

THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
128 Kings Highway
Woodmont, CT 06460

August 1, 2016

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Burgess Barrett at 8:05 P.M. In attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Kelley Graham, Robert Kish, Chuck Rockwell, and Christopher Schmeisser.

Also present were: Clerk Wm. Guelakis, Beautification Committee Pat Del Vecchio, and Treasure Bob Listorti.

Initiate of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The July 18, 2016 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Burgess Graham made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Burgess Kish, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Freeholders I

Tim Phelan of 95 Kings Highway said that on the behalf of the Woodmont Day Committee and I would like to go on record that we are aware that there is going to be a new garage. We are currently storing our equipment in the old Borough garage and would like to be able continue to store our equipment in the new garage. A discussion followed. Burgess Barrett concluded that he doesn't see and issue with the request but would like the Warden to make an executive decision concerning the matter.

Report of the Tax Collector

Tax Collector Report-8/1/16:

Tax Bills were mailed 7/20/16. They are due 8/1 with a delinquent date of 9/1.

Only snag with lock box is they did not send files to upload to QDS, so payments have not been reflected.

Payments should be reflected by 8/3/16.

The lock box took in \$33,207.26 in week 1. Online payments totaled \$4,214.62.

Several former homeowners called to let us know that they sold their Woodmont homes within the last six months. The City of Milford tax assessor's file to us did not reflect these sales. New tax bills will be sent out once I get new owner info from the City Clerk's office. Burgess Barrett elaborated on the situation with Milford Town Hall.

Report of the Warden.

No Report

Report of the Constable

Submitted by Constable Mallico for July 2016

Fri. 7/1- No firework (rain) 4 parking tickets

(Eve) 1 parking ticket, 2 Police assist in Borough, stray dog ran through screen door @ 5 Mont street afraid of firework, owner unknown removed by animal control.

Sun.7/3 – (Day) 2 verbal warnings, full checks throughout Borough.

(Eve) No Report from Officer

Mon.7/4-(Day) 2 parking tickets, 2 verbal warnings, 3 assist in Borough.

(Eve) 3 parking tickets, 2 assist in Borough, checks of Borough, animal nuisance @ King Hwy and Clinton, groups dispersed from Beach Ave

Fri. 7/8- Warned children playing on life guard stand, FYI squirrels in garage.

Sat. 7/9- (Day & Eve) 3 parking tickets, 1 fire assist, 1 assist out of Borough.

Sun. 7/10-(Day) 1 parking ticket, warned children about riding. Bike in rode on Beach Ave.

(Eve) 2 parking tickets,

Fri. 7/15- 1 assist in Borough, parking complaint on Abigail (parking sign faded needs to be replaced)

Sat. 7/16- (Day & Eve) 2 parking tickets, 2 assist in Borough, 1 assist out of Borough, alternator needed to be replaced during shift, 100 Beach Ave had fisherman parked in driveway had both vehicles towed, missing No Parking sign on village & Hawley.

Sun.7/17- (Day & Eve) 1 parking ticket, 1 fire assist, 1 first aid assist, 2 police assist in Borough, spoke with teens riding bike in road again, moved parked cars from Beach Ave, handicap sign painted over @ park cannot enforce parking issues without signs.

Fri. 7/22- 1 assist out of Borough, heavy traffic with Pokeman seekers, multiple checks of beach do to recent indecent exposure case.

Sat.7/23- (Day) 2 verbal, 2 assist in Borough, removed trespassers from 108 Beach Ave, looking for green vehicle driving erratically, walk & talk.

(Eve) 1 fire assist, 1 police assist, extra checks of Chapel & Mont for green dirt bike causing a nuisance, heavy pedestrian traffic by Pokeman seekers.

Sun.7/24- (Day) 2 verbal, extra checks dirt bike rider, Dolittle Park, Mark St, new Borough hall.

(Eve) 2 parking tickets, used first aid kt on child @ beach, warned skateboarders in middle of Beach Ave.

Fri. 7/29- 2 verbal, 1 assist in Borough

Sat. 7/30- No Reports Left By Officers Day or Eve!!! **Will speak to DeVito again.**

Sun. 7/31- 2 parking tickets, 2 verbal, 1 assist in Borough, monitored distressed kayakers in rough water but made it in, parking issue on Village Rd, distressed kayakers rescued by life guard & west have PO, 6 guys on raft in rough water got them in(had been drinking)

Parking Tickets – 31

Verbal warnings- 17

Police assist in Borough – 18

GAS- Tim's \$133.85 / Wheels \$20.00

Fire Assist – 3

First Aid-1

Police assist out of Borough – 3

Report of the Clerk.

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning

No Report.

Police & Safety

No Report

House

Burgess Rockwell said that new keys are now available for all officers and other individuals who will need one to see him.

Lighting

No Report.

Beaches

Burgess Kish said that a resident called concerning old over grown cement stairs on the West Haven line and wanted to know if they could be repaired. A discussion followed and it was decided to investigate and determine if they are the property of the Borough or the state of Connecticut. This would be an executive decision to have the stairs repaired.

Public Works

No Report.

Finance

No Report.

Library

No Report.

Beautification

Pat Del Vecchio reported:

Beautification Report Aug 1 2016:

- Request for approval of Brennan Memorial Bench Application. Check for \$1200.00 given to Treasurer.
- Research for solar and conventional lighting passed out for new lamps on Beach Ave.
- New contract for Memorial Brick purchase approved by Warden.
- Contracts were available on Woodmont Day.

Approval of Bills

Bills are in circulation.

Unfinished Business

None.

Old Business

- Installation of alternative street light on Beach Ave in the Crescent

Senior Burgess Barrett opened for discussion and asked Jay Arnold of 4 Clinton St about his research on lighting. Jay Arnold said that he could only find lighting with larger solar panels that took away from their historic look and feel that he was looking for. A discussion followed. Pat Del Vecchio suggested that this not only be a one off installation and that we consider a consistent look and feel in their use throughout the Borough. Burgess Barrett mentioned that we need to consider the photo metrics that can be supplied from the manufactures upon request. Jay Arnold said that he is willing to work with Pat Del Vecchio on lighting. Pat Del Vecchio submitted an example of an LED antique lamp post.

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to table the old business item, Installation of alternative street light on Beach Ave in the Crescent, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Foran High School triclass 75-77 reunion request to use the backyard area of the Borough Hall on Saturday August 13th Noon to 6PM for a picnic.

Burgess Rockwell Motioned to approve the request that the Foran High School triclass 75-77 reunion request to use the backyard area of the Borough Hall on Saturday August 13th Noon to 6PM for a picnic, seconded by Burgess Graham, and the Motion passed unanimously. Burgess Schmeisser said that he had talked with Warden Bonessi and recommended that the Board define a use policy for 128 Kings Highway.

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to Amend the Agenda to include four items;

1. Board to discuss the Building Committee checking account and to authorize the expenditures down to the amount to returned to the Borough Reserve Account;
2. the net proceeds from the sale of 31 Clinton St received of \$184,000, to approve the allocation of the monies to the Borough Reserve Account to be used by Beach and House;
3. the construction of the new Borough garage and to authorize funding of the garage;
4. review the proposed budget and approval of the budget as proposed.

seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

1. Board to discuss the Building Committee checking account and to authorize the expenditures down to the amount to returned to the Borough Reserve Account

Burgess Schmeisser said that over the past two to three years that the Building Committee received an initial grant followed by a loan for \$75,000, a sum not being returned to the Borough and requests that Burgess Rockwell explain the use of monies to reduce the return of monies to the Borough down to \$26,119.65. Burgess Rockwell explained and a discussion followed. Burgess Barrett Motioned that the debt due to overruns for architectural and construction costs be forgiven resulting in a return of \$26,119.65 to the Borough Reserve Account, seconded by Burgess Schmeisser, and the Motion passed unanimously.

2. Allocate the net proceeds from the sale of 31 Clinton St received of \$184,000, to approve the allocation of the monies to the Borough Reserve Account to be used by Beach and House

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to approve the allocation of the net proceeds from the sale of 31 Clinton St received of \$184,000 to the Borough Reserve Account to be used by Beach and House, seconded by Burgess Kelley, and the Motion passed unanimously.

3. the construction of the new Borough garage and to authorize funding of the garage

Burgess Schmeisser explained that the yard in back of 128 Kings Highway is larger than Trubee Doolittle Park and that some more clearing of the area is needed. The intent is to turn the area into a park like setting, with additional plantings to include evergreens. It has been determined that the original metal garage proposed is more expensive than the current design that is a wooden structure, New England salt box design to be painted red, and meets all functional design requirements. This garage will be larger than our current garage by approximately one car size. The left side of the garage will be a poured cement wall for use as a squash or soccer bounce back wall. The estimated costs for this garage are:

- \$67,000-\$73,000 for the wooden structure,
- \$27,000 for the foundation,
- \$13,000 for the poured concrete wall.

Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to authorize \$100,000 from the Reserve Account for the foundation and wood structure for the new garage and authorize \$13,000 from city funds for the left concrete wall for the new garage, seconded by Burgess Rockwell, and the Motion passed unanimously.

4. review the proposed budget and approval of the budget as proposed

Burgess Schmeisser reviewed the proposed budget line items. A discussion followed. Burgess Schmeisser Motioned to approve the budget as proposed, seconded by Burgess Kelley, and the Motion passed unanimously.

Outstanding Items

None.

Freeholders II.

Pat Del Vecchio of 56 Mark St. questioned using certain areas of Borough Hall for special interests such as the concrete wall as a bounce back wall. Pat Del Vecchio is concerned about going forward with these requests before any discussion and approval of the Board on whether we should. Burgess

Schmeisser discussed why the concrete wall is a win-win from a budgeting point of view. Burgess Barrett responded that we need to be better planners, and the difficulties is our full time jobs. Pat Del Vecchio added that we need a fence in the back of the lot in addition to evergreens to close it off.

Jay Arnold of 4 Clinton St had a few questions on the budget. He asked about tax receipts, police budget, Beautification Committee funding. Burgess Schmeisser and Burgess Barrett explained.

- At 9:19 P.M. Senior Burgess Barrett entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Burgess Rockwell, seconded by Burgess Kish and the Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by William Guelakis
Woodmont Clerk