



TOWN OF OXFORD

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

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
7:30 PM – Virtual Meeting/Hangout Meets

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Special Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:32 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. 12/2/20 Regular Meeting Minutes Correction

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to make the following correction to the 12/2/20 Regular Meeting minutes:

New business Item #5 Oxford Middle School Outdoor Learning Pavilion Request – Approve Project and Funding ~ Remove the last sentence: This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

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

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 12/2/20 Regular Meeting Minutes. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 2/16/20 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 12/16/20 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Library Board of Directors Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Margaret Keating to the Library Board of Directors with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Margaret Keating has been on the Board for a while and does a great job.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Nicole Bunnell to the Library Board of Directors with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/24. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Nicole Bunnell has been on the Board and does a good job.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Mark Goumas to the Library Board of Directors with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Mark Goumas has been requested by the Library Board to serve on the Board.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Hugh Regan and Lenore Strum both to the Library Board of Directors with terms to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/24. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Both individuals have been recommended by the Library Board.

2. Oxford Center 2021 Fire Chief Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Scott Pelletier as Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company's 2021 Fire Chief as presented and recommended in their letter dated 11/28/20. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott Pelletier is a good choice and does a good job.

3. Quaker Farms 2021 Fire Chief Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Daniel R. Gramigna as Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company's 2021 Fire Chief as presented and recommended in their letter dated 1/1/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Dan Gramigna is doing a great job.

4. Quaker Farms 2021 Fire Police

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Edward Roman, Louis Mazzucco, Ronald Stebar and Jeffrey Lyder as Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company's 2021 Fire Police as presented and recommended in their letter dated 1/1/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: All of the appointees are former firemen and do a good job.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Support Committee Application for Historic Society Mr. Munn's Schoolhouse Project (Windows, Handicapped Door, Clapboards)

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Oxford Community Support Committee Application for Oxford Historical Society, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00, for Mr. Munn's Schoolhouse Project for Windows, Handicapped Door and Clapboard; as approved by the Oxford Community Support Committee at their meeting held on 12/14/20. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is a great project to bring the museum up to code. The money comes from the power plant fund.

2. Promote Police Officers to Sergeant

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to promote Corporal Buinauskas to rank of First Senior Police Sergeant, Officer Michael Roach to rank of Second Senior Police Sergeant and Officer Anthony Cipriano to rank of Third Senior Police Sergeant with a pay rate of \$39.59 per hour and effective 1/10/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The town will now have three (3) sergeants, allowing for one sergeant on each shift. Discussion of the backgrounds of each officer, their responsibilities as sergeant and their pay. This action is allowing Oxford to move toward having their own police department and moving away from being a resident trooper town.

3. 589 Investments, LLC Option Contract for Purchase of Lot #17 East Commerce Drive – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Option Agreement for Purchase of Real Property between the Town of Oxford and 589 Investments, LLC, of 29-1 Highland Road, for Lot #17 East Commerce Drive, as presented, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign; all as presented and recommended by the Economic Development Director. And whereas, the Town's Charter notwithstanding, Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7JJ, Paragraph 4, specifically authorizes the Town's Board of Selectmen to approve the proposed sale of real property to 589 Investments, LLC in lieu of holding a special town meeting. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple indicated that the Town Attorney has requested this item be tabled.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to *table* this item. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

4. Hire Parks & Recreation Clerk

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Cristi Sobin, of Derby, as the Part-Time Parks & Recreation Clerk at a pay rate of \$18.58 per hour and a start date of January 19, 2021; as presented and recommended by the Parks & Recreation Director in her letter dated 12/31/20. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Kyra Nesteriak, Parks & Recreation Director, explained that this person is replacing the former clerk, who retired.

5. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$779.23, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 1/4/21 and to

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

Discussion: These are standard refunds.

6. FY 2020 – 2021 Transfer Request

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following FY 2020 – 2021 transfer request:

To: Account #5535-672-207	Legal Services Assessor	\$17,575.00
From: Account #5320-560-5320	Finance Contingency	\$17,575.00

This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This money is well spent.

7. Solid Waste Permit License - Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following Solid Waste Permit License as approved by the Recycling Coordinator:

- Oak Ridge Hauling, LLC, 307 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810

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

Discussion: This license approval is required every year.

8. Board of Selectmen's 2021 Meeting Schedule – Approve and Forward to Town Clerk

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following Board of Selectmen's 2021 Meeting Schedule as presented:

January 6, 2021*	July 21, 2021
January 20, 2021*	
February 3, 2021	August 18, 2021
February 17, 2021	
March 3, 2021	September 1, 2021
March 17, 2021	September 15, 2021
April 7, 2021	October 6, 2021
April 21, 2021	October 20, 2021
May 5, 2021	November 3, 2021
May 19, 2021	November 17, 2021
June 2, 2021	December 1, 2021
June 16, 2021	December 15, 2021

*Special Meeting per Town Charter

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

Discussion: There will be one meeting only in July and August as little business is conducted in the summer months.

9. Report of First Selectman

1. **Health Commission Vaccine Schedule.** The First Selectman met today with the Health Commission to discuss Covid-19 vaccines. A vaccination schedule is currently being developed. The First Selectman would like the Pomperaug Health Department to hold clinics in Oxford.
2. **Police Agreement.** The Oxford Police entered into a mutual aid agreement with the Southbury Police.

3. **Rocco Magnanimo.** Rocco Magnanimo was commissioned to create a flag for the Oxford Police Department. The flag can be seen flying in front of the Police Station on Rt. 67.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary LoPresti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen