

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT  
31 Clinton Street  
Woodmont, CT 06460  
**MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS**  
August 18, 2014

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Bonessi at 8:02 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Michael Krauss, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Constable Raymond Jablonski, Custodian Joe Rogers, and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

The July 21, 2014 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Barrett made a Motion to approve the minutes seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

**Freeholders I**

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway said that she lives directly across the street from the new Borough Hall and is concerned about debris falling across the street from construction work to be performed on the building. Burgess Rockwell assured her not to worry, most of the work is to the interior and all dumpsters will be located in the rear of the building.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway sited that a new sidewalk and curb was put in on Kings Highway. Warden Bonessi responded that sidewalks and curbs are the responsibility of the homeowner and the one in reference was put in by a private homeowner. Jim Mallico responded saying if you are thinking of putting in a curb, the city will tell you where to put it.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway was concerned about the bus stop in front of her house and understands that the bus use to stop at 139 Kings Highway. Warden Bonessi responded that this controlled by the Conn. State Transportation Dept.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway said her next door neighbors are renters. They are leaving garbage outside that it is piling up. Warden Bonessi responded saying that the Blighted Housing Ordinance is administered by the City of Milford Health Dept. The Warden explained the process and that a form can be obtained on the City of Milford's website.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway wanted to know if the Borough just hired someone to plow the streets or did it go out to bid. Warden Bonessi responded by saying that we are currently in a five year contract. Burgess Schmeisser responded by saying we have gone out to bid and have found that a local resident is a better choice with a lower price.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway says the storm drain at the corner of Dixon and Kings Highway is dirty. Warden Bonessi responded that we have checked all the

storm drains and clean them as needed. Jim Mallico said that the storm drain has been checked. Tina DellaValle said that a tree is growing out of it.

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway said she would like to join the Beautification Committee. Warden Bonessi suggested that she talk with Pat Del Vecchio. Burgess Barrett explained the process to become a Burgess. Warden Bonessi said that she would need to submit a cover letter and resume to the Clerk.

Jackie Honek of 102 Beach Ave. said that a tent was pitched under the umbrella tree, cars have been illegally parked and that the area has become a loading and unloading zone; and that the patrol car just drives by and does nothing about it. Warden Bonessi said that he would have a conversation with officer DeVito to have the police move folks off the beach after 10pm. Warden Bonessi explained that you cannot park, and loading and unloading are not allowed as well. The police have been asked to use their discretion in these situations in the past. Jackie Honek said that cars have been illegally parked and have called the police to be rudely spoken to.

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark Street said that school buses have been dropping off large numbers of minors at the beaches. Warden Bonessi said that these are public beaches with public parking and roads. Unless they are creating problems, there is nothing to be said.

Donna Mallico of 3 Clinton Street said that folks have been urinating on the 71 Beach Ave property. Warden Bonessi said that he would follow up and have a conversation with the owner.

### **Report of the Tax Collector**

None

### **Report of the Warden**

Warden Bonessi reported that he is in the process of working with the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA to finalize all hazard mitigation. We need to determine what was already damaged and what was actually damaged. They are pushing back on 55 spots.

### **Report of the Constable**

### **July 2014 (2nd Half) & [Woodmont Day]**

Woodmont Borough Police patrols were done on Saturday 07/26, Sunday 07/27/2014. The Sargent on patrol on Saturday afternoon and evening 07/26 reported numerous contacts with people enjoying Woodmont Day. The Sargent reported there were numerous parking complaints and having to have cars moved and chasing kids from parking lot and handled traffic problems with Borough. The Sargent reported a missing stop sign at Clinton St. and Kings Hwy, notified public works. The Sargent reported issuing (2) verbal warnings, (1) one parking ticket and participating in (2) two fire department assists, and (2) two police assists in the Borough.

The officer on patrol on Sunday evening 07/27 reported making multiple checks of the Borough Hall, the Fire House, Doolittle Park, and Mark St. for parking violations. The officer reported running radar on Kings Hwy. and Dixon St. The officer reported issuing (1) one verbal warning.

The following summary for the month of July to date is based on the activity reports submitted by officers:

24 Verbal Warnings	3 Written Warning	0 Oral Reports
21 Parking Tickets	1 First Aid Assist	0 MV Arrests
0 Criminal Arrests	7 Fire Department Assists	0 Infraction
13 Police Assists <b>(In the Borough)</b>	2 Police Assist <b>(Out of the Borough)</b>	

The following summary for 2014 year to date is based on the activity reports submitted by officers:

39 Verbal Warnings	6 Written Warning	0 Oral Reports
84 Parking Tickets	1 First Aid Assist	1 MV Arrests
0 Criminal Arrests	8 Fire Department Assists	0 Infraction
18 Police Assists <b>(In the Borough)</b>	4 Police Assist <b>(Out of the Borough)</b>	

### August 2014 (1st Half)

Woodmont Borough Police patrols were done on Saturday 08/09, Sunday 08/10, Saturday 08/16, and Sunday 08/17/2014. The Sargent on patrol on Saturday afternoon 08/09 reported issuing (1) one verbal warning and (3) three parking tickets.

The Officer on patrol on Saturday evening 08/09 making multiple checks of the Borough Hall, Anchor Beach, Doolittle Park and 128 Kings Hwy. The Officer reported issuing (1) one verbal warning and (11) eleven parking tickets.

The Officer on patrol on Sunday afternoon 08/10 reported checking streets and parking lots for parking violations and monitoring stop sign at Kings Hwy. and Chapel St. The Officer assisted with a motor vehicle accident, involving a motorcycle with severe injuries, at Anderson Ave. and Chaucer St. The Officer reported issuing (5) five parking tickets and participating in (1) one police assist in the Borough.

The Officer on patrol on Sunday evening 08/10 reported assisting with the serious motor vehicle accident, involving a car and a motorcycle, at Anderson Ave. and Chaucer St. The Officer reported making multiple checks of the Beach Ave. resident parking lot, playground, beaches, and Borough streets. The Officer reported issuing (4) four parking tickets and participating in (1) one police assist in the Borough.

The Officer on patrol on Sunday afternoon & evening 08/17 reported making multiple checks of the Beach Ave. resident parking lot, Borough Hall, Fire House, Fannie Beach building, beaches, and Borough streets. The Officer reported issuing (3) three parking tickets and participating in (1) one police assist in the Borough, for downed wires.

The following summary for the month of August to date is based on the activity reports submitted by officers:

4 Verbal Warnings	0 Written Warning	0 Oral Reports
31 Parking Tickets	0 First Aid Assist	0 MV Arrests
0 Criminal Arrests	0 Fire Department Assists	0 Infraction
5 Police Assists <b>(In the Borough)</b>	1 Police Assist <b>(Out of the Borough)</b>	

The following summary for 2014 year to date is based on the activity reports submitted by officers:

43 Verbal Warnings	6 Written Warning	0 Oral Reports
115 Parking Tickets	1 First Aid Assist	1 MV Arrests
0 Criminal Arrests	8 Fire Department Assists	0 Infraction
23 Police Assists <b>(In the Borough)</b>	5 Police Assist <b>(Out of the Borough)</b>	

### **Report of the Clerk**

Clerk Guelakis reported that we are ready for the annual audit. The glitch on the website tax page has been resolved.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Planning & Zoning**

Burgess Wagner reported that she called the DEP concerning the bamboo issue between the homes on Howe St and Bonsilene St. and said that they didn't seem to care. Burgess Wagner asked Warden Bonessi to look into the matter. Burgess Wagner said that she called city hall concerning the illegal shed constructed on the 34 Howe St property and the city felt it higher priorities since they only have one compliance officer.

#### **Police & Safety**

None

#### **House**

Burgess Rockwell reported that we had an open house on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2PM at 128 Kings Highway for any contractor interested in bidding. On August 5<sup>th</sup> all contractor's bids were open and they all came a little high. There was a meeting tonight to address the design specification to get a lower bid

#### **Lighting**

None

#### **Beaches**

Burgess Krauss reported that he has been observing the beaches and with weather being a factor, they seem to be holding up. A good storm will tell the truth. The city of Milford will re-measure the beaches every 6 months and report it to the Army Corps of Engineers. The city is doing a very good job of cleaning the beaches.

Burgess Krauss said that if Crescent Beach gets any worse it will cease to exist. A history was given from the 1950s till today concerning the restoration done by the Army Corps of Engineers in the 1950s and the issues concerning the DEP today. Warden Bonessi added that until the beach is deeded over to the Borough, there is nothing the Board can do. Warden Bonessi recommended that Burgesses Krauss and Rockwell work with the DEP and get a COP, certificate of permission, to address Crescent beach.

**Public Works**

Warden Bonessi reported that Hawley Ave. between Chapel St and Dunbar Rd., and the lower part of Belmont St. had been paved. Jim Mallico said that he filled the sink hole with road mix. Other areas that need paving will put on hold do to upcoming construction.

**Finance**

Burgess Schmeisser said that things are OK and we can still do more projects. Warden Bonessi said we should coat the outside of the bump out. Warden Bonessi said he would call the city public works director concerning the connection of the sidewalk to the bridge by Oyster River to the sidewalk at Rosemary Court, and the new curb, sidewalks, and paving on Grove St by the new pump station. Warden Bonessi noted that new sidewalks and paving on New Haven Ave go all the way down to Anderson Ave. We shared this job with the city public works and we have to pay our share directly to public works department which needs to be determined.

**Library**

None

**Beautification**

Submitted by Pat Del Vecchio:

- Rosemary CT and Anderson Ave boundary signs to be installed with small gardens to replicate other entrances.
- New and replacement plants going in soon.
- End of roads signs ordered: 5 with arrow, one without.
- No Beautification meeting in August due to Annual Meeting.

**Approval of Bills**

No bills in circulation

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business****2015-2016 Proposed Budget**

Senior Burgess Barrett made a Motion to endorse the purposed budget. Seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, the Motion passed unanimously.

**Borough Insurance Policy**

There was a discussion. Warden Bonessi will be having a discussion with the Borough attorney and Burgess Barrett will obtain policy quotes.

**Freeholders II**

Tina DellaValle of 135 Kings Highway could not understand why Warden Bonessi was going to call the owner of 71 Beach Ave concerning an issue there but expected her to go through the process with the health department concerning her complaint. Warden Bonessi asked that if she to either leave a note or emailed the name and phone number of the person and that he would place a call.

**Outstanding Items**

None

- At 9:20 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Krauss, seconded by Burgess Barrett and the Motion carried unanimously.

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Minutes taken by William Guelakis  
Woodmont Clerk