



# Borough of Woodmont CONNECTICUT

## Meeting of The Board of Warden and Burgesses

### Approved Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 06NOV2023

**Time:** 19:30

**Location:** 128 Kings Highway, Woodmont, CT 06460

#### **BOW Board of Warden and Burgesses in Attendance (☑):**

- ☑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 (☑):**

- ☑Constable Frank Bozso
- ☑Tax Collector Lynn Foss
- ☑Treasurer Robert Listorti
- ☐Auditor Linda Casey
- ☐Auditor Brendan Casey
- ☑Clerk Xuan Chau

- I. Meeting called to order by Warden Bonessi at 19:31.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 Unapproved Meeting Minutes.**
  - a. Seconded by Burgess Rockwell.
  - b. Motion approved unanimously by The Board.
- IV. Freeholder I:**
  - a. Richard P. (108 Kings Highway): On his walk he noticed a Wall Street resident placing personal trash bag into public trash can at Trubee Doolittle Park.
- V. Report of the Tax Collector**
  - a. Taxes 27,667.00 owed; printing statements for mail on 07NOV2023.
- VI. Report of the Warden**
  - a. Umbrella Tree removed: age range: 65-75 years old.
    - i. Stacy Marcel will be planting new tree on 07NOV2023.
    - ii. Multi-ongoing projects to memorialize Umbrella Tree.



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1. Base of tree to be made into memorabilia based on timeline.
  - b. City budget process started to request increase.
  - c. New incoming Mayor, finance, Alderman.
  - d. Dixon catch basin: more expensive to replace due to depth.
  - e. Marren Brothers Landscaping Company won bid for landscaping contract.
  - f. Additional informational material from Warden Bonessi below:

Our beloved Umbrella Tree is gone which is the sad news, the good news is we have a rebirth of a new Umbrella taking its place! Jim Mallico and crew somberly removed the aging tree which we estimated to be between 65 and 70 years old according to its rings pattern. Stacey Marcell from Northeast Horticulture planted the new tree today and we will be taking some precautionary measures to ensure its assimilation to its new home. In addition, there are several efforts to memorialize the old tree, one that Xuan is working on using the smaller diameter branches. Another group is working on a large trunk section for something special for the Borough Hall

The City Budget process has started. After confirming with Burgess Schmeisser we will not request an increase over the \$265,000 we received this year.

I had a meeting with Westcott and Mapes and Savy Construction at Belmont Street Groin for a first pass by a contractor that specializes in shoreline repairs.

The Dixon Street catch basin project was deeper and larger than estimated. Jimmy needed to pour a new basin floor. Also took care of a raised drainage point on the southeast side of Dixon for the homeowners that complained.

After several months of planning, building a bid process, and interviews and site visits with contractors Burgess Wags and I have found a new landscaping contractor. Marren Brother's Landscaping. Robert Marren is here tonight and we are happy to have him. Bobby has been in business for over 20 years as a Veteran and spent 25 years with the Milford Public Works Department as a foreman. He knows Woodmont well and will be a great addition to our team!

## **VII. Constable Bozso**

- a. Police coverage on Halloween
  - i. Minor incident near Mark Street on 30OCT2023; city officer interrupted mischievous activity.
  - ii. Discussion to continue about replacing police car.
    1. Option open to keep old police car with historical plates.

## **VIII. Clerk Chau**



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- a. Read a few resident emails that aligned with Umbrella Tree eulogy.

## **IX. Treasurer: Robert Listorti**

- a. Checks are in and circulated for signatures.

## **Reports:**

### **X. Planning, Zoning: Burgess Wagner**

- a. 5 Clinton Street: Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Zoning Board of Appeals: variances for setback and lot coverage percentage: Approved.

### **XI. Police & Safety: Burgess Bihary**

- a. n/a

### **XII. House: Burgess Rockwell**

- a. Alarm Keypad will be replaced by 07NOV2023.
- b. Third sump pump will be installed for December 2023.
- c. Exempt user Fee: \$25 incurred for custodial fee.
  - i. 116 requests per year for events.
- d. Events will continue to be slowly phased in.

### **XIII. Street Lighting: Burgess Kish**

- a. n/a

### **XIV. Beaches: Burgess Kish**

- a. n/a

### **XV. Public Works: Warden Bonessi**

- a. Insufficient funds for Belmont Street groin; queued up for prospective natural occurring event.
- b. Covid money fund utilized for Kings Highway paving.

### **XVI. Finance: Burgess Schmeisser**

- a. \$31K for police payment year-to-date.
  - i. Lynn F. will verify charges are placed in correct period for analysis.
  - ii. Frank B.: Fourth July fell on a Tuesday, seven days of police coverage, cars broken in; extra coverage for June.
  - iii. 2024 discussion for budget adjustment.
- b. Finances favorable.

### **XVII. Library: Burgess Wagner & Kit**

- a. Design/architecture being drafted; anticipating quote generation.
- b. In three to four months: books packing initiation to begin renovation.

### **XVIII. Beautification: Sue Hunt**

- a. Trash barrels: Sue and Bob M. to connect on assembly.
- b. Sue and Burgess Wagner met to discuss flower design and Triangle area and coat of paint on back of the sign.
- c. Scraped bike rack and new coat of paint.



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**XIX. Approval of Bills**

**XX. Old Business:**

- a. *See Clerk Chau's report.*

**XXI. New Business:**

- a. 5 Beach Ave. proposal to landscape two foot strip of Borough property.
  - i. Warden Bonessi: Architect needs to get zoning variance due to coastline ordinance.
  - ii. Warden Bonessi: provide plan view to assess and vote for December meeting.
  - iii. No vote incurred to move proposal forward.

**XXII. Freeholders II**

- a. N/A

**XXIII. Warden Bonessi called meeting to recess at 20:50**

- a. Burgess Rockwell seconded motion to adjourn meeting at 20:50.