

**Borough of Fenwick
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Special Meeting
May 2, 2014**

Present: Ethel Davis, Bob Gay, Frank Keeney, Art Wright, Pam Christensen, David Savin, Newt Brainard.

Others Present: Larry DeBlasiis, General Manager; Marilyn Ozols, ZEO; Fran Adams, Peter Bulkeley, Tom Riggio, Peter Brainard, Jr.

The Meeting was called to Order by the Warden, Ethel Davis at 8:40 AM.

Open Forum for Fenwick Residents to speak-10 minutes. No residents spoke.

Minutes - A Motion was made by Bob Gay seconded by Frank Keeney to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

General Manager's Report-The Road Work Project on Nibang/Sequassen should start within a week and a half. It will take 30 days to complete and only the blue tee on the 4th hole should be impacted. If there are further disruptions on the course the ticket price for the day may reflect the inconvenience of the construction. Should not have any major budget impact.

Larry DeBlasiis met with First Selectman, Carl Fortuna to discuss mutual interests of both the Borough and the Town. He was very willing to work with the Borough and agreed to have Old Saybrook Public Works perform some of the work on the new crosswalk from the parking lot to the first tee and on road paving with either chip sealing or cape sealing. Any paving would not start until the Fall. The Town will also sweep the Roads to remove sand that is a task the Borough usually performs but given the winter is a much larger task.

The starter shack and new path will be operational on June 1st with the new cash register. Ongoing training is being done with the Starters. There will be no more tickets issued only receipts. There will be plantings done around the shack as well.

Borough Policies: Changes have been made to the Discrimination and Harassment Policy. The last Policy to be approved is the Ethics Policy. After that the Policies will be reviewed by a Labor Lawyer for approval and then again passed by the Burgesses.

**A Motion was made by Pam Christensen seconded by Bob Gay to approve the Discrimination and Harassment Policy with suggested changes.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Pier Panels will be in by Memorial Day. Next year the Borough will perform the work whether it is to keep the panels in for the winter or remove.

Audit Update: The Auditor the Borough has been working with has not completed last year's Audit. The State is aware of the situation and does not hold the Borough responsible.

Treasurer's Report- Presently, we have predicted a balanced budget for the end of the year including the Concerns Committee funding that was not budgeted. Beginning discussions took place concerning next year's budget and will be addressed in detail at the next Burgess Meeting. One noteworthy observation has been the increase in the Women's Golf League that has grown to be as large as the men and is a younger crowd. Borough expenses have been flat except for salary increases and it was suggested to look at winter staffing needs to determine if there could be further cost savings.

Park Commission- Tom Riggio, Park Commissioner discussed the need for the Burgesses to determine the process to which the Park Commission may request funds for the Strategic Golf Plan. The total cost of the Plan is \$200,000 and they would like to be able to plan effectively. It is most cost effective to complete the Plan in five years but is flexible if we are able to forecast the timeline for work to be done. The Plan approved by the Burgesses is now in the implementation phase. The request for the next year is for \$40,000 and the work would begin in late October early November.

Concerns Committee: Fran Adams Committee Chair gave an update on the legislation to change the Special Act to include more owners to be able to vote and serve on Commissions. The House has agreed to the objectives of the changes and the Senate has had issues with the voting by corporations. The issue is continuing to be discussed with legal assistance. An outcome should be known on June 4 when this legislative session is finished.

Land Use Report- Attachment #1

Harbor Management- Frank Keeney reported that the Commission endorsed the Road construction project and given budget issues repairing the west side of the Pier for the summer rather than a large scale repair. They are looking into expanding the scope so that there are no more docks on Borough waters and discussing duck hunting which occurs below the high water mark. Lastly, the Breakwater repairs involve large dollar amounts and are on hold but the Borough has a permit for the work for four more years.

Wardens Report-

Park Monitor- A discussion took place concerning the role of a Park Monitor and responsibilities. Generally, the Board is in favor of the concept but the need to find

the right individual would be paramount to the success of the job. The request originated from the Concerns Committee where residents told them they were primarily concerned about the safety and security of the Borough.

A Resolution was made by David Savin seconded by Art Wright.

**Be it resolved that Parcel A on General Location Survey November 2004 Field book 45 dated November 2004 on the southeastern side of Bulkeley Avenue previously discontinued and property south of this and the property south of land owned by William and Julia Ann Walton Trust be transferred to the abutting owner William and Julia Ann Walton Trust with any restrictions already on these properties and restrictions allowing resident passage by foot, bike, or golf cart.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Beach Access/ Playground Regulations-

A Motion was made by Newt Brainard seconded by David Savin that in order for Residents to use the Beach it is required to pay the appropriate recreation fee or daily fee.

For: Pam Christensen, Frank Keeney, Newt Brainard, Bob Gay, David Savin.

Against: Art Wright

MOTION PASSES.

A Motion was made by Newt Brainard seconded by David Savin that the Daily Rate for Beach Usage is to be set at \$50.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, a motion was made by David Savin seconded by Art Wright to close the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie G. LeBlanc, Clerk