

Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses
Unapproved Minutes April 3, 2023
THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
128 Kings Highway
Woodmont, Connecticut 06460

The meeting of the Board and Burgesses of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

Senior Burgess Barrett called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 2023

Freeholders I

- Josh Gold

1. Wanted to know why pesticides are being used when there was a motion that they were not to be used specifically on a project at the end of March on Spencer. Burgesses will look into this further to see what is being used.
2. Asks that projects be put out for bid moving forward not always using Mallico. Burgess Schmeisser explains certain larger projects are being put out to bid, but appreciates the comment as it has been expressed among Burgesses and will be addressed.

Katie Krauss Murphy asked the Burgesses to consider an earlier start time for Borough Meetings to appeal to more residents as noted in the meeting minutes from March. Expressed interest in getting a museum type of display cases to display Woodmont history, artifacts, etc. Also suggested doing horse shoes rather than bocce at the park.

Report of the Tax Collector

No Report

Report of the Warden

Milford Budget and Finance Board approved 11% increase in funding to the Borough.

Borough Elections will take place on May 1st- please encourage family and friends take part.

A plan has been established to accept the funds from the George Aftamanow's bequest to the Woodmont Volunteer Library.

Red Cross will be using the hall on April 20th for a Blood Drive.

Report of the Constable

No Report

Report of the Clerk

No Report

Report of the Treasurer

Checks circulating tonight.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning

At the March 7th 2023 Milford Planning and Zoning meeting the petition to build a single family at 5 Beach was approved.

Police and Safety

No Report

Street Lighting

Service has been completed at the triangle for the "Welcome to Woodmont" sign.

Beaches

Crescent Street Beach Residents are interested in resurrecting study re: flooding, erosion, etc on this beach. District 4 Alderman and Public Works have gotten involved in the ongoing discussion. Sand renourishment was a recommendation as part of the study, which has not been a long-term solution in Burgess Kish's experience. Interested residents are encouraged to attend Flood and Erosion meetings moving forward.

Public Works

Mallico contract will be renewed, this will be the last and will work with the Borough to ensure smooth transition to the next company.

House

No Report

Finance

No Report

Library

There will be a book sale April 15th, 10-2 PM.

Beautification Committee

Tree trimming request and movement of one tree has been requested with Milford Public Works.

Landscaper will replace the hose at the Borough Hall.

Approval of Bills

Bills are being sent around to be approved and checks signed.

Old Business

Earlier start time for the meetings was discussed and will be tabled until the May meeting.

New Business

Approved motion that the Borough accept George Aftamanow's bequest to the Borough of Woodmont made in Fourth Article of his Last Will and Testament, date 11/9/2011 with the restrictions as started in that Article, to the extent required by law, as follows:

1. The borough shall use the bequest exclusively for the charitable purposes of The Woodmont Library in honor of his late wife, Ellen Aftamonow, who worked many years as its librarian.
2. The Borough shall make reasonable efforts to set aside space in the Woodmont Library to be used by volunteers or professional counselors to provide bereavement and grief counseling to the public.
4. To the extent all the funds are not needed by the Library, the Borough shall set aside the balance of the funds, if reasonably possible, for a fund to pay the cost of professional counselors to provide bereavement and grief counseling.

Freeholders II.

Pat Delvecchio inquired about the police car which is being appraised for possible sale.

Jay Hannon expanded on the findings of the City of Milford's Crescent Beach study specifically that there is a possibility of 50,00 yards of sand being available and expressed the City of Milford Erosion Control wanting to hear more ideas from Woodmont residents on ideas that could be implemented from the study specifically on wall structures that could help with erosion. One idea was reconfiguring the wall to be straight instead of in the curve. Concern exists on the 50,000 yards of sand disappearing quickly with storms. A presence at the meetings on Zoom would be great by residents.

Recess at 8:49 pm

Minutes taken by Julie Bonessi