

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARDEN AND BOARD OF BURGESSES ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 AT 4 NIBANG AVE- NUE, FENWICK, CT.

PRESENT: Warden Newt Brainard, Jonathan Gengras, Pamela Christensen, Ann Pulver, David Savin (phone), Robert Gay (left at 5:30 pm) General Manager Jeff Champion, ZEO Marilyn Ozols.

NOT PRESENT: Frank Keeney, Arthur Wright.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy Patterson, Bill Webster, Andy Fisk-Ct River Conservancy

Approval of the Minutes

A Motion was made by Pamela Christensen seconded by Ann Pulver to approve the February 28, 2019 Minutes as presented.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Open Forum for Residents to Speak

There were no speakers at the Meeting.

Presentation: Andy Fisk: Ct River Conservancy

Andy Fisk came to the Meeting to discuss the Sequassen Shoreline Project and potential Grant opportunities available for the Project. The Warden thanked him for coming and for his assistance. The Grant would be used for the design and permitting for the Project for Sequassen Avenue. The purpose of the Project would be to prevent over wash on the road and to protect municipal infrastructure. Andy has already spoken to the funder and they have indicated they are interested in the Project and would like the Project submitted. The Borough is not committing any funds to the Project at this time. All funds would come from third party Grants.

A Motion was made by Jonathan Gengras seconded by Pamela Christensen to allow Andy Fisk from the Ct River Conservancy to act on the Borough's behalf to secure funding for the Living Shoreline Sequassen Project for its design and permitting.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Warden thanked Andy Fisk, Cindy Patterson and Marilyn Ozols for their great help to the Borough for this Project.

ZEO Marilyn Ozols gave an update on the Hepburn Dune Breach and the state approved emergency repair. The Project should begin next week as long as the Piping Plovers are not in residence.

General Manager's Report

Chart of Accounts: Jeff Champion went through the packet of information on the comparison of the old Chart of Accounts and the new Chart of Accounts that will be used starting in the new fiscal year. He explained the consolidation and where there are differences.

Budget: Discussions began concerning the Budget. Decisions to be made at the next Burgess Meeting: Capital Projects to be decided upon-(Pier Repointing, Borough Entrance, Playground Repairs) and Target Surplus. Jeff is to provide total cost for Repointing the Pier at the next Burgess Meeting.

Playclass: The General Manager and the Warden continue to work with the Playclass Volunteers on a balanced budget in light of declining enrollment and recent program operating losses.

Golf Revenues: As of April 10th, revenues from Daily Ticket Sales and Season Tickets are trending \$20,000 less than last year. Discussion surrounded the current demographics of the Season Ticket Holders: Old Saybrook getting older, Saturation of the women market. An eight year rolling average will be continued to be used to project golf revenues for the upcoming Budget.

Parking Monitor: Dan will not be able to return this summer. The General Manager is going begin inquiries for potential candidates.

EZ Links: Target Date is April 17th.

Essex Golf and Sportswear: All Product from the Borough has been transferred to the Store to the value of approximately \$4000. They are ready to start selling Fenwick merchandise.

Summer Preparations: Everything is on schedule to be ready for the summer. Installed, open and ready.

Board, Commission and Committee Reports

P & Z: The ZEO reported that the P&Z Commission will be recommending a change to the Zoning Regulations on Short Term rentals that is different from the one the Board forwarded to them last summer. Their proposed change would not allow rentals of less than 7 days, and would not allow more than three such rentals in a calendar month. They will hold a Public Hearing on July 20th. The Burgesses discussed the difference between the Burgess recommendation and the P & Z Proposal. The Warden encouraged the Board to attend the Public Hearing as private citizens to express their opinions. The Warden is also going to ask Mike Zizka to look into the mechanics of instituting a Borough Ordinance of the Short term Rentals.

Harbor Management: No Meeting

Parks Commission: A change has been made to the eligibility of how many hours a Starter works before they can receive a free season ticket. The Policy is now a Starter needs to work 150 hours and then will receive a season ticket for 50% off or may play 1/2 price daily ticket.

Warden's Report:

The Warden spoke to the possible employment of two Children of Fenwick Residents for the Playclass Program. The Burgesses did not feel that this would be an issue. He also reported that

Campbell Hudson will provide the Borough Maintenance Lot Research to legal counsel Katherine Marion.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 16th at 4:30 PM.

**Being no further business, a Motion was made by Jonathan Gengras seconded by Ann Pulver to close the Meeting at 6:45 PM.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk