

# Meeting of The Board of Warden and Burgesses

# **Approved** Meeting Minutes

Date: 04DEC2023

**Time**: 19:30

Location: 128 Kings Highway, Woodmont, CT 06460

#### BOW Board of Warden and Burgesses in Attendance ( $\boxtimes$ ):

- Warden Edward Bonessi, Jr.
- Senior Burgess: John Barrett
- Burgess Barbara Wagner (Planning, Zoning, Library)
- Burgess Robert Kish (Beaches, Street Lights)
- Burgess Chuck Rockwell (Housing)
- Burgess Christopher Schmeisser (Finance)
- Burgess Michael Bihary (Police & Safety) non-emergency

#### BOW Committee Members in Attendance ( $\boxtimes$ ):

- Constable Frank Bozso
- Xax Collector Lynn Foss
- Treasurer Robert Listorti
- Auditor Linda Casey
- Auditor Brendan Casey
- Clerk Xuan Chau
- I. Meeting called to order by Warden Bonessi at 19:32.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Motion to approve 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Unapproved Meeting Minutes.

- a. Seconded by Burgess Bihary.
- b. Motion approved unanimously by The Board.
- IV. Freeholder I:
  - a. n/a
- V. Report of the Tax Collector
  - a. n/a

#### VI. Report of the Warden

- a. Attempt to use ARPA funds for Belmont Groin Project, however too many restrictions. Project on hold, however positioned for prospective project.
- b. Next week budget meeting with new mayor requesting 0% budget increase.



i. Amendment: Lack of Lifeguard Duty in 2023 discussed with former Mayor Richard Smith, whom stated that coverage will be provided by City of Milford for 2024.

#### VII. Constable Bozso

a. n/a

### VIII. Clerk Chau

- a. Concern from resident email: Tree on Kings/Dixon being monitored for being lit.
- b. Concern from resident email: American flags pilled in certain parts of Woodmont.
  - i. American flag on Signal rock, J. Hannon will monitor condition of flags and contingent to tide charts, inevitably will be replaced.

### IX. Treasurer: Robert Listorti

a. n/a

## Reports:

- X. Planning, Zoning: Burgess Wagner
  - a. Spencer Street: no report on right of way.

### XI. Police & Safety: Burgess Bihary

**a.** Winter preparation: tree clearing/pruning in anticipation of snow.

### XII. House: Burgess Rockwell

- a. New security pad installed.
- b. Basement work at Borough Hall will take place week of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### XIII. Street Lighting: Burgess Kish

**a.** UI agreed to replaced Signal Rock lamp with LED; TBD.

### XIV. Beaches: Burgess Kish

- a. Warden Bonessi: Belmont Groin Project
  - i. Westcott sent forms to DEP for approval; awaiting decision from DEP.

### XV. Public Works: Warden Bonessi

**a.** Catch basin: Jim Mallico, scrape down 8-10" so that it doesn't wash up on the streets.

### XVI. Finance: Burgess Schmeisser

- a. Finances favorable.
- XVII. Library: Burgess Wagner & Kit
  - **a.** Renovation project moving forward; Library operations will close in January for renovations.

### XVIII. Beautification: Sue Hunt



- a. No report.
- XIX. Approval of Bills
- XX. Old Business:

a. n/a

#### XXI. New Business:

- a. Warden Bonessi motioned to discuss ARPA/Covid Funds:
  - i. Burgess Wagner seconded to discuss.
  - ii. Major cost to repair Belmont Street groin.
  - iii. Make project shovel ready with DEP approval.
    - 1. Search for grants; inevitably natural disaster will ensue.
    - 2. Burgess Rockwell: be cognoscente of DEP expiration date.
    - 3. Warden Bonessi will investigate innovative funding avenues down the road.
    - Delay Belmont Street Groin Project, however ensure City of Milford and State that project is queued up for next endeavor.
    - 5. Allocate ARPA/Covid Funds to Kings Highway paving.
  - iv. Warden Bonessi motioned to allocate Belmont Groin Project funds to pave Kings Highway for spring 2024.
    - 1. Second motion by Burgess Scheimeisser
    - 2. The Board unanimously in favor.

#### XXII. Freeholders II

#### XXIII. Warden Bonessi called meeting to recess at 20:07

a. Burgess Barrett seconded motion to adjourn meeting at 20:07.