

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
31 Clinton Street
Woodmont, CT 06460
MEETING OF BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
July 6, 2015

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at the Richard J. Austin Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Edward Bonessi at 8:03 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses, John Barrett, Kelley Graham, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also present were: Constable Donna Mallico, Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Custodian Joe Rogers, Tax Collector Tina Della Valle and Treasurer Robert Listorti.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The June 15, 2015 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Barret made a Motion to approve the minutes with changes seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Constance Pascarella of 4 Rosemary CT said that an application for an affordable housing project for 1613 New Haven Ave has been submitted. Originally the contractor wanted to build 2 one family houses that the Borough never moved on, and the application had been denied by planning and zoning. Constance Pascarella said that with the affordable housing approved at 1556 New Haven having been approved and now this one is just ridiculous. Warden Bonessi said not moving on this was a mistake, and that he had been on vacation and recommended that we give an endorsement for the two houses to be built at 1613 New Haven Ave. Warden Bonessi said that he does agree with the state ordinance and to reach out to our state representatives.

Constance Pascarella also said that the end of Rosemary Ct is Pent Rd and the owner of 2 Rosemary Ct is thinking this is public domain and that is going to be his, has been kicking people off the property, and I have been fighting with him over this for 30 years. Burgess Schmeisser said that he has been walking along there and has been screamed at from 2 Rosemary as well and responded that he is within legal space and told them to call the police. Burgess Schmeisser said that we will check to see if there is any civil action that we may file. A discussion followed. Burgess Schmeisser requested that Ms. Pascarella email the history of what has been going that we can contact the city attorney to file a civil action concerning this matter.

Constance Pascarella also requested a trash barrel be placed on Rosemary Ct, Warden Bonessi requested that Jim Mallico place one there, and that Burgess Graham contact the city to put it on their route for trash pickup.

Elizabeth Resnick of 19 Beach Ave. said that the head of the city of Milford's public works department told her that Milford was not responsible for the removal of rocks on either public or private beaches due to the Army Corps of Engineers project and that it was the Borough's responsibility. Warden Bonessi responded by saying that the city used to take care of this before Fred Lisman left as mayor. The 67 page agreement the city had with the Army Corps of Engineers has been forgotten about. The Borough has resurrected it and taken over the process and went on to explain the process for maintaining our category G beach in detail and what we must to maintain the status. Warden Bonessi

said that the Borough will be moving the material but we must obtain our certificate of permission from DEEP and what until horseshoe crab spawning season is over.

Pat Jason of 18 Rosemary Ct located between 4 and 2 Rosemary Ct said that she concurs with Constance Pascarella on everything she said. Another problem with 2 Rosemary Ct is that they putting up a fence on the street line. Warden Bonessi directed Burgess Wagner to place a call to planning and zoning concerning the new fence. A discussion followed. Warden Bonessi and Burgess Schmeisser said that we will need a survey of Pent Rd.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax Bills 2015 sent out via QDS on 6/29: \$139,054.14

1. 709 Accounts (uploaded to Woodmont website as well)
2. Proposed Budget: \$125,300.00
3. Mill Rate: calculated on anticipated: .6666

Dan Thomas (Assessor City of Milford provided the Grand List):

024321 – a vacant lot split at 24 Anderson Ave.

025040 – new elderly split at 14 Blackall Rd.

025002 – new elderly split at 55 Hawley Ave.

008181 – split lot, then combined with 217 Merwin Ave. & 3 Mont St.

New Tax Collector Account Opened at Webster Bank

- Account Number: 11003964
- Ed & Tina authorized signatories

Intent to Lien Notices to be sent via QDS: \$109,957.69 owed to Borough of Woodmont (waiting on quote)

Last Lien filed was 2010

Marina Coulombe (48 Village Rd). Tax bill returned (unable to forward): *-In Bankruptcy:*

- *Call Gerry ? Can he provide a forwarding address if he calls the US Bankruptcy Court?*

2014 Checks Never Deposited (3)

Replacement checks sent by:

- John Yimoyines (58 Beach Avenue): \$476.85
- David Yarri (195 Kings Highway): \$191.07

Waiting on Brandon Pepe: \$77.23

Incorrect Address

1. Mary Stickely: Mailed to 165 Centennial Drive, should be 16 Village Road (which is on the bill)
2. Suzanne Saletan: Wants her bill mailed to: PO BOX 5114 Milford , CT 06460
3. Deb Kavanaugh: 159 Kings Highway #23. Never received a bill (# 203-824-6785)

TO BE DISCUSSED

PROPERTY SOLD : 52 Beach Avenue (see attached)

NON-WOODMONT PROPERTIES?

1. Eugene/Elizabeth Smith: 156 Merwin Avenue: Their property is not located in Woodmont and therefore not subject to Borough Real Estate Taxes
2. Mary Ahern: 151 Merwin Avenue, Mary Ahern: Their property is not located in Woodmont and therefore not subject to Borough Real Estate Taxes

Warden Bonessi said that we need a check list of what we need to do before we place liens and sell them, and that we are starting to do this the right way.

Report of the Warden

Warden Bonessi said that he has touched upon every committee in the past two weeks but the one thing that concerns him the most is the reimbursement from the city. In October the city will start its budget process and we need to have a meeting with our alderman from the 4th district in early to mid-August. We will start with a walk through the Borough showing them what is needed. Burgess Schmeisser noted that we are \$10K in the red this past year.

4th of July Weekend Summary

Woodmont Borough Police patrols were done on Friday 7/3 day patrol with visual patrol and interaction with residents, no parking issues and there was no evening patrol.

Saturday 7/4. The Sgt. on patrol reported dead animal washed on shore at 69 Beach Ave, officer removed and disposed of also reported making multiple checks of the Beach Ave. Borough Hall, Doolittle Park, the Fire House, Anchor Beach, and checking Beach Ave. and Village Rd. for parking violations as well as other Borough streets, reported no issues beyond capturing lost dog from 53 Mont Street Officer on night shift encountered no problems.

The Sgt. on patrol on Sunday 7/5 assisted lifeguard with jet skiers coming to close to swimmers, also making multiple checks throughout the Borough, also reported need to replace "No Parking" signs that are missing on Bonsilene just before Hawley noting that cars parked there could not be ticketed do to signs missing, also stating that homeowner on corner of Beach and Bonsilene has been putting cones out to stop parking in front of their home and they cannot do this. The cones will be picked up and removed as abandon property. Sg1. addressed a fishing issue on the side of 5 Beach Ave, also so speaking with homeowner.

The following summary for the 4TH of July weekend was based on the activity reports submitted by officers:

7 Verbal Warnings	0 Written Warnings	0 Oral Reports
4 Parking Tickets	0 First Aid Assists	0 MV Arrests
0 Criminal Arrests	1 Fire Dept. Assists	
5 Police Assists (In the Borough)	0 Police Assists (Out of Borough)	

GAS July 3rd ... \$21.50
 July 5th ... \$34.66

Report of the Clerk

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Police & Safety

Burgess Graham reported that photographs of the graffiti written sign were taken and sent to the police department.

House

Warden Bonessi thanked custodian Joe Rogers for his many years of work and asked that he brief his predecessor, James Freda, on his responsibilities.

Burgess Rockwell gave a fiscal report, as of June 30th, on the state of the renovation work at 128 Kings Highway and hopes the work to be finished by mid-August and to get everyone in by September 1st.

Lighting

No Report.

Beaches

No Report.

Public Works

Jim Mallico said the pipes are good on Clinton St. and at Chaucer Ct. Jim Mallico suggested that the problem at Clinton beach could be due to ground water and sediment that may be surrounding it.

Finance

Burgess Schmeisser said that we are \$10K in the red, and cannot perform city fund projects. We need some game plan for what the city is providing to the rest of the city. A discussion followed concerning funds lent to the building committee and cash flow. Burgess Schmeisser wanted to know how much money had we expended and the maximum rolling amount will be needed going forward and what will be refunded in September. Discussion of FEMA concerning roof damages at 128 Kings Highway followed.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

Pat Del Vecchio reported:

Request approval for Memorial Bench in the Donohue family name. New Bench and plaque to be installed along the beach, removing existing bench to replace other needing repair at Kings Highway/Village Park. Approved. \$1200.00 deposited with Treasurer.

Committee will:

- Install chains and lids on 6 existing barrels.
- Await direction on whether to move Chapel St. garden to new sign.
- Contact E and D Landscaping to clean out city area at beach at bottom of park.
- Help coordinate plantings at new installation of rip rap to hold soil during storm.

Approval of Bills

Bills are in circulation.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- **Transfer of ownership of the unnamed ally off of Clinton St.**

Burgess Barrett said that this is about an unnamed right away along 11 Clinton St that we have jurisdiction over. He will first make a Motion and then we will have attorney Kevin Curseaden of 26 Cherry St, Milford, CT who represents Fitzpatrick of 11 Clinton present his findings on the history of the right of way and listen to any proposals that he may have.

Burgess Barrett Motioned that we empower the Warden to sign any necessary quick claims deeds for the transfer to happen and when Fitzpatrick has filed his easements that we will release all administrative holds and objections that we have with the city of Milford claim department, seconded by Burgess Wagner.

Attorney Curseaden explained his research back to 1830 and why signing over the right of way just south of 11 Clinton Street was justified. Burgess Schmeisser had several questions for clarification and to be informative for all parties concerned.

Barbara and Jim Berkovich of 86 Hawley Ave said that Fitzpatrick has been accommodating and forth coming and will leave us with free and easy access, he has been very generous. There still needs to be some language worked out in easement.

Burgess Barrett Motioned that we table this until the next meeting, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion passed unanimously.

- **Change Electrical Suppliers**

Burgess Barrett Motioned to table change of electrical suppliers, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion carried unanimously.

- **Tax Collector checking account**

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Burgess Barrett Motioned to strike the last agenda item, tax collector checking account, since it was covered in the last meeting, seconded by Burgess Wagner, and the Motion carried unanimously.

Freeholders II

Jim Berkovich of 86 Hawley Ave requested that the beautification committee put a trash can at potato rock.

Tina Della Valle of 135 Kings Highway announced that House and Garden magazine was going to do an article on Woodmont and would like to interview the Warden.

Outstanding Items

None.

- At 9:27 P.M. Warden Bonessi entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Schmeisser, seconded by Burgess Wagner and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk