discussed in the General Manager's Report. Request was granted. No other Comments.

**A Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to accept the Minutes from the April 1, 2016 Burgess Meeting as presented.**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**General Manager's Report**

The General Manager asked if there were any questions on his Report. Year to date the Borough's financial condition is doing well largely due to the revenue from the golf course.

**Budget:** For the next year's Budget, Revenue and Expenses are a wash which indicates if the Mill rate remains the same a surplus of \$20,000 could be expected. Further discussion will take place during the Treasurer's Report.

**Coyotes:** A den of coyotes has been identified near the Patterson house and Route 154. The mother gave birth to six puppies and with the population growing this has become a concern. Larry DeBlasiis is confident that the DEEP will grant permission to trap the coyotes given the increase in number and the possibility of their aggressive nature. One resident has reported being stalked while walking his dog. Jessica Gay spoke on the behalf of LPLT. The Den is located on property under easement of the LPLT. The easement states: "There shall be no hunting or trapping except to the extent necessary to keep the animal population within the numbers consistent with the ecological balance of the area or to promote or protect the public health or prevent the spread of disease". She has received three complaints from non-residents who are against the trapping of the coyotes and requested that the LPLT not allow the traps or hunting on the land under easement due to the cruelty to the animals. Larry DeBlasiis mentioned that a local photographer posted on Facebook the potential of the trapping of the coyotes and asked that individuals voice their opinion on the subject to the LPLT. Last Fall the Burgesses passed a Motion to trap coyotes during the hunting season and the Policy is still in effect. The opinion of the Board is that the management of the Coyotes has become a safety issue for both Residents and domesticated animals in the Borough. Both the Town of Old Saybrook and the DEEP concur. Jessica Gay was bringing the issue to the Board to inform them of the complaint and the potential of a public outcry.

**Crab Creek-** Work will begin on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will take a couple of weeks to complete.

**Golf Course Master Plan-** A Meeting with Mr. Gerrish to begin work on the Architectural Plan is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> and expected to be completed in September.

**Road Committee Report-** Chuck Chadwick spoke on the behalf of the Committee presenting a Map with all Borough roads and their condition. Road conditions in the Borough are getting worse with some roads clearly becoming a safety issue. Advantages and disadvantages of different road surfaces were discussed and their cost. The General Manager will forward the design for the Borough entrance that was done two years ago for the Burgesses to review. The Map that was created by Chuck Chadwick was authorized to be used by the General Manager and the ZEO/LUA and will be updated with greens and tee placements and addresses of homes to be used for multiple purposes.

**Capital Budget Plan-** Larry DeBlasiis provided a list of Capital Projects to be completed in the next ten years. The Burgesses have been asked to place a priority of these projects and add any other projects that they foresee in the future. Preliminary items to include are: a new playground, Sea Level Rising Project, and burying of electrical wires. At the next meeting, the Burgesses are to prioritize these projects with the understanding that the Plan will be reviewed annually.

**Treasurer's Report-**

Bob Gay reported that the Borough finances are in good shape due to golf revenues and some cost savings. The Treasurer identified three items that should be considered by the Burgesses for the upcoming Budget; whether to include making an extra mortgage payment on the Maintenance building, setting aside funds for trees both for cutting down and replanting and to identify a surplus amount in the Budget to manage capital projects. In the past, the Burgesses adopted a plan to build a reserve fund for capital expenditures of \$50,000 a year. The General Manager will present a Budget at the next Meeting to meet that number after identifying the final grand list amount. Two issues are in flux given the present state budget and its effect on our Old Saybrook taxes and to evaluate the potential assistance from the FIF for Capital Projects.

**Committee Reports-**

**HDC:** Meeting next Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**LPLT:** Meeting next Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. A question was asked whether the LPLT could have a link on the Borough Website to a LPLT website if one were to be created. The answer was yes.

**Living Shoreline:** The Warden discussed the decision from the Town to not include the Borough as part of the Coastal Resilience Study. The last email sent to Mr. Fortuna by the Warden stating the Borough's position and the request to reconsider including the Borough was not answered. It was requested by the Burgesses that the Warden reiterate the reasons why the Borough should have been included in a hard copy letter to Mr. Fortuna. The RFP that has now been closed indicated that the Study was Townwide and it is the opinion of the Board that the Study could not be complete without including the Borough.

**Commission Appointments**-The Warden intends to nominate Frank Keeney as President of the Park Commission. The ZEO/LUA Marilyn Ozols requested that the Burgesses remind potential appointees that they need to be able to attend Meetings in the winter. Certain Commissions have a difficult time getting a quorum in the winter.

**There being no further business, a Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016 AT 4PM.**