

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN  
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Borough of Newtown Board of Burgesses on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019** in the Borough Office at Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Present:** Warden Jim Gaston, Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Second Senior Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess Bill Eder, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, and Clerk Ann Scaia.

**Absent:** Tree Warden Rob McCulloch.

**Also Present:** Two members of the public.

**Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the January 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes,** seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon. Motion passed.

**Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the February 26, 2019 special meeting minutes,** seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon. Motion passed.

**Public Participation:** Diana Johnson, from the Chamber of Commerce, wanted to thank the Borough's financial support for the Luminaria Display last December. She informed us that the Chamber of Commerce has created a separate fund for donations specific to the Tree Lighting at Ram's Pasture and Luminaria Display. She presented the costs and revenue associated with the Ram's Pasture Tree Lighting and Luminaria Display (see attached below). The Chamber of Commerce is hoping the Borough would become a sponsor and possibly commit to an annual donation. Warden Gaston suggested this could possibly become a line item in the Borough budget 2019-2020.

**Budget:** Warden Gaston will present a preliminary budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year at the March Borough Meeting.

**Warden's Report:** Warden Gaston announced the resignation of Mike Guman as a commission member on the Borough Zoning Commission. Margaret Hall, who is currently an alternate, will fill the position and complete the position's term. There was also a discussion as to a Borough donation to Edmond Town Hall and the latest accommodations.

**Tree Warden's Report:** Due to Rob McCulloch absence, Warden Gaston read an email Mr. McCulloch sent as his report. It stated: "Over the past few months it has been very quiet. There's

been maybe a handful of work orders that I've seen since September and I deal with them pretty quickly. I have had troubled trees removed on King St., Hall Lane and Taunton Lake Drive. I have been working on three projects since the first of the year. The first project, which is a little bit more impactful than the others are. Over the past month I've been working closely with the state tree warden to identify hazardous trees along Main Street. Through this effort we have found multiple trees that are in need of attention. If you happen to notice orange dots those are the trees that are being removed. So far one has already been removed at the library and slated for removal, if they have not been removed already. There are ones at 32 and between 60-62 Main St. Another project had been compiling a stump grinding list for the spring. Unfortunately, the town ran out of money in our small budget and I could not get this completed in the fall like I had wanted to. There's approximately 20 stumps in the borough that are unsightly and hazardous. Most of these stumps are in our more visible locations like Main St., Queen St., and The Boulevard. Lastly I've been working on a tree planting list for the fall. Most of the repopulation of trees that I will be recommending will be along Main Street. The only other item I have to bring up is we really need to consider pruning the trees along Main Street. I know that it's been something that we talked about for the past couple years and we ran into a couple obstacles, like a tornado, that has stalled this. In my estimation we're looking at approximately \$20-\$25,000 to have this work done. I would strongly urge that this become a topic in meetings to come."

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for January 2019: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2017: \$226,326.41; Current Taxes: \$223,657.85; Back Taxes: (\$217.50); Interest: \$623.35; Liens & Fees: \$24.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$224,100.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$223,251.74 representing 98.64%.

Tax Collector Enriquez reported the following for February 2019: Total Taxes Due for the List of 2017: \$226,326.41; Current Taxes: \$223,930.38; Back Taxes: (\$217.50); Interest: \$651.97; Liens & Fees: \$48.00. Total Submitted to Treasurer to Date: \$224,100.00. Current Taxes Collected: \$223,524.27 representing 98.76%.

**Burgess Eder made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for January 2019 and February 2019,** seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

She also asked the Board for permission to attend the Annual Tax Collector's Conference which costs \$495.00.

**Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to approve the request to appropriate \$480.00 for the Tax Collector's Conference,** seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

She also asked the Board for permission to pay the Annual Membership Dues for the Connecticut Tax Collector's Association which costs \$75.00.

**Second Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to approve the request to appropriate \$75.00 for the Connecticut Tax Collector's Association membership dues**, seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

The Board agreed to pay the hotel cost to attend the Annual Tax Collector's Conference which costs \$135.00.

**Second Senior Burgess Kenyon made a motion to approve the request to appropriate \$135.00 for the cost of then hotel lodgings to attend the Tax Collector's Conference**, seconded by Burgess Baiad and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the January 2019 report: There was no deposit made from Borough Zoning Office. There was no deposit made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$14,000.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$115.41 making a total of \$76,397.89.

Treasurer Paula Brinkman read the February 2019 report: There was no deposit made from Borough Zoning Office. There was no deposit made from Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez. A transfer of \$9,400.00 was made to cover last month's invoicing. Interest on the 12 mo. CD was \$52.18 making a total of \$76,450.07.

The 1 yr. CD matured on February 14, 2019. Treasurer Paula Brinkman presented an interest rate of 1.80% for 1 yr. After discussion the board agreed upon renewing the full amount of \$76,450.07 in the 1yr at 1.80% APY.

**Burgess Baiad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2019 and February 2019**, seconded by Burgess Lucas and unanimously approved.

**Senior Burgess Maher made a motion to transfer \$480.00 from Contingency to Street and Parks**, seconded by Second Senior Burgess Kenyon and unanimously approved.

**Burgess Eder made a motion to renew the full amount of \$76,450.07 in a 1 yr CD at 1.80% APY**, seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** There is nothing new to report.

**Historic District:** Senior Burgess Kenyon reported Dere Street Restaurant would like to close in the outdoor seating. There were two meetings to review the plans which were approved by the Historic District Commission. The owner will then present the plans to the Zoning Commission.

**Sidewalks:** Senior Burgess Maher secured additional mapping from Fred Hurley at the Highway department regarding the proposed sidewalk on the north side of Sugar St. from the new bridge to Madison Dr. It appears that there is an adequate right of way at this location and will not require easements or sign offs from homeowners. It was suggested to Senior Burgess Maher to create an RFP (request for proposal) for the design/build for the 1650 linear feet of walkway.

Senior Burgess Maher estimates the cost of this project to be approximately \$150,000. Senior Burgess Maher met with Rob Sibley and George Benson to discuss possible funding from the town. Warden Gaston suggested Senior Burgess Maher conduct further conversations with George Benson to determine what funding the town might be willing to contribute.

**Streets & Parks:** Senior Burgess Maher conveyed Rob Connor, of Connor Landscaping, agreed to another year of servicing the Borough properties and held the same price as the last year's contract. Burgess Eder will be acting as a go between Ray Wisniewski, of the VFW, and Chris Ward, of Newtown Hook and Ladder. The goal is to have the flagpole at the Soldiers and Sailors monument ready by Memorial Day.

**New Business:** A Borough resident approached Borough Clerk, Ann Scaia, as to whether or not the old street sign post could be removed from the corner of The Boulevard and Schoolhouse Road. Ann Scaia will call Fred Hurley, at Public Works, to see if they could remove the post. The Borough Clerk shared that The Town & Country Garden Club is partnering with Sal E Pepe for a fundraiser event to benefit their club. The Borough Clerk dispersed handouts outlining the event's details and tickets (see attached below). On March 20, when you dine at Sal E Pepe, for lunch or dinner, a percentage of the bill will be donated to the Town & Country Garden Club.

**Old Business:** Burgess Gardner has been working with Steve Bennett, of The Lion's Club, to raise possibly \$30,000 for the beautification of the flagpole. The Lion's Club has already committed \$1,000 to the cause and Burgess Gardner was hoping the Borough could also commit \$1,000. They are working with Newtown Color Center, who will be offering a discounted rate for any paint required. A search has begun for a painter/contractor. Ken Burns, of Ken Burns Electrical, has offered quotes to address the current LED lighting. Burgess Gardner has spoken with Dan Rosenthal who is in favor of this project and The Bee will assist with publicity. Burgess Gardner mentioned the intention of creating a committee with some of the possible participants being The Rotary Club, Newtown Savings Bank, and the Chamber of Commerce. Lastly he stated a structural integrity test will be performed on the flagpole.

**Public Participation:** None.

**The regular meeting of the Board of Burgesses will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:30p.m. in the Borough Office in Edmond Town Hall, Newtown, CT.**

**There being no further business, Burgess Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.,** seconded by Burgess Gardner and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Scaia  
Borough Clerk

# NEWTOWN BOROUGH TAX

MONTHLY REPORT FOR: JANUARY 2019

TOTAL TAXES DUE FOR GRAND LIST 2017:	\$226,326.41
LAWFUL CORRECTIONS:	INCREASE \$32.98
	DECREASE <u>-\$522.42</u>
TAXES COLLECTABLE:	\$225,836.97

## AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

CURRENT TAX:	\$223,657.85
BACK TAX	\$217.50
INTEREST:	\$623.35
LIENS & FEES:	\$24.00
TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:	<u>\$224,522.70</u>

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:	\$224,100.00
REFUND GIVEN FROM CURRENT YR TAX	\$0.00
REFUND GIVEN DUE FROM PRIOR YR	\$0.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	<u>\$224,100.00</u>

## TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY:

GL 2017	TAXES COLLECTED	\$223,657.85	
	TRANSFERS	\$5.58	
	REFUNDS	<u>-\$411.69</u>	
	TOTAL CURRENT TAX COLLECTED	\$223,251.74	98.64%
	TAXES OUTSTANDING	\$2,585.23	1.14%
	OVERPAYMENTS	<u>37.08</u>	
	TOTAL TAX DUE GL 2016	\$2,622.31	

## NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2016 AND PRIOR:	\$1,046.60
	<u>\$1,046.60</u>
CREDIT FROM PRIOR YEARS	\$168.80
	<u>\$1,215.40</u>

DATE:  
12-Feb-19

SIGN:  BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

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TAXES COLLECTABLE:	\$225,836.97

AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO DATE:

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BACK TAX	\$217.50
INTEREST:	\$651.97
LIENS & FEES:	<u>\$48.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE:	\$224,847.85

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER TO DATE:	\$224,100.00
REFUND GIVEN FROM CURRENT YR TAX	\$0.00
REFUND GIVEN DUE FROM PRIOR YR	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$224,100.00

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	TOTAL CURRENT TAX COLLECTED	\$223,524.27	98.76%
	TAXES OUTSTANDING	\$2,312.70	1.02%
	OVERPAYMENTS	<u>37.08</u>	
	TOTAL TAX DUE GL 2016	\$2,349.78	

NOTE:

BACK TAXES OUTSTANDING FOR LIST 2016 AND PRIOR:	\$1,046.60
	<b>\$1,046.60</b>
CREDIT FROM PRIOR YEARS	<u>\$168.80</u>
	\$1,215.40

DATE:  
12-Mar-19

SIGN:  \_\_\_\_\_  
BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR

Monthly Treasurer's Report  
For month ending January 31, 2019

**Beginning Balance ( January 1,2019) \$656,607.75**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT (#673)**

**Income (Deposits)**

Date	Description	Amount
<b>Interest income (January 31,2019)</b>		<b>\$27.57</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<b>\$27.57</b>

**Expenses (checks written)**

Date	Payable To	Description	Amount
Jan.10, 2019	Treasurer's Acct (331)	check #268	\$14,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$14,000.00</b>

**Ending Cash Balance (January 31, 2019) \$642,635.32**

Outstanding Checks	Payable To	Description	Amount
Total Outstanding Checks			<b>\$0.00</b>

**RECONCILED BANK BALANCE (January 31,2019) \$642,635.32**

**12 MONTH CD ACCOUNT (#814)**

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Interest income (Jan. 31, 2019)	interest 1.80 APY	begin 1/1/19	\$76,282.48
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$76,397.89</b>

**Respectfully submitted on February 12, 2019**

**Respectfully submitted on March 12, 2019**



2/21/19

Rams Pasture Christmas Tree

Final Accounting Report for 2018 Tree AND

Projection for 2019

Submitted by Jill Dalessandro, Newtown Chamber of Commerce

With input from Diana Johnson

Present Funds remaining for 2019	\$607.05	
Committed Funds (Chamber of Commerce) for 2019	\$500.00	
TOTAL		\$1107.05

**Expected Costs**

New sign for Ram's Pasture	\$250.00	
1300 candles @ .59 ea. Plus tax	\$816.85	
Sound:	\$170.00	
Candy Canes	\$120.00	
Materials for Luminaria Kits	\$50.00	
New lights for trees	??????	
100 candles for kits	\$ 62.84	
TOTAL		\$1499.69

**Possible Additional Costs:**

Tree Lights (guestimate)	(\$1,000.00)	(-) \$2499.69
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(+ ) \$1107.05	\$1392.64
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**Unknowns**

**Income: (guesstimate)**

Memorials: (\$250.00)

Luminaria Kits (\$300.00)

(+) \$550.00

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**BALANCE, UNCOVERED COSTS:**

**\$842.64**

**2018 COSTS WERE COVERED BY:**

Chamber of Commerce	\$500.00
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Luminaria Kit Sales	\$525.00
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Chamber Raffle & Bee Memorials	\$358.00
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Borough Sponsorship	\$600.00
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Newtown Board of Realtors	\$200.00
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Personal Donation	\$100.00
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TOTAL	\$2,283.00
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EST. 2019 COSTS	\$1499.69	(\$2,499.85)
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**Town & Country**  
**Partners with Sal e Pepe**  
**(Dine out at the Best)**

**A percentage of your bill for lunch or dinner will benefit**

**Town & Country Garden Club on**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

Newtown's Town & Country Garden Club partners with the Sal e Pepe restaurant on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. The public is invited to go to Sal e Pepe, at 97 S. Main Street, Newtown, for lunch or dinner, anytime during the day or evening (from 11:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m.) for a leisurely, and always-delicious meal – AND, at the same time, benefit the garden club that continues to support and give back to the Newtown community. Town & Country is the garden club who plants and maintains 3 of Newtown's traffic islands, promotes interest in horticulture and conservation, conducts educational programs, garden tours and civic projects, awards annual scholarships, and much, much more.

Our friends, Sal e Pepe's owners Angelo and Renia Marini, and their efficient, experienced and friendly staff, have offered Town & Country a percentage of the proceeds on that day as part of the long-time Newtown club's fund-raising efforts.

If you have ever been to Sal e Pepe's, you understand how they've maintained their superb reputation and why they've received multiple awards for excellence, through the years. They never disappoint! Even the fussiest, most demanding of patrons or the most enthusiastic food and wine connoisseurs, leave Sal's satiated, happy and very impressed - - knowing why Sal e Pepe received the "Best Italian Restaurant in Ct" award (CT Mag. 2019) and knowing that they'll be back, toting their friends.

No speeches, no programs. Simply enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner on March 20 and present a ticket with your bill (attached) or inform the hostess or wait-staff.

For more information on Town & Country Garden Club (always welcoming new members) visit [www.tcgardenclub.org](http://www.tcgardenclub.org) or to find out more about this contemporary Italian bistro or take a look at their menu, visit Sal e Pepe's website at [www.salepeperestaurant.com](http://www.salepeperestaurant.com).

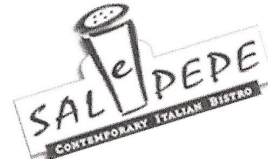


# *DINE OUT WITH TOWN & COUNTRY*



*AT  
SAL e PEPE*

*97 S. Main St. Newtown  
(203) 426-0805  
(reservations requested)*



*On March 20, 2019*

*A percentage of your bill will help  
support Town & Country Garden Club*

## **Town & Country Garden Club**

- Plants/Maintains 3 of Newtown's traffic Islands
- 2018 Winner of "Best Garden Club in State" Award
- Promotes interest in Horticulture & Conservation
- Conducts educational club programs open to the public
- Makes flower arrangements for Newtown Youth & Family Services Holiday Tea
- Conducts garden tours and civic projects
- Awards scholarships annually to local students
- Supports Lion's club's Duck Race & Pumpkin Race
- Provides & decorates Library Christmas Tree
- Etc., Etc., Etc.

## **Sal e Pepe**

- Awarded "The Best Italian Restaurant in CT" (Ct Mag) 2019
- Awarded "Best Overall Excellence" (CT Mag) 2019
- Offers Contemporary Italian Bistro with superb food & friendly service
- Consistently supports local non-profits
- Makes you feel as if you're dining in Italy

*Enjoy a DELICIOUS lunch or dinner*

*Wednesday, March 20*

*(lunch from 11:00 – 3:00)*

*(dinner from 3:00 – 9:00)*

*To benefit Town & Country Garden Club*

*(inform wait-staff or present ticket with bill)*

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