

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Absent: Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean, Clerk Ann LoBosco

Also Present: 1 member of the public

Burgess Lucas made a motion to accept the October 13, 2015 minutes, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Public Participation: Karen Banks, 43 West Street, was concerned and wanted information about parking at the new restaurant, Dere Street, located at 33 Main Street. Warden Gaston said that the parking plan is on record at the Land Use Department.

Warden's Report: Warden Gaston reported that he was contacted by Peter Caracciolo of 3 Lorraine Drive regarding the bamboo issue. He is requesting a public hearing and Warden Gaston said he will be scheduling one in the near future.

Tree Warden: Rob McCulloch reported that he has been using a smaller company for regular tree work, clean-up, and small jobs. Al Potter has been working on bigger jobs and helping with bamboo eradication. Trees will be cut on Taunton Lake Drive and Castle Hill Road; getting bids for a tree at Queen Street and Glover Avenue; will hold off on stump grinding until next year.

Regarding the bamboo problem, Rob reported that Al Potter provided a quote of \$1,000.00 to remove the bamboo from the Caracciolo property at 3 Lorraine Drive; he will be providing a quote for the other properties as well. Warden Gaston will be scheduling a public hearing to further address these bamboo problems. Pictures of the bamboo have been taken and will be available at that meeting. Rob will talk to the State Representative about how the bamboo ordinance and its enforcement was handled and the result.

Tax Collector's Report: Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for October 2015: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2014: \$187,871.54; Current Taxes: \$176,373.17; Back Taxes: \$1,262.23; Interest: \$585.02; Liens & Fees: \$216.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$177,050.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$176,373.17 representing 92.9%.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for October 2015,
seconded by Senior Burgess Crick and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the October 2015 report: A deposit of \$4,900.00 was made from Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez making a total of \$177,050.00. A transfer was made from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$1,903.53, and the account was closed as of October 31, 2015. Interest on the Capital Reserve Account was \$16.95 making a total of \$75,655.10.

Burgess Gardner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2015,
seconded by Second Senior Burgess Maher and unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer's Report: Nothing new was reported.

Historic District: Burgess Kenyon had nothing new to report.

Sidewalks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that work is ongoing at the Library to install the new, larger handicapped accessible drive.

Streets & Parks: Second Senior Burgess Maher reported that the monument island needs eight light fixtures replaced which would total \$500.00.

Second Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to take \$500.00 from Streets & Parks to cover the cost of the light fixtures at the monument, seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Old Business: There will be a meeting on Thursday, October 12th at 12:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center to address the blight issue at the Connor house, 48 Main Street.

New Business: The flagpole needs some touch-up paint. Burgess Gardner will contact Dave Lydem to determine how it was done in the past. The Borough will take care of the cost and Burgesses Gardner and Maher can do the painting. The Newtown Hook & Ladder Company continues to take care of the raising and lowering of the flag.

Public Participation: None.

A regular meeting the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.

There being no further business, Burgess Maher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco
Borough Clerk

NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

October 2015
SEPTEMBER 2015

MONTHLY REPORT FOR:

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2014: \$187,871.54

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$176,373.17
BACK TAXES:	\$1,262.23
INTEREST:	\$585.02
LIENS & FEES:	\$216.00

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE: \$178,436.42

WRITE OFFS (WAIVE BILLS UNDER \$5.00)	
REFUNDS	\$124.13

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE: \$177,050.00

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

CURRENT TAXES COLLECTED:	\$176,373.17	92.9%
OVERPAYMENTS	(\$1,881.01)	
CURRENT TAXES PENDING:	\$13,379.38	7.1%

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2013 AND PRIOR:		\$7,026.72
(refund due from prior years)	(\$39.22)	

DATE:
10-Nov-15

SIGN: 
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

Borough of Newtown
 Newtown, CT
 Monthly Treasurer's Report
 For month ending October 31, 2015

Beginning Balance (October 1, 2015) \$464,127.28

OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
Oct 14, 2015	Tax Collector (YTD: \$177,050)	\$4,900.00
Oct. 14,2015	GEXA Energy (refund)	\$46.97
Oct. 14,2015	OPMMI (refund)	\$124.65
Oct. 31, 2015	transfer from Capital Reserve account	\$1,903.62

Interest income (October 31, 2015) \$19.49

Total Income \$6,994.73

Expenses (checks written)

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Oct. 14,2015	chk #222	Town of Newtown streetlights	\$1,903.53
Oct. 14,2015	chk #223	Town of Newtown streetlights	\$31,846.47
Oct. 15,2015	chk #224	Treasurer's Acct #331 invoices	\$12,000.00

Total Expenses \$45,750.00

Ending Cash Balance (October 31, 2015) \$425,372.01

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
	Total Outstanding Checks		\$0.00

RECONCILED BANK BALANCE October 31, 2015 \$425,372.01

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT (#200)

Beginning Balance (October 1, 2015)		\$1,903.53
Interest income (October 31, 2015)		\$0.09
Ending Cash Balance (October 31, 2015)	Acct closed 10/31, balance transferred to Acct #673	\$1,903.62

2 Yr. CD ACCT. (#814)	matured 10/24/15	\$73,638.15
Interest income at maturity (Oct. 24, 2015)	interest .35%	\$16.95
TOTAL		\$73,655.10

renewal term: 1 year @ rate of .50%

Respectfully submitted on November 10, 2015

Paula Brinkman, Treasurer

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