

Minutes

Board of Selectmen's

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Virtual Meeting/Hangout Meets/In Person

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular 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, Virtually, Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman

Absent: Selectman David McKane

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 4/6/22 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 4/6/22 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Henry's Hot Dogs Peddler's Permit

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Henry's Hot Dogs Peddler's Permit as Item #5 and move all remaining Items down one. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

2. Amend the agenda to add Fire Department 2021 Tax abatements

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add the Fire Department 2021

Tax Abatements as Item #15 under New Business, and move the Report of the First Selectman to Item #16. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Burning Official Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Scott Pelletier as Burning Official with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/22. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

It was stated that Scott Pelletier has been doing this for years and does it well, there is no reason to replace him.

2. Assistant Burning Official Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Mark Krassner as the Assistant Burning Official with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/22. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

It was stated that Mark Krassner, as well as Scott Pelletier, are both experienced firefighters and that this is part of the Fire Marshal job. Mark Krassner is already in this position as assistant, no reason to change.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$366.68, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 4/18/22 and authorize two signatures. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

2. Arcadis Proposal 2022 - 2023 Quaker Farms School Site O&M Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Arcadis Proposal 2022 - 2023 Quaker Farms School Site O&M Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Contract and authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

This is something we have been doing for ten years now. First Selectman George Temple commented that before he was in office there was an accident at Quaker Farms school that caused oil leakage into the groundwater, and now it must be monitored until there are four in a row of no findings of oil. So far, we have had three in a row and somehow some was found. Arcadis is one of the very few companies that do this, so we do not have much option there and we have no choice but to have this monitoring done. Scott Pelletier, Oxford Fire Chief, commented we did go quite a while without any trace of oil found but then it just appeared again so we are stuck with this.

3. Civil I Proposal for CT DEEP Stormwater Runoff at Center School Park

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Civil 1 proposal for the required CT DEEP Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities, in the amount of \$2,950.00 to be taken from the ARPA funds, for the grading of the proposed Center School Park. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

It was explained that the reasoning for taking this from the ARPA funds is due to the recommendations made from the meetings had. No matter what ends up being done there, we still have to take out the hill and the state requires this permit. Jeff Luff, Economic Development Director, commented that he spoke with wetlands and that this is absolutely necessary. On the plus side, they originally thought this was going to cost closer to five thousand dollars, so it is much cheaper than expected.

4. Collegiate Entrepreneurs Peddler's Permit Application

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Peddler's Permit for Collegiate Entrepreneurs with the following stipulations:

- The Oxford Police Department must be notified daily, or each day you are soliciting, of the area in town where you will be soliciting along with the hours.
- No soliciting in neighborhoods where it clearly states "No Soliciting" such as, but not limited to, Oxford Green, Meadowbrook Estates, River Bend Estates.
- All peddlers must have identification badges.
- No soliciting on Sundays or Holidays.

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this has been done this way for years. This time it is for a house painting service. They know the rules and if they disobey any guidelines they will be shut down.

5. Henry's Hot Dogs Peddler's Permit

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve Henry's Hot Dogs Peddler's Permit with the following condition:

- No interfering with Town events taking place at Kirk's Pond area
- If there are competing vendors at the same location during the same hours, a schedule will be coordinated through the Selectmen's Office

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

6. Ratify Municipal Employees Union Contract 7/1/21 – 6/30/24

Leaving this matter on the table at this time.

7. FY 2021 – 2022 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the FY 2021 – 2022 transfer requests (Attachment A) as presented by the Finance Director. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

8. Approve Town Operating Budget for FY 2022 – 2023

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, April 18th and the Annual Town Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM at Quaker Farms School Gymnasium. Leaving this matter on the table at this time.

9. Disband Agnes Tetlak Park Fields Committee

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to disband Agnes Tetlak Park Fields Committee as the project has been completed. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries. All members will be notified.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this committee did a great job, and no better reason to disband a committee than for completion.

10. Agricultural Advisory Committee

First Selectman George Temple moved to table this matter at this time. This was seconded by Arnold Jensen. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

11. Disband Anti-Blight Study Committee

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to *table* this matter at this time. This was seconded by Arnold Jensen. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

12. Disband Architectural Review Committee

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to disband the Architectural Review Committee. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries. It was noted that this committee has never met. All members will be notified.

13. Disband Building Code Board of Appeals

No action required

14. Disband Cable Advisory Council

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to disband the Cable Advisory Council. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries. The last appointed member will be notified. It was noted that many area towns are no longer participating but if the need arises in the future, then it can be re-established at that time.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that years ago this was an advisory board providing the public's input of how service was, but it was done away with.

15. Fire Department 2021 Tax Abatements

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Fire Department 2021 Tax Abatements as presented (Attachment B). This was seconded by George Temple. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

16. Report of First Selectman

1. Opening day of baseball is going to be this weekend, Saturday April 23rd at 11 am at Posypanko park.
At 1 pm will be the opening day for the girls Softball at Tetlak Park.
2. There will be a play, Legally Blonde, Friday April 21st and Saturday April 23rd at the Oxford High School. The kids do an excellent job and work very hard, so come out and support them!
3. There is no longer an awful echo in the meeting room!! The town hall has received its installation of new carpeting which, besides ridding of the echo it also has brightened up the whole Town Hall and looks very nice.
4. Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa, Economic Development Coordinator Jeff Luff and Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Pat Cocchiarella met with the owners of Bedoukian Research, Inc. They are very interested in relocating to our town. They are looking to build a very large manufacturing plant; most likely a significant tax payer to the town. They will be coming back in a couple weeks and receive a tour of Oxford to show what we have to offer them.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

1. Steve Brown, 8 Bonnie Lane, apologized to the Board for any misunderstanding of his statements from the last meeting. He wanted to make clear that he was not insinuating anything illegal was going on, or was to go on, in regards to funds in the town. He reiterated that there may not be too many people, but there are people interested in how the ARPA moneys are to be spent and he just feels their voice should be heard. Mr.

Brown said the Board of Selectmen will be receiving a proposal from him as well as a phone call in regards to this, and he will challenge the board, if need be, and that he is not speaking for All in For Oxford, but for himself. Again, he reiterated his apology for any misunderstanding of the previous weeks statements that he had made. First Selectman George Temple accepted and thanked him for his apology, stated his appreciation for it, and in turn also apologized for getting upset himself. The First Selectman also stated that he did receive a letter from All in For Oxford requesting that two of their members be appointed to the board for how the funds will be best used, when a committee is developed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
Clerk, Board of Selectman

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
JOHN CLARK

Attachment A

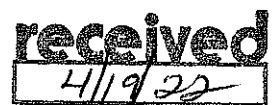
To: Board of Finance

April 19, 2022

From: Finance Director

Re:2021-2022 Transfer requests

| Item # | | Department | Account Number | Account | Amount |
|--------|--|------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | TO: | W.P.C.A. | 5580-737-5581 | Sewer User Fee Seymour | \$ 16,000.00 |
| | FROM: | Finance | 5320-560-5320 | Contingency | \$ 16,000.00 |
| | Motion Seconded Vote Comments | | | | |
| 2 | TO: | Library | 5390-585 | Dues | \$ 145.00 |
| | FROM: | Library | 5390-555 | Conferences | \$ 145.00 |
| | Motion Seconded Vote Comments | | | | |
| 3 | TO: | Library | 5390-601 | Equipment Leases | \$ 1,585.00 |
| | FROM: | Library | 5390-680 | Magazines and Newspape | \$ 1,585.00 |
| | Motion Seconded Vote Comments | | | | |
| 4 | TO: | Library | 5390-613 | Facility Maintenance | \$ 1,550.00 |
| | FROM: | Library | 5390-736 | Snow Removal | \$ 950.00 |
| | FROM: | Library | 5390-775 | Telephone | \$ 600.00 |
| | Motion Seconded Vote Comments | | | | |



**FireFighters Certified for Tax Abatement
Calendar Year 2021**

Tax Abatement 2021 sorted

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|-----------------------|-----|---------|----|----------------|------------------------|
| TOTAL Calls* | 322 | #Drills | 10 | Service Date | 12/31/2021 |
| 25 percent of calls | 81 | 50% | 5 | Tax Abatement: | \$ 1,000 10% to 24.99% |
| 10 percent of calls | 32 | | | | \$ 2,000 25%+ |
| *452-130/false alarms | | | | | |

| Name | Drills | Service Date | Oxford Resident | Years of Service as of 12/31/21 | Calls Attended | 10% to less than 25% of calls | 25% of calls | Amount | Tax or check |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Andrew, Ryan W. | 5 | 09/10/07 | Y | 14 | 46 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Belinsky, Edward P. | 5 | 03/04/02 | Y | 19 | 40 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Bernardini, Thomas R. | 9 | 12/12/95 | Y | 25 | 200 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Blakeman, Jared J. | 6 | 04/22/14 | Y | 7 | 56 | X | | \$1,000 | Check |
| Blood, Jenna | 11 | 09/10/19 | Y | 2 | 147 | | X | \$2,000 | Check |
| Blood, Ken C. | 10 | 10/10/89 | Y | 32 | 250 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Bongiorno, Justin | 6 | 03/04/13 | Y | 8 | 78 | X | | \$1,000 | Check |
| Calabrese, Joseph | 7 | 07/10/06 | Y | 15 | 140 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Ceste, David S. | 9 | 02/23/12 | Y | 9 | 103 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Conjliu, John M. | 7 | 01/07/08 | Y | 13 | 142 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Downs, John A. Jr. | 10 | 07/09/79 | Y | 42 | 97 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Fette, Al R. | 7 | 08/14/01 | Y | 20 | 103 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Galla, Joseph | 8 | 01/15/97 | Y | 24 | 59 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Gies, Jim | 9 | 06/14/87 | Y | 34 | 197 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Gramigna, Daniel R. | 8 | 09/11/06 | Y | 15 | 165 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Halstead, Scott D. | 9 | 01/25/95 | Y | 26 | 193 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Hedge, Mathew D. | 6 | 08/01/05 | Y | 16 | 49 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Hellauer Jr., Edward J | 9 | 09/03/11 | Y | 10 | 112 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Hoffmann, Steven | 7 | 04/14/14 | Y | 7 | 131 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Hylinski, Gary W. | 7 | 11/12/03 | Y | 18 | 74 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Kalakay, Christopher | 11 | 10/13/20 | Y | 1 | 413 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Krassner, Mark P. | 9 | 11/12/02 | Y | 19 | 163 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Luskay, Louis A. III | 6 | 06/01/92 | Y | 29 | 86 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Lyder, Jeffrey K. | 9 | 09/09/19 | Y | 2 | 222 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Mannion, Joseph A. III | 9 | 05/08/18 | Y | 3 | 221 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Mazzucco, Louis E. | 10 | 11/14/77 | Y | 44 | 185 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Mutlick, George | 6 | 03/06/06 | Y | 15 | 120 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Nelsen, Keith D. | 9 | 01/01/96 | Y | 25 | 54 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Pelletier, Grace K. | 11 | 09/10/19 | Y | 2 | 89 | | X | \$2,000 | Check |
| Pelletier, Scott J. | 11 | 10/24/79 | Y | 42 | 401 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Potter, David A. | 6 | 07/16/20 | Y | 1 | 42 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Recline, Vincent J. | 10 | 10/05/20 | Y | 1 | 97 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Richmond, Timothy M. | 11 | 01/01/94 | Y | 27 | 60 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Romeo, Matt | 7 | 10/01/93 | Y | 28 | 57 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Romeo, Matthew J | 10 | 04/18/17 | Y | 4 | 244 | | X | \$2,000 | Check |
| Sabitsky, Michael R. | 9 | 07/06/20 | Y | 1 | 49 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Schwartz, Jason S. | 10 | 11/13/18 | Y | 3 | 71 | X | | \$1,000 | Tax |
| Silberkleit, Jay N. | 10 | 08/11/01 | Y | 20 | 247 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Vizo, Brian J. | 8 | 01/09/06 | Y | 15 | 106 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| Vizzo, David M. | 9 | 08/10/09 | Y | 12 | 159 | | X | \$2,000 | Check |
| Vizzo, Paul T. | 5 | 11/09/09 | Y | 12 | 47 | X | | \$1,000 | Check |
| Wiemer, Daniel B. | 6 | 09/12/05 | Y | 16 | 97 | | X | \$2,000 | Tax |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | \$70,000 | |