



TOWN OF OXFORD

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

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 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 7:34 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. 9/16/20 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 9/16/20 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Oxford Supply Performance and Soil & Erosion Bond Release for Oxford Glen – Approve**

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the release of the Performance and soil & Erosion Bond, in the amount of \$950,000.00, for Oxford Supply, Oxford Glen (10-lot Subdivision) as no activity has occurred on this site for over twenty (20) years; as approved and recommended by the Town Engineer in his letter dated 9/10/20 and the Planning & Zoning Commission in their letter dated 9/22/20. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: There is no need to keep a bond on a project that has had no activity. This was a subdivision performance bond.

- 2. Community Support Committee Application for Oxford Historical Society - Approve**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Oxford Community Support Committee Application for Oxford Historical Society, Inc., in the amount of \$4,800.00, for the Mr. Munn's Schoolhouse Roofing Project; as approved by the Oxford Community Support Committee at their meeting held on 9/16/20. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Application was made and approved.

- 3. Cornerstone Assembly of God Purchase and Sale Agreement – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Cornerstone Assembly of God and the Town of Oxford, as presented and as reviewed and approved by Town Counsel, to authorize the First Selectman to sign said Agreement and to refer this Agreement to Town Meeting for Action. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Town will receive a land swap of 14 acres fronting Christian Street and a monetary amount of \$100,000.00. Cornerstone Assembly of God will receive seven (7) acres of land. This was very well negotiated and a good deal for everyone involved. There will be a presentation at a Town Meeting after Election Day so the residents can view maps and understand the terms of the Agreement.

4. Community Connectivity Grant Program – Round 3 – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved approve the submittal of the grant application for the Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCPG) – round 3, for the improvements as detailed by the Grant Writer in her letter dated 10/5/20, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign said application. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Kathleen O'Neil, Oxford Grant Writer/Administrator, explained that Round 2 of the CCPG had been awarded and went out to bid this week for sidewalks and trails for the Oxford Main Street Project. Special permission was granted to submit another grant application that will mirror benches and walkways from the Little River Nature Preserve to Academy Street. This grant will finish the Little River Nature Preserve and Municipal Center. The grant will only require payment of soft costs as it will cover everything else.

5. Hire Part-Time Library Personnel

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire the following Library personnel, all with a start date of October 13, 2020, and as presented and recommended by the Director of Municipal Library/Media Operations in her letter emailed on 10/5/20:

Marilyn Kitlas, of 87 Pond View Circle in Beacon Falls, as a Part-Time Cataloguer with a pay rate of \$24.00 per hour.

Tricia Hines, of 123 Freeman Road in Oxford, as a Part-Time Library Clerk with a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Patricia Klucik, of 161 Huntington Road in Newtown, as a Part-Time Library Clerk with a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Anna Biewald, of 14 Willow Street in oxford, as a Part-Time Library Page with a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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

Discussion: Robbi Costigan, Director of Municipal Library/Media Operations, explained that two (2) women had retired from full-time library positions as of July 9, 2020, and others had left due to Covid 19. The library is opening to the public on October 19th, and the positions need to be filled.

6. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$3,618.84, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 10/5/20 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

7. FY 2020 - 2021 Transfer Request

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following FY 2020 – 2021 transfer request as requested by the Grant Writer and presented by the Finance Director:

To: 5480-598-5591	Engineering	\$11,000.00
From: 5321-560-5320	Finance Contingency	\$11,000.00

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

Discussion: Kathleen O'Neil, Oxford Grant Writer/Administrator, explained that conceptual plans and other items were needed for the grant. In order to pay the engineer, the money needs to be transferred. This will go to the Board of Finance.

8. Change Part-Time Fire Department/Fire Marshal Clerk to Full-Time Fire Department/Fire Marshal Clerk *tabled*

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to remove this matter from the table. *Kept on the table.*

First Selectman George Temple *will not* remove this item from the table.

Discussion: This issue will not be addressed now. Other issues need to be looked at more closely. This is the prerogative of the First Selectman.

9. Report of First Selectman

1. **Cannon in front of old Center School.** A person with a crane moved the Howitzer from Hartford to Oxford at their own expense. Another person offered a monument rock with a description plaque. The Howitzer sits next to the American Flag, which is sacred to our country. This monument gives respect to our servicemen and servicewomen who paid a price for the freedoms that all Americans enjoy today. First Selectman George Temple thanked Andy Ferrillo for spearheading this project. Andy's son-in-law laid the concrete landing for the cannon. Red and white roses will be planted around the monument. There will be a service Memorial Day 2021.

2. **Repurposing of old Center School.** A park will be constructed. A contractor will take down the hill and out buildings at no cost to the Town. Once the ground is leveled, playgrounds, playing fields and an outdoor Oxford community pool will be installed. The cost for implementation will be researched. Oxford Parks & Recreation will occupy the area next to the gym. The stage can be used for Cultural Arts presentations, and the gym can be used for sports such as volleyball, basketball and Town sports camps. The Police Department will also be housed at the old Center School. The Town will work with the Grant Writer on this project and the existing Main Street Project Committee. This will be a golden opportunity for the Town to create a "Down Town Area" and recreational open space.
3. **Safety Committee.** This committee is comprised of First Selectman George Temple, Scott Pelletier (Fire Department), Kyra Nesteriak (Parks & Recreation), Sgt. Robert Boroski, and Kristyn Rosa (Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman). The committee met to discuss opening up Oxford activities to the residents in a safe way. First Selectman George Temple wants to start having open meetings and activities at the Senior Center. He thanked Heather Haney for her work at the Senior Center, and Kyra Nesteriak for developing a modified trick or trunk for Halloween, which will feature a car parade at the High School. Officials will give candy to the children so that social distancing can be enforced. First Selectman George Temple will not implement rules for Halloween, but will appeal to the peoples' common sense. Please follow the governor's guidelines.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

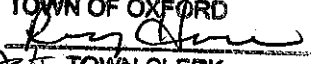
ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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AT 9:40 AM
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TOWN CLERK