



TOWN OF OXFORD

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

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
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 7:33 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. 2/3/21 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 2/3/21 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Tax Refunds

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Tax Refunds 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.

2. Appoint Dr. Frederick Browne as Town of Oxford's Medical Advisor

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the agenda to move New Business Item #4 Appoint Dr. Frederick Browne as Town of Oxford's Medical Advisor to Item #1 under Appointments. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appoint Dr. Frederick Browne as Town of Oxford's Medical Advisor

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Dr. Frederick Browne as the Town of Oxford's Medical Advisor with an honorarium of \$3,000.00 per year. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Dr. Frederick Browne lives in Oxford and is an infectious disease specialist who directs the Covid-19 care at Griffin Hospital. He has been a tremendous help to the Town of Oxford, the Oxford Board of Education and Oxford's emergency services. Dr. Browne will serve as medical advisor to the town on a yearly basis. Questions from the Selectmen were answered by Dr. Browne.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Oxford Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency Capital and Non-Recurring funding Request for Rockhouse Hill Sanctuary Infrastructure Improvements for Parking – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency Capital and Non-Recurring funding Request, in an amount not to exceed \$23,255.00, for Rockhouse Hill Sanctuary Infrastructure Improvements for a parking area at 10 Moose Hill Road, as outlined and requested in their letter dated 2/4/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple requested more financial information regarding this request, specific to where the money will come from for this expenditure. Joe Lanier, Inland/Wetlands Commission, answered questions from the Selectmen.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to *table* this item. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Community Support Committee Application for Oxford Fire Department's Junior Corps Helmet Request - Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Community Support Committee's application for the Oxford Fire Department, in the amount of \$3,550.00, for the purchase of fire helmets for the Fire Department's Junior Corp; as approved by the Oxford Community Support Committee at their meeting held on 2/8/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott Pelletier, Fire Department Chief, explained that this application is an extension of last year's application for the Junior Corps purchase of 10 helmets. The Fire Department will purchase 10 more helmets this year for the Junior Corps, for a total of 20 helmets which will outfit all 20 young people who serve in the Corps. These helmets stay with the Junior Corps in inventory. First Selectman George Temple requested that future motions reflect the amount of money left in the Community Support Committee fund.

3. Community Support Committee Application for Oxford High School Youth Conservation Corps Rockhouse East "A Walk through History" Project - Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Community Support Committee's application for Oxford High School Youth Conservation Corps, in the amount of \$6,750.00, for the Rockhouse East "A Walk through History" project; as approved by the Oxford Community Support Committee at their meeting held on 2/8/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Joe Lanier, Inland/Wetlands Commission and director of the Oxford High School Youth Conservation Corps, explained the project, which will highlight a 400-year history and charcoal mounds along the trail system. Students will construct split rail fences to showcase the charcoal mounds and plant gardens in given areas along the trail.

4. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$39,593.88, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 2/16/21 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple requested that the tax collector explain the refunds at the next Board of Selectman Meeting.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to *table* the tax refunds. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. Report of First Selectman

- 1. Covid-19.** The Town of Oxford has been very busy with scheduling Covid-19 vaccinations. First Selectman George Temple thanked the Oxford Town Hall employees for their work with the scheduling of vaccinations, and acknowledged the high school volunteers who have served at the vaccination clinics. Oxford is one of the few towns in Connecticut that has organized Covid-19 vaccination clinics.

2. **Senator Blumenthal Conference.** First Selectman George Temple will attend Senator Blumenthal's press conference on Covid relief at Waterbury City Hall tomorrow.
3. **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser.** Meghan and Hannah Kostka, who live in Oxford and are students at Nonnewaug High School, have requested the Town of Oxford's help with fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. First Selectman George Temple will meet with the students to give support and find out how the town can assist them in this endeavor.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

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 cursive script, appearing to read 'Mary LoPresti', followed by a horizontal line.

Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen