

Bantam Board of Warden & Burgesses

June 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Bantam Warden & Burgesses was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at Bantam Borough Hall.

Members Present: Warden, Dick Sheldon; Burgesses, Wendy Westcott, Laura Turner, Bruce Turner, Barbara Brun, Curtis MacKenzie, and Marcia MacKenzie (treasurer)
Absent: Kim Griffen (clerk)

Public: Darren and Travis Messenger, and Gary Levitt

Dick Sheldon read the call.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from May's meeting were presented. Motion to Accept the minutes as amended made by Wendy and 2nd made by Marcia. Motion carried.

Corrections: Under previous minutes in May a small a for Accept. Under Old business Patterson Property, last sentence should be intersection of not at Rte. 202. Under Dream House: sentence should be but there were no bidders taking out as there were no bidders. Under Public Safety sentence should read: That a traffic study will be taking place for the concern regarding the safety on Doyle Road and Rte. 202. Under Public Input: The owners and what some of the plans may be when going through the environmental and structural issues of the building. Lauren Sage, Rosemary Wolff and Fran Clem welcome as new owners. Dick shared not showed some old pictures from the town of Bantam back in the day not days and he would see if he could find some pictures of the old gas station. Under New Business: CT DOT guidelines spelling.

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

Old Business:

POCAD: Dick reported that Bantam P&Z with the help of Dennis Tobin, are well on the way to completing the POCade. Dennis will help P&Z pick it up in the fall so that the policy can go to a public hearing.

Patterson Property: It appears that structural repairs by Burlington Construction will begin soon. The group had a discussion about the traffic issue in that area. It was agreed that the Borough would request that the Litchfield Traffic Committee come down and assess the Doyle road intersection with our board. Wendy said she would talk with Lauren Sage and ask her to make that request to the safety committee.

Dream House: All members agreed that it was a disappointment that the sale did not receive any offers. The opinion of the board is that it would be very expensive to renovate the home and the cost would outweigh the income that could be made there as a business property. Dick thinks there may be interest in the land for a commercial venture. Bruce and Laura mentioned the home and property in the back is for sale by the church. Dick will make Neil White aware of that availability.

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Old Business cont.

Public Safety: The board, with input from the public had a long discussion about traffic volume, speed, parking, and issues with the Doyle Road. Intersection. Wendy and Dick spoke about the "Your Speed" electronic speed monitors. The Borough is committed to purchasing two units to be placed westbound and eastbound on RT 202 in the Borough. Dick mentioned that there is a state statute that allows municipalities to establish a speed limit in their communities. The board agrees the Borough should ask Selectman Denise Raap to request that to the state for the Borough. Gary Levitt expressed concern over the Rte. 202 road closure scheduled for 2025. He is concerned about emergency response and increased traffic on West Morris Road. All agreed that careful planning will be needed to voice problems and that the public safety issue should continue to be a priority for the board.

DeGrasse Scholarship Applications: Dick past out applications to those members that requested one. Dick explained the history of the scholarship to the public and asked that everyone spread the word that it is available to Borough graduating seniors and those attending higher education.

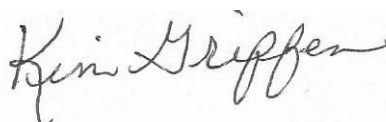
Public Input and Correspondence: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Any Other Business: None at this time.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Marcia and 2nd was made by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Kim Griffen, clerk
Dated this 24th day of June 2024