

**BOROUGH OF FENWICK  
BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 AT 9 AM**

**APPROVED**

**Present:** Warden Fran Adams, Frank Keeney, Valerie Bulkeley, Ethel Davis, Pamela Christensen, General Manager Larry DeBlasiis.

**Also Present:** Wayne Arute

The Warden called the Meeting to Order at 9 AM.

The Warden called for a Moment of Silence for the passing of long time resident Jim Dow on June 3, 2016.

The Warden opened the floor for Public Comment.

Resident Wayne Arute addressed the Warden and Burgesses concerning the increase in non residents walking through the Borough and on the seawalls in front of his home. He asked if the Borough would be liable if a member of the public was hurt on the seawalls. He felt that traffic in the Borough was getting worse and that the exclusivity of the area would be diminished and eventually property values would decrease. The Warden addressed Mr. Arute's concerns and explained when the Parkland Monitor is working he is able to minimize the traffic and that the Burgesses are continuing to manage the issue. He welcomed the opportunity to speak personally with him at another time to address his specific concerns.

**A Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to accept as presented the May 13, 2016 Minutes of the Burgess Meeting.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Frank Keeney to accept as presented the May 28, 2016 Minutes of the Burgess Meeting.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**General Manager's Report**

- The General Manager, Larry DeBlasiis reported the Season tickets have been much better than planned and YTD greens fees will come in at the budgeted amount.
- The Coyotes are still a major concern in the Borough. Chief of Police Spera will address the Burgesses later in the Meeting.
- Work on Crab Creek has been completed and approved by DEEP.

- Repairs on the Pier have been completed and the entire surface has been coated with an epoxy based product which preserves the surface.
- At the last meeting, it was reported that the slide on the Playground could not be repaired by the manufacturer. The Borough will try to repair the slide and have the company who manufactures the slide evaluate the repair for safety. The Burgesses would like to form a Committee to formalize a Plan for the Playground. There are constraints in designing the Playground as it must follow municipal standards and there is a height restriction. The Burgesses stressed that this is an important area for the community and it should be maintained. The Plan when developed should be sent to FIF for consideration for funding.
- The Hydrangea Bed by the pier has been trimmed and looks better. The traffic circle garden will be weeded by volunteers from the community.
- There are still storm damaged trees in the Borough that need to be cut down. There are still funds available through the Hastings Trust to use to accomplish this task. The General Manager would like to have the Park Commissioner and the Superintendent walk around with him to identify the last of these trees and then the remainder of the funds could be used for replanting. It was suggested that before and after pictures be taken to document that the trees were damaged. In addition, it was also discussed that planting a tree could be a nice opportunity to begin a Memorial Program. A plaque could be placed on the tree in remembrance of someone. It is important to assess staff and maintenance time to be included in the donation.
- A Golf Course Event request has been made by the Old Saybrook PTO for Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. They expect to have seventy players and are asking to close the course for a shotgun. They will pay a \$600 course closure fee and a fee of \$25 for each player. It is a low usage and income generating period for the Course and will be a nice public relations opportunity. The Burgesses agreed to approving the Event. Moving forward the Burgesses would like to set criteria for when to close the course for events and develop a Policy.
- There may be a cash flow issue that would require drawing from the credit line at Essex Bank. The lower than expected Greens Fee income in May and the lag in collecting Recreation fees is the cause. Presently, the Bank has only the Treasurer authorized to draw on the line of credit and the Warden should be added as well.

**A Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Ethel Davis to authorize the Treasurer or Warden to be able to draw funds on the line of credit. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

-A starter was let go this week for confronting a resident and for attitude issues. The lock on the Starter shack will be changed to eliminate any further potential problems.

Chief Spera and Jeff DePerry of the Old Saybrook Police arrived at the Burgess Meeting to address the Burgesses concerning two issues.

**Coyotes:** Chief Spera explained how the elimination of the Coyotes is conducted. He asked the Borough to communicate to the Residents to stay clear of potential

areas where the project to find the coyotes would be taking place. The residents where specific traps would be placed would be notified to request permission. He stressed that domestic animals should be kept on leashes and that the permit from the DEEP would be for thirty days. There is a potential for animal right activists to disrupt the operation and that would lead to further issues given that the DEEP was reluctant to issue the permit in the first place.

**A Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Ethel Davis to authorize the General Manager to spend up to \$2000 to hire a nuisance wildlife control officer to address the coyote situation in the Borough.**  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Borough Sign at the Entrance to the Borough:** Chief Spera asked that the sign at the entrance to the Borough stating that there is “no outlet within the Borough” to be taken down. He explained that he had been receiving through social media outlets complaints that the sign was inappropriate and that people were being urged to possibly picket the Borough or walk through the Borough in defiance. Chief Spera believed the sign to be misleading and felt that it would be in the Borough’s and Town’s best interests to take the sign down and then to create a modified sign.

The Burgesses decided to take the sign down and then have the Warden discuss with Chief Spera acceptable language for the sign. The Warden would then come back to the Burgesses to discuss and determine the language for the sign.

#### **Commission/Committee Reports**

-The final discussions for new members of Committees and Commissions were discussed. At the next meeting, final appointments will be made.

**A Resolution was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Pam Christensen for the Nominating Committee to be composed of six electors and only one may be an elected official. (Attachment #1)**  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Warden’s Report**

The Bornstein request to use Borough property has been withdrawn. The Warden then requested that Art Wright and Ethel Davis work on creating a Borough Policy for the use of Borough Property.

**There being no further business, a Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to adjourn the meeting at 11:40AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2016