



## TOWN OF OXFORD

S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall  
486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478-1298

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### Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020**  
**7:30 PM – Virtual Meeting/Hangout Meets**

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:31 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Heather Haney, Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman

Absent: None.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

#### **1. 7/23/20 Special Meeting**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 7/23/20 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

### **AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

#### **1. Hire Acting Tax Assessor**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Acting Tax Assessor as Item #4 under New Business. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

#### **2. FY 2019 – 2020 Transfer Requests**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add FY 2019 – 2020 Transfer Requests as Item #5 under New Business and move Report of First Selectman to Item #6. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Belinsky Family Farm Peddler's Permit - Approve**

#### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve Belinsky Family Farm Peddler's Permit with the following contingency:

There shall be no interfering with Town events.

This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Evelyn Belinsky has been having difficulty selling farm items. The Belinsky Family Farm would like to sell farm produce by the Town Hall.

### **2. Tax Abatements for 2020 Grand List - Approve**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following Tax Abatements for the 2020 Grand List as presented and recommended by the Tax Assessor in his letter dated 8/7/20:

**207 Oxford, LLC**, 6 Pheasant Run Road, partial assessment for 2019 Grand List of \$288,000. The total assessment will be part of the October 1, 2020 Grand List.

This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Tax Collector. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is a partial tax abatement based on the amount invested.

### **3. Tax Refunds**

#### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$2,091.79, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 8/13/20 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

#### **4. Hire Acting Tax Assessor**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Eva Lintzner, of 176 Freeman Road, as the Acting Tax Assessor with a start date of Monday, August 17, 2020 and a pay rate of \$80.00 per hour. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is a temporary position. The Town is currently going through a re-evaluation and is in immediate need of a certified tax assessor. James Hliva, Finance Director, concurred that Eva is best for the position at this time. Discussion among the Selectmen regarding advertising for a new tax assessor.

#### **FY 2019 – 2020 Transfer Request**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the FY 2019 – 2020 Transfer Requests as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 8/18/20. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: James Hliva, Finance Director, explained that all of the requests are for year-end clean up except for Item #8, which is for employee unemployment benefits.

#### **5. Report of First Selectman**

- 1. Next Monday Special Meeting.** A dispute between the Town and Algonquin Gas Transmission regarding the company using a 10% depreciation on its facility has resulted in the need for the Town to hire an attorney and an auditor at the Special Meeting. This will be discussed in a Special Executive Session on Monday at 4:00 PM.
- 2. SONNCA.** First Selectman George Temple discussed the after school program SONNCA. Although the Board of Education has given consent for the program to use the old Center School facility, this was done without Town permission. The cost and liability to the Town would be prohibitive. First Selectman George Temple will address the issue on Facebook.
- 3. Economic Development.** Appraisals have been conducted and received for the Town lots on E Commerce Drive. An option contract and check in the amount of \$40,000 for one of the lots has been received. Several individuals have expressed interest in the lots. A variety of businesses are being explored.

- 4. Concerts at Jackson Cove.** Concerts have begun at Jackson Cove with social distancing. There may be a problem with blue algae at the Jackson Cove beach which may result in beach closure by the State. Should this occur, the pavilion will remain available for events.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary LoPresti", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary LoPresti  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen