

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 4 PM at 4 Nibang Avenue, Fenwick, Ct.

The Meeting was called to Order at 4:00 PM by the Warden, Fran Adams.

Present: Ethel Davis, Frank Keeney, Arthur Wright, Pamela Christensen, Valerie Bulkeley, Jonathan Gengras, ZEO Marilyn Ozols, General Manager Larry DeBlasiis.

Members of the Public: Bill Webster

Open Forum for Member of the Public: No Comments from the Public

**A Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Pam Christensen to approve the last meeting's Minutes as distributed.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Clarification was made to the Minutes concerning the Comments made by Bill Webster. Posting a sign at the entrance to the Beach was discussed rather than the Marsh.

The second clarification was made concerning the Park Monitor duties and that the term "monitoring" all activities in the Borough rather than "policing" Borough Residents should be used.

A Motion was made by Valerie Bulkeley seconded by Jonathan Gengras to amend the last Meeting's Minutes to delete "policing of Borough residents" to "monitoring all activities in the Borough".

FOR: Bulkeley, Gengras, Christensen, Davis, Wright

ABSTAIN: Keeney

MOTION CARRIES.

General Manager's Report-Work is continuing to close out the 2014-2015 fiscal year. There is an anticipated surplus of \$40,000. There is still a possible obligation to UCONN that is from 2008 but will be paid in this year after confirming the amount.

The Park Monitor is working well with the community and has been effective in identifying situations in the Borough where trespassing has occurred and also has been enforcing other Borough policies at the Pier, Golf Course and Parklands. He also requested that a sign be placed at the Pier that stated that the area is only for Borough residents who have paid the Beach fee or non residents who purchased a beach pass. After much discussion, the Burgesses agreed to place a sign on the left side of the gate and the back of the lifeguard chair that states "Beach and Playground Access Limited to those who have paid Beach Fee". Another issue needed to be clarified for the Park Monitor is concerning where fishing is allowed and at what hours. Following up on the Port o Potty location at the Pier, the decision was made to have it remain as is as it is the best location. Many alternatives were discussed but none change the outcome. The Treasurer and the General Manager met with the potential Borough Auditor and agreed that she would be hired for the year.

Commission/Committee Reports-

**A Motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Pam Christensen to approve Margaret Wade as a member of the Park Commission.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was discussed to add another individual who has an interest in Tennis to the Park Commission to represent that community's interests.

**A Motion was made by Pam Christensen seconded by Ethel Davis to appoint Charlie Robertson Jr. to the Harbor Management Commission for a five year term.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to reappoint Joan Wright to the Historic District Commission for a five year term and reappoint Susan Webster as Alternate.

FOR: Davis, Bulkeley, Keeney, Christensen, Gengras

ABSTAINED: Wright

MOTION PASSES.

Valerie Bulkeley will be the Burgess liaison.

**A Motion was made by Art Wright seconded by Ethel Davis to appoint Laurie Goldsmith to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Bob Gay will be the liaison to the Burgesses.

Art Wright will be the liaison to FIF.

Pam Christiansen will be the liaison to the Lynde Point Land Trust.

Ethel Davis will be joining the Shoreline Committee. At his time, this Committee will be evolving. Much research and investigation is needed to determine what resources are available. The Committee will be working with the Town on the issue of "sea rising". Bill Webster explained to the Burgesses that he has been in discussion with a coastal engineer to apply for a grant concerning "living Seashore" possibilities. He will keep the Burgesses informed of future potential opportunities with the Hastings Trust and CIRCA.

The Burgesses decided that at the next Meeting the Burgesses are to bring names of individuals to be considered for the last vacancies in the Commissions. Since the legislation has passed to increase the electorate we have the opportunity to involve more residents and we should take the time to find interested and qualified individuals to participate.

The Warden reported that the request to pay taxes sooner rather than later to the Borough was met with a great response and 25% of expected taxes were received.

Park Commission- Frank Keeney reported that golf receipts and number of rounds are being tabulated daily and by the end of the season we will know the effect of the increase in golf fees and the affect on play and revenue. The goal for making the change in the fee structure was to be revenue neutral with maximizing revenue with less play on the weekend. With the increase in fees it was noted that we need to make sure the facility warrants the price by making sure there is curb appeal ie: cleaning up around the starter shack. It was requested by a Resident to post in the website the Long Range Golf Plan and it was decided that the Statement of Purpose would be put on the website but the Plan was fluid and it would not be appropriate to have on the Website but available by request. Much discussion took place on the confusion of the

Ryder Course Rules. It was decided to place a sign at the Course " Rules of Course" and to add a small sign indicating that the full rules are located on the bulletin board by the Starter Shack.

A Resolution was made by Ethel Davis seconded by Jonathan Gengras

RESOLVED, that the Board of Warden and Burgesses authorize the Treasurer of the Borough of Fenwick to select and appoint Sandra Wellwood, LLC as the Auditor for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

An issue came up concerning the the use of lights in trees and houses that are left on all night. Many of the houses do not even have people in Residence and there is a sentiment that the Borough encourages "dark skies". The ZEO felt that it would be difficult to set policy on the issue but you could make an informal request or consider this more as an environmental issue and ask homeowners to turn off their lights to conserve energy.

Being no further business, a Motion was made by Frank Keeney seconded by Valerie Bulkeley to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2015. 4 PM at 4 Nibang Avenue.