

Annual Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses
Unapproved Minutes August 26, 2021
THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
128 Kings Highway
Woodmont, Connecticut 06460

Warden Bonessi called the meeting to order at 8:09 P.M.

Warden Bonessi makes a motion to move New Business to the beginning of the agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

New Business

Municipality hold its biennial municipal election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years; extends existing provisions on transitioning and deferring terms of office to, and establishes new provisions for, municipalities that change their election date.

Kerri Rowland, Registrar of Voters, explains that the new law has not been made clear and there is the ability for the Borough to stay with their own scheduled voting in May with a 75% majority vote of residents. Ms. Rowland explained that the cost and details that would be needed to vote for Woodmont positions would be difficult for residents- as it stands voting is at the Borough Hall- it would need to be in 2 locations, both outside the borough. Questions about who would work the polls, who pays for machines, etc. all make this very cost prohibitive and difficult for residents to take part.

Kerri Rowland made a motion, as a freeholder, to keep voting as it is at the Borough Hall and in the month of May. Motion unanimously approved.

Freeholders I

Nyree Pinto, Dixon Street, wanted more information and investigation done on having kayak racks on the beaches. Warden Bonessi explained in past years there was liability about storms making kayaks projectiles and potential safety issues. Burgess Kish and Resident Pinto agreed to take the conversation further off-line.

Report of the Warden:

Introduction of current

- Ed Bonessi – Warden
- John Barrett – Senior Burgess
- Bob Kish– Burgess: Beaches, Street Lighting
- Chuck Rockwell – Burgess: House, Building Committee
- Barbara Wagner – Burgess: Planning Zoning, Library
- Kit Schmeisser – Burgess: Finance
- Kelly Graham– Burgess: Police & Safety
- Donna Mallico - Constable
- Pat Del Vecchio – Beautification Committee
- Bill Guelakis – Clerk

- Rebecca Flynn – Acting Temporary Clerk
- Bob Listorti – Treasurer
- Lynn Foss – Tax Collector & Bookkeeper
- Katie Murphy – Borough Historian
- Teddi Mickus – Events Manager
- Jim Mundy – Custodian
- Gerry Weiner – Borough Attorney

Borough Taxes cover (133K+)

- Additional police coverage
- Maintaining Borough property
- Flood & Erosion Control
- Liability Insurance
- Woodmont Library
- Borough Staff
- Freeholder Directed Projects

City Rebate cover (GRANT- \$233K)

- Base public works contract: Snow Removal, etc.
- Street paving projects
- Sidewalk and seawall repairs
- Storm drain projects
- Drainage Groin Repair/Replacement
- Landscaping contract
- Street lighting expenses

Annual Project Highlights

Beaches and Public Works:

- Middle Beach sifting and grading
- Street end beaches cleaned
- Storm Clean-ups
- Illegal dumping clean-ups
- Snow removal (\$17K over-budget)

Street Lighting:

- Underground utilities projects being explored

Tax Collector:

- \$150K collectable, with \$125K collected thusfar for 2020

House:

- Automatic Garage door openers installed
- More security cameras were added
- CT Basement Systems honored their warranty
- Borough Hall Private Events Return
- Solar Power follow-up Report

Beautification:

- Total Donations 2021: \$600

- **Additional Activities:**
 - 23 benches repaired and repainted (1 removed)
 - 2 Woodmont barrels added
 - 8 Woodmont barrels ordered
 - 2 replacement lids
 - Maintenance of Borough gardens
 - Flag Path 2.0

Library:

- New door and entry

Police and Safety:

- 99 % shift fulfillment
 - Parking Tickets- 18
 - Verbal Warnings- 8
 - Written Warnings-0
 - Fire Assists-0
 - First Aid Assists-3
 - Assists in Borough-7
 - Assists outside-15
- Police vehicle replacement continues to be discussed

Anticipated 2021/22 Projects:

- Street Paving; East of Bonsilene and SCG areas
- Catch Basin Replacements
- Beach Grading & Renourishment
- Right Tree Right Place

Budget Approval

2022/23 Budget Approved unanimously

Freeholders II

None

At 9:26 P.M. Warden Bonessi made a Motion to end the meeting. Motion approved.

Minutes taken by Rebecca Flynn