

ANNUAL FENWICK RESIDENTS' MEETING

ST. MARY'S BY THE SEA

MAY 28, 2022

F. Keeney called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Keeney reflected on the significance of Memorial Day, honoring those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. He further asked that those able, please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held to remember members of the Fenwick Family who have died in the past year.

Patty Marvin Mulholland
Ellen Patterson
Dr. Will Schrauner
Dr. Courtney Haviland
Tayson Van Itallie
Susan Spencer
Marge Sbriglio
Wendy Savin

Prayers were also requested for the families of the nineteen school children and two teachers who lost their lives in Uvalde, TX this week.

Keeney announced the new additions to our Fenwick family in the past year:

George Frelinghuysen, son of Louisene Frelinghuysen
Pavel Hallelujah Funk, son of Lila and Sam Funk
Ryan McGrath, son of James and Anna McGrath
And from the Walton family:
Rowan James Walton, son of Kyle and Casey Walton
Maeve Alexa Safiya Marshall, daughter of Sarah Marikar and Drew Marshall
Miles Patrick Panto, son of Kelsie and Joshua Panto
Caleb Jones, son of Elizabeth (Gay) and Ryan Jones

Please welcome the new homeowners to the Borough:

Bruce and Amy Baird, 549 Maple Avenue
David and Kate Pastor, 6 Mohegan Avenue
Steve and Mary Kate Simon, 23 Pettipaug Avenue

The Borough staff was introduced and thanked for outstanding service to the community.

Jeff Champion, General Manager
Daryl Aresco, Superintendant
Marilyn Ozols, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Marcy Casey, Borough Office
Jenney Belval, Borough Office

Also, recognized were the team that works with Daryl, maintaining the golf course, parklands and physical plant and the men and women who work with Jeff, including golf course Rangers and those managing the Starter Shack. Further thanks to Pete, our Park Monitor, who works hard to keep things under control, including the enforcement of Borough regulations and ordinances.

Keeney also acknowledged and thanked Borough residents who volunteer on Boards, Commissions, Play Class, Lynde Point Land Trust, Fenwick Yacht Club and the Fenwick Improvement Fund. He added that the Borough would not function without these dedicated volunteers.

Highlights of Fenwick history were mentioned including a committee appointed to consider bringing electricity into the Borough in 1907, 115 years ago. Other highlights included the Fenwick Hall and Yacht Club fire in 1917, 1942 – Fenwick Hall gifted the present park property to the Borough, 1967 – the Borough dump was discontinued, 1972 – the road to the lighthouse was paved.

Frank Keeney then read the Warden's letter which was distributed to attendees, emailed to residents and posted on the website. Topics included: Play class, Borough Entrance, Staffing, Expanded Golf Course Time for Residents, Law Maintenance Restrictions, Golf Cart Regulations and Garbage Collection Hold Harmless.

Budget: Treasurer, Bob Gay presented the 2022-2023 Budget. Gay reported that the Borough has a balanced budget and a surplus, with no need for a tax increase this year. Projects completed include the Borough Entrance, the Hepburn Dune Project and Golf Tee Box projects. Gay offered that perhaps priority for future projects could include rebuilding the tennis courts, acquiring boats for the sailing fleet and resiliency projects for Scum Beach and Sequassen.

General Manager's Report: General Manager, Jeff Champion stated that due to the solid financial condition of the Borough, no Mill Rate increase would be needed. In the last 4.5 years, Jeff has seen upgrades to the golf course and the addition of park and beach monitors. He added that he has an excellent staff.

Covid-19 has been both good and bad for the Borough. On the positive side, golf revenue has increased by 50% and remains strong. On the down side, supply chain issues have delayed the procurement of equipment. Also, adding staff has been difficult due to competition from other employers. Please alert Jeff if you know of anyone looking for summer employment.

Questions:

David Savin asked for clarification of the regulations regarding the parking of lawn maintenance equipment on Borough roads. F. Keeney confirmed that there is no parking on Borough roads. He asked residents to inform their lawn service companies.

General Announcements: The Annual Memorial Day Golf Tournament is being held today, May 28 from 2-3:30pm. Proceeds will benefit the Gold Star Mothers. F. Keeney reported that the Old Saybrook Fire Department thanked the Borough of Fenwick for its continued support.

Flag Etiquette: American flag at half staff until sunset 5/28/22 to honor the victims of Uvalde, Texas, Full staff on Sunday, May 29, Half staff on Monday, May 30 until 12pm, then full staff.

There being no further business, Peter Bulkeley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36am.

Respectively Submitted,
Nancy Marikar, Clerk