

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:41p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Bill Lucas, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman

Absent: Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Burgess Chris Gardner, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Clerk Ann LoBosco, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Also Present: 1 member of the public

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the February 10, 2015 special meeting minutes, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the February 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: Jennifer Rogers (Newtown Cultural Arts Commission), asked about signage at Edmond Town Hall for special events and whether they could be larger in size. Warden Gaston stated that it was a Zoning question and asked Ms. Rogers to contact Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean directly.

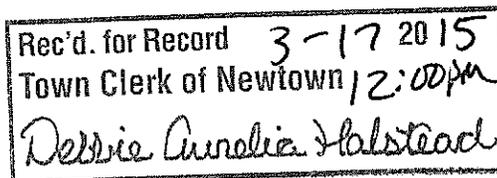
Appointments:

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to appoint Glenn Nanavaty as the Borough Auditor, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016 (Att. A). Each line item was reviewed and discussed as well as the revenue figures. The Proposed Mill Rate for 2015/2016 is 0.85 which represents a 0.02 decrease in taxes.

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget to be presented at the May 12, 2015 public hearing, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Tree Warden: No report due to Rob McCulloch's absence.



Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for February 2015: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2013: \$190,261.05; Current Taxes: \$183,802.64; Back Taxes: \$2,619.37; Interest: \$2,337.66; Lien Fees: \$478.77; Refunds: (\$1,707.94). Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$188,500.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$183,802.63

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report,
seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the report: A deposit was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez of \$600.00 making a total of \$188,500.00. A transfer of \$12,000.00 was made to cover this month's invoicing. Capital Reserve is \$1,902.98 as of February 28, 2015.

Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: No report due to Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean's absence.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher had nothing new to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT

There being no further business, Burgess Baiad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco
Borough Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the Borough Meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held at 7:30 PM on May 12, 2015, at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015-16. Estimated Budget recommended by the Board of Burgesses of the Borough of Newtown is hereby set below in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

	<u>Expenditure 2013-2014</u>	<u>Estimated Budget 2014-2015</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2015-2016</u>
ADVERTISING	\$ 1,654	2,250	2,000
AUDIT	5,500	5,500	5,500
AUXILLIARY HELP	2,909	3,750	3,250
BONDS & INSUR.	220	250	250
CONSULTING	0	1,000	1,000
CONTINGENCY	1,136	3,000	2,250
DATA PROCESSING	940	2,400	1,500
ELECTION	0	3,200	0
FIRE HYDRANT	61,044	76,000	76,000
FIRE DEPT	2,000	2,000	2,000
HEALTH DISTRICT	0	10	10
HISTORIC DISTRICT	0	100	250
LEGAL FEES	7,080	7,500	7,500
SIDEWALKS	1,500	15,000	15,000
STREET LIGHTS	25,467	28,000	28,000
OFFICE MAINT & S	3,917	4,000	4,000
TREES AND MAINT	6,375	3,500	3,500
SOLDIERS & SAILORS	0	10	10
STREETS & PARKS	5,002	6,000	6,000
FLAGPOLE	0	10	10

	Expenditure	Estimated Budget	Proposed Budget
SOCIAL WORK	0	10	10
ASSESSOR	2,000	2,000	2,250
CLERK	4,250	4,250	4,500
TAX COLLECTOR	4,000	4,000	4,200
TREASURER	3,750	3,750	4,000
WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
BUILDNG OFFICIAL	4,000	4,000	4,000
CONSERV. DIR.	1,000	1,000	1,000
ENGINEER	1,800	1,800	1,800
BUILDING CLERK	4,200	4,200	4,200
ZONING OFFICER	5,000	5,000	5,000
TREE WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
PAYROLL TAXES	2,563	7,000	5,000
EDMOND TOWN H	2,500	3,500	3,500
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	\$ 164,807	208,990	202,490
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Revenue Anticipated From Prior Year	\$ 7,000
Building Revenues Anticipated	10,000
Interest	1,000

Total Revenues Anticipated	\$ 18,000

Money to be Raised from Taxes \$ 202,490 - \$18,000 = \$ 184,490

97.0% Tax Collection Rate

1.03 x \$184,490 = \$ 190,024

\$190,024 divided by \$223,227,798 (1000's Grand List – Mill) = 0.85

2015-2016 Proposed Mill Rate = 0.85

Note:

2013-2014 MILL RATE – 0.89

2014-2015 MILL RATE - 0.87

2015-2016 MILL RATE – 0.85

(Decrease in taxes = 0.02 Mills)

James O. Gaston

Warden, Borough of Newtown

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