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Bantam Board of Warden & Burgesses

May 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Bantam Warden & Burgesses was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at Bantam Borough Hall.

Members Present: Warden, Dick Sheldon; Burgesses, Wendy Westcott, Laura Turner, Bruce Turner, and Kim Griffen (clerk)

Absent: Curtis MacKenzie, Barbara Brun, and Marcia MacKenzie (treasurer)

Public: Lauren Sage, Fran Clem, Rosemary Wolff, John Schmid, and Haley Schmid

Dick Sheldon read the call.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from April's meeting were presented. Motion to Accept the minutes as amended made by Laura and 2nd made by Wendy. Motion carried. Under Old Business-Spelling of Dennis, and remove the end of that sentence to be discussed from the State and that a discussion of interested parties want to see affordable housing. Under Patterson Property take out sentence and make the residents happy on a business they could use this property for. They would like the public input but no appearance at P&Z as yet. Under Public Input-add, A bigger sign is needed showing that there is public parking off of Doyle Rd. and eliminate if sign could be moved closer to the entrance of Doyle Rd. as to see it better. Last Sentence spelling of Sally Tornow name.

Treasurer's Report & Paying of the Bills: Motion to pay the bills made by Wendy and 2nd made by Bruce. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

POCAD: Dick explained that the POCAD is moving forward and that P&Z had Denis Tobin come to discuss some of the progress. POCAD meeting will be on Sunday May 19, 2024 at The Borough Hall at 10: am. Any one is welcome.

Patterson Property: W&B invited the new owners to come to our meeting tonight and we welcome John Schmid and Haley Schmid. They informed the board that they are pleased to have this opportunity to own such a landmark in the town of Bantam and are doing what is needed to open a wine and cheese bar. Warden Dick Sheldon informed everyone that a traffic study with Litchfield traffic committee will look at the intersection at Rte 202 and Doyle Road. We welcome them and wish them luck in their business.

Dream House: The property was up for auction Saturday at Noon May 4, 2024 but as there were no bidders. The bank seeks realtors to work a sale for the future.

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Old Business cont.

Public Safety: Dick informed the board members that a traffic study will be taken place and the concern on the safety on Doyle Road and Rte. 202.

Budget: Dick handed out the budget and a discussion was had for budget hearing in June.

Public Input and Correspondence: Owners of the Patterson Property Haley Schmid and her father John introduced themselves and discussed the progress they have taken so far and what some of the plans may be when going thru the environmental and structure of the building. Public Lauren Sage welcomed them as well and informed them as just an FYI that a traffic study from DOT might have to be in play. Also Rosemary Wolff and Fran Clem Welcome new owners. Dick also showed some old pictures from the town of Bantam back in the days and that he would see if he could find some of the old gas station of the building.

New Business: CT DOT guild lines "Your Speed Signs" Wendy Westcott put together a package for each member from the traffic study and the intersection on Rte. 202 & Doyle Rd. plus crossing, walking and pedestrian concerns. She showed pictures of all the signs along Rte. 202. A long discussion how possibly Flashing Speed Limit Signs could help slow speed down in town.

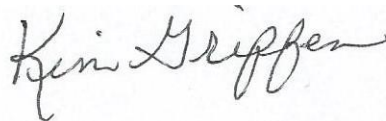
Margaret Kerr DeGrasse Scholarships: Applications are now available outside the Borough Hall in our bulletin board and online thru our web-site, bantamct.org. The students have to live in the Borough of Bantam and the deadline is August 10, 2024.

Memorial Day Parade: The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday May, 26, 2024 starting at 1:00pm on Doyle Rd., proceed to cemetery and back to the Borough Hall for Hot Dogs and Ice Cream. Come support your town and enjoy the day.

Any Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. was made by Wendy and 2nd was made by Laura. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Kim Griffen, clerk
Dated this 11th day of May2024