

Minutes

Board of Selectmen's

Regular Meeting

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 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

1. 5/5/21 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 5/5/21 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Amendment of Agenda

1. Fire Department's Emergency Expenditure Request for Foam Replacement

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Fire Department's Emergency Expenditure Request for Foam Replacement as Item #6. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

2. Award Hawley Road Reconstruction Project Bid

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Award Hawley Road Reconstruction Project Bid as Item #7. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

3. Hire Board of Selectmen Clerk

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Board of Selectmen Clerk as Item #8. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

4. Hire Senior Center Dispatcher

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Senior Center Dispatcher as Item #9 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #10. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Appointments

1. Oxford Main Street Project Committee Appointment(s)

No action was taken

New Business

1. Tax Refunds:

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds totaling \$16,368.70 as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 5/17/21 and authorizing two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Tax Collector Ashley Schremmer explained that these transfers are all for Enterprise. They got rid of their fleet. Every six months, the Assessors get all the CFC's and do the corrections. No further questions.

2. Award Center Fire Company's Wall Relocation Project Bid

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to award the bid for Oxford Center Fire Company's Wall Relocation project to Diamond Rosa Construction in an amount not to exceed \$13,834.00 to be taken from LoCIP. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Scott Pelletier explained that in his letter, the cost should not exceed 20k, not \$13,834.00, since there is a sprinkler pipe and some electrical that must also be moved. First, Selectman Temple said that the motion must be amended since the amount in the motion is different from the amount that Chief Pelletier requested in his letter.

Selectman Arnold Jensen withdrew his motion, and Selectman Heather Haney withdrew her second.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to award the bid for Oxford Center Fire Company's Wall Relocation project to Diamond Rosa Construction in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be taken from LoCIP. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. All 3 Ayes Motion Carries.

Discussion:

Chief Pelletier explained that the engineering room is in the middle of the apparatus room, and there is not enough space to move around. By relocating this wall back, it will create more space in the firehouse. Chief Pelletier also explained that there were 3 bids that were received. First Selectman George Temple asked Finance Director Jim Hliva how much was left in LoCIP. Hliva started just short of 400k. Selectman Jensen asked Chief Pelletier how far back was the wall being moved. Chief explained approximately 5 feet. It gives them the room we need to safely move around the house without banging into things and getting hurt or breaking anything. Hliva explained that this has to go to the Board of Finance and then to the State. Once the State approves, it should be forwarded to a town meeting. First Selectman thought this expenditure should be in the capital plan, but Chief Pelletier said that the BOS did not add it in.

AMENDED MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moves to amend this motion to award the bid for Oxford Center Fire Company's Wall Relocation project to Diamond Rosa Construction in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 and to include forwarding this to the BOF and amending the capital plan to include this \$20,000.00 expenditure. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes Motion Carries.

3. Hot Diggity Dogs, LLC Peddler's Permit

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve Hot Diggity Dog, LLC's Peddler's Permit for Kirk's Pond Area, Jackson's Cove, and the Summer Concert Series, as approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission at their meeting of 5/13/21, with the following restriction:

No interfering with Town events taking place in the Kirk's Pond area.

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

Discussion: First Selectman Temple said that Hot Diggity Dog had been here in Oxford for a long time. They abide by the rules, and we enjoy their hotdogs!

4. Hire Parks and Recreation Lifeguards

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire the Parks & Recreation Lifeguards (Attachment A) as presented and recommended by the Parks & Recreation Director in her letter dated 5/12/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple said we have 8 new lifeguards. Kyra Nesteriak explained that, yes, each year, we lose a few guards either to new jobs, school, or whatever, and we are hiring to make sure that we have all shifts covered as most of them work part-time. First Selectman Temple said that most of them are from Oxford but do have a few out-of-towners. Kyra confirmed we only have one Seymour girl who was hired in a year. We were having a tough time finding lifeguards. Kyra explained that all guards have their certifications, they are hired with the certification, but if they are working for us, we will pay for their recertification.

5. FY 2020 – 2021 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following FY 2020 – 2021 Transfer Requests as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 5/11/21:

TO: Dog Warden	5285-625	Heating
\$868.73		
TO: Dog Warden	5285-769	Supplies Department
\$332.11		
TO: Dog Warden	5285-811	Vehicle Repairs
\$363.31		
FROM: Dog Warden	5285-513-63	Wages Assistant
\$1,564.15		
TO: Insurances	5365-641-5368	Insurance Claims
\$32,662.87		
FROM: Insurances	5365-641-5365	Contingency
\$32,662.87		

TO: Library 5390-625 Propane
\$290.54

FROM: Library 5390-517-84 Wages Part Time
\$290.54

TO: Registrars 5465-517-30 Wages Nov Election
\$272.91

FROM: Registrars 5465-556 Conference Dem
\$136.45

FROM: Registrars 5465-557 Conference Rep
\$136.46

TO: Selectman's Vehicle 5235-811-6009 Selectman's Vehicle
\$12,789.00

FROM: Finance Contingency 5320-560-5320 Contingency
\$12,789.00

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

6. Fire Department's Emergency Expenditure Request for Foam Replacement

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Fire Department's emergency expenditure request in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 in order for the department to replace their existing PFAS foam on all apparatus due to its cancer-causing agent and which is now illegal to carry and use. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney.

(Note: Our insurance carrier will no longer provide hazard insurance for incidents using this foam, and the State of Connecticut will take care of the disposal and cover all fees related to the disposal of this foam.

7. Award Hawley Road Reconstruction Project Bid

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to award the Hawley Road Reconstruction Project Bid to Guerrera Construction with a total estimated construction cost of \$1,695,585.30 as presented in the Town Engineer's Hawley Road Reconstruction Bid Analysis dated 5/19/21 and recommended by the Town Engineer. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple said we have been working on this for 3 or 4 years now, and the road is horrendous. This award came through the State and has been a long time coming. Guerrera does terrific work, and he is a resident in Town. He did the high school field, and they said it was the best prepared.

Megan Miller from B&B Engineering said that they received 11 bids, and Guerrera was the lowest responsive better. She said that they had heard very good things about them. Selectman Haney said she was happy they will be doing the work. Selectman Jensen said he read the bids in detail, and he feels Guerrera is the way to go.

8. Hire Board of Selectmen Clerk

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Shannon Hicks, of 140 Maple Street in Seymour, as the Board of Selectmen Clerk at a pay rate of \$15.05 per hour and a start date of 5/19/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: Shannon is someone we all know from Fritz's Snack Bar. First Selectman Temple said, " she is a very good worker and has a great attitude and personality. Shannon will work with Kelly and Kristyn. I am confident that she will do a good job." First, Selectman Temple asked Shannon to say a few words. Shannon said, " thank you very much for this opportunity; I hope I fit in well." Selectman Haney welcomed Shannon.

9. Hire Senior Center Dispatcher

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Kathy Johnson, of Dorman Road, as the Senior Center Dispatcher at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour and a start date of May 24, 2021. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple said, " most of us know Kathy. Kathy has always been a very good worker and gets along well with just about everyone. She will be working for Heather." Selectman Heather Haney said, " she will be a good fit, and looking forward to having her there." Selectman Jensen asked if she would be leaving the library. First Selectman Temple said yes.

10. Report of First Selectman

First Selectman Temple explained we had a meeting today with the Health Advisory Group and Dr. Browne from Griffin Hospital; we are having a pretty good cut back in the positives for Covid in Oxford. We went over each building in Oxford, and this is the way it is going to be. We will be open, and people who received the vaccine do not have to wear their mask in Town buildings; however, if they did not receive their vaccination or cannot prove it, they will be required to wear a mask in the Town buildings. We are not doing this to punish anyone who is not vaccinated; we want to make sure we are continuing to keep everyone safe. If you are not wearing a mask, you will have to show a vaccination card for the time being. We will keep sanitizing and practicing social distancing.

We will be holding the annual Memorial Day Parade on Memorial Day. Masks will be required but are asking people to spread out along the parade route.

With the help of Madelene Taggart from the Ambulance Corp, the town was able to vaccinate over 1000 people. Thank you, Madelene, for organizing and making this possible. In working with Congressman Himes, the town will be receiving more money than initially anticipated for the COVID relief. I want to thank him for his help.

Audience of Citizen

Brett Olbrys of 17 Apple Drive asked if we could start having public meetings in person at Town Hall. First Selectman Temple said yes. Meetings will begin in person on June 1. Vaccination cards will be checked if you are not wearing a mask. If you cannot show proof of vaccination and refuse to wear a mask, you will be asked to leave. The meetings will also be held virtually until further notice.

Brett also asked if June 3rd will be the budget referendum. First Selectman Temple confirmed yes. He also mentioned that Brett Olbrys would be the moderator. Congratulations Brett.

Adjournment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney.


Respectfully Submitted,



Kristyn Rosa

Administrative Assistant

Office of the First Selectman

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT

TOWN CLERK

Attachment A

Last Name	First Name	Emply #	Town	# of seasons	Position	Salary
Alves	Stephanie		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Bogel	Vanessa		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Calabrese	Justin	1147	Oxford	4	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Constantinou	Yianni	1232	Oxford	2	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Darroch	Emily	1104	Oxford	5	Shift Supervisor	\$13.00
Donovan	Krista-Leigh	141	Woodbury	23	Aquatic Director	\$19.00
Fabrizi	Rocco		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Fabrizi	Anthony		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Golding	Aisling		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Johnson	Kelti	1253	Seymour	3	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Kenny	Brian	373	Oxford	12	Ast. Aqu. Dir	\$15.00
Lacobelle	Abby	1227	Oxford	2	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Moore	Victoria		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Mullen	Joe		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Ort	Peter		Oxford	new	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Pranger	Tyler	1193	Oxford	3	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Ray	Audrey	1268	Oxford	1	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Scully	Connor	1228	Oxford	2	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Scully	Maddie	1269	Oxford	1	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Searles	Shannon	1188	Oxford	3	Shift Supervisor	\$13.00
Waehler	Justin	1203	Oxford	3	Shift Supervisor	\$13.00
Wicklund	Jordan	1226	Oxford	2	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Wilson	Cassidy	1167	Oxford	3	Lifeguard	\$12.00
Wolyniec	Ryan	1270	Oxford	1	Lifeguard	\$12.00