

**BOROUGH OF FENWICK
BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2015 - 9:00 AM**

Present: Fran Adams, Warden; Burgesses: Pam Christensen, Ethel Davis, Jonathan Gengras, Frank Keeney, Art Wright.

Also Present: Robert Gay, Treasurer; Larry DeBlasiis, General Manager; Marilyn Ozols, ZEO/LUA; Bill Webster, Susan Webster, Robert Boody.

The Warden called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He passed out "Fact Sheets" on the Sea Level Rising Issue that the guest speaker at the last meeting, Larry Ritzhaupt, left for the Burgesses to review.

Open Forum for Residents to Speak: Bill Webster is considering a Christmas Plunge, December 26th at 11:00 AM near his home. A Blast will be sent out to the community.

**A Motion was made by A. Wright to approve the November 13, 2015 Minutes as submitted. E. Davis seconded the Motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

General Manager's Report: The Report was distributed prior to the Meeting for the Burgesses to review. Clarifications were made concerning the increase in expenses concerning the extra water that was required due to dry conditions this summer for the golf course. The Borough is moving forward with preparing a COP for Crab Creek Bridge final repairs. A discussion took place concerning the possibility of dredging the South Cove and the expense associated without any state assistance. The determination needs to be made whether the South Cove has ever been dredged before in order to determine how the Borough would apply to have the work done and to apply for grant assistance. Season Ticket "A" Holders have reached the maximum cap of 70 if all current holders renew. As part of the renewal process a letter contacting those individuals who have not renewed will go out soon. Many individuals do not renew until March.

Treasurer's Report: November was a record month for golf receipts given the good weather. The Borough is still on track for a small surplus and a small project for the spring is feasible. The project should be well defined in cost and scope and should be placed in the Budget.

Boards and Commissions

Harbor Management: It was decided to send a letter to the Board of Selectman. The letter will be to note the lack of enforcement during the 2015 summer season,

endorse an Old Saybrook expenditure to ensure a presence in 2016, and go on record as recommending that the no wake zone bordering Fenwick should be extended. As discussed earlier in the Meeting, the issue of dredging in the South Cove is a concern given many boats cannot pass to the Moorings during low tide. Consideration is being given to expanding the prohibition of additional docks to include the entire Borough Shoreline. It would require a change in the Ordinance and would require funds. Finally, the hunting issue occurring below the Hide Tide mark seems to have ceased.

Park Commission: Discussion to upgrade Holes One and Nine is under consideration. Peter Bulkeley wrote a letter to the Commission requesting that an engineering study be done concerning the drainage issues and how the water would be deflected. The General Manager will look into getting a quote to determine the cost of such a drainage study.

LPLT: The Trust is on the calendar to have a Meeting next Saturday to discuss procedural issues. At this time a quorum may be an issue.

Warden's Report: The issue concerning UCONN and Professor Miniutti's work is still not settled. However, the Borough has provided the two cashed checks and it is up to UCONN to determine who received the funds. The Warden introduced Bill Webster to discuss the Living Shoreline Committee. The Committee is in process of determining a Mission Statement and believes that their first project would be to repair the Dune on Sequassen with the assistance of the Lynde Point Land Trust. They are looking into different grant opportunities and are confident they will receive funding for the Project. LPLT would be the applicant but the Burgesses would need to endorse the Project. There were no Burgesses opposed to the Project to reconstruct the Dune. It would be of no cost to the Borough.

LPLT: The purpose of the November 19th meeting between representatives of the LPLT and the Borough was to develop the operational relationship between the Borough and the LPLT. The Warden expressed his disappointment with the results of the meeting. The Warden requested that the Burgesses review the Agenda that was discussed and stated that it would be an item for Discussion at the next Burgess Meeting.

Other Business: It was requested that the interior ceiling be fixed at 4 Nibang as well as staining around the front door.

**Being no further business, a Motion was made at 10:50 AM by Ethel Davis, seconded by Pam Christensen, to close the Meeting.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk

Next Meeting: Friday, January 8, 2016 at 4 PM.