

**New Shoreham Town Council Minutes**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island**  
**Monday, August 6, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Town Councilor Peter B. Baute, Town Councilor Kenneth C. Lacoste and Town Councilor Richard P. Martin. Also present was Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick took the minutes of the meeting.

First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Warden's Report**

First Warden Gaffett reported little progress was made at the CRMC hearing for Champlin's Marina. The CRMC did not allow Champlin's to submit photographic evidence of Payne's Dock in 2012 for their case; it is expected Champlin's will appeal that decision. A briefing schedule was set.

The Town received notice that the Energy Component of the Comprehensive Plan was received at Statewide Planning and is considered complete, the 60 day review period has begun.

Although it appears the PUC does not have specific standards with which to regulate internet service, Verizon has responded to PUC inquiries from Jim Lanni and states they are doing the best they can and customers should call 1-800-VERIZON with complaints about internet service.

**Public Input**

Bill McKernan said the Town should insist the Board of Block Island Health Services to follow the Open Meetings Act and he suggested adding the requirement to the contract between the Town and BIHS. It was pointed out that BIHS bylaws already require following the OMA.

**1. Act on Finance Director recommendation re:**

**• Quarterly Municipal Deficit Report (June 30, 2012)**

Finance Director Amy Land was present and said the report will be submitted with the caveat that the Town and School are still closing their books on fiscal year 2012 so the numbers on the reports are preliminary.

First Warden Gaffett moved to submit the quarterly municipal deficits report, seconded by Dr. Baute.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0

**1. Receive and act on letter from C. Blane re: proposed local hunting regulations limiting the use of weapons other than shot gun during the shot gun season**

Christopher Blane was present as were Rebecca Ballard, Ruth Perfido and Sarah McGinnes. Although all are on the Deer Task Force, they were present as individuals.

Ms. Gaffett read Mr. Blane's letter, which is attached to these minutes.

The Town Council established Block Island deer hunting dates in March. Days were set aside for archery, muzzleloader and shotgun hunting. The dates and weapons are reflected in the state's hunting regulations and abstracts. On archery days no other type of hunting is allowed. Ms. Gaffett reported that RI Department of Environmental Management Chief of Forestry Management Catherine Sparks has confirmed that under state law "lesser weapons" may be used during shotgun season. Discussion ensued. The Town could draft an ordinance to clarify the Town's past practice of specifying separate dates for shotgun and archery deer hunting.

Chief Carlone was present and said his staff tells him it is safer to separate the types of hunting. Ruth Perfido asked the Town Council to table the issue until the Deer Task Force can come up with a recommendation.

First Warden Gaffett moved to direct the Town Solicitor to draft an ordinance regulating hunting methods, seconded by Mr. Torrey.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0

Dr. Baute asked hunters to come to the Town Council with documentation regarding the safety or danger of a commingled hunt.

**2. Boards, Committees and Commissions:**

- **Receive and act on Marguerite Donnelly letter of resignation from the Senior Advisory Committee**
- **Announce current Board, Committee, & Commission openings**

First Warden Gaffett moved to receive Marguerite Donnelly's resignation from the Senior Advisory Committee and send her a letter of thanks. The motion was seconded by Dr. Baute.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0

Ms. Gaffett noted there are vacancies on the Harbors Committee and the Senior Advisory Committee.

**3. Minutes: December 7, 2011; March 5, 2012; April 16, 2012 (open and closed); May 7, 2012; May 30, 2012 (open & closed); July 18, 2012 (open & closed); July 30, 2012**

Ms. Gaffett moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2012, April 16, 2012 (open and closed), May 7, 2012, May 30, 2012 (open & closed), July 18, 2012 (open & closed) and July 30, 2012, with corrections noted, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0

The minutes of December 7, 2011 will be taken up at the next meeting after revision.

**4. Correspondence: FEMA re: revised flood insurance maps**

No action was needed or taken on the correspondence.

At 7:45, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Torrey and seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0

Minutes approved September 4, 2012

Fiona Fitzpatrick  
Town Clerk