

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. The Oxford/Seymour Cub Scout Pack #60 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Nancy Johnson, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 9/21/16 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 9/21/16 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Deputy Fire Marshal – Appoint Kyle Leake

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Kyle Leake, of 25 O'Neill Road, as Deputy Fire Marshal as he has completed the required courses and received all his certifications; as presented and recommended by the Fire Marshal. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is a good choice and Kyle is very much involved with the Fire Department.

2. Heritage Village Water Company Board of Directors – Appoint Herman Schuler

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Herman Schuler, of 125 Meadow Brook Road, to the Heritage Village Water Company Board of Directors. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This appointment is in lieu of First Selectman George Temple. Herman Schuler is very interested in this in light of the fact that they are talking about selling Heritage Village Water Company, and he will report back to First Selectman Temple.

3. Safety & Health Committee – Appoint Jessica Pennell

MOTION:

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Oxford/Seymour Cub Scout Pack #60 – Introduce and Appoint as Assistant Selectmen

Introduction of Oxford/Seymour Cub Scout Pack #60 and reason they are here.

The Cub Scouts are here to learn about the government of our town, and want to build a better country. First Selectman George Temple gave the Cub Scouts a description of the duties for the Board of Selectmen and what they do for the Town of Oxford, and explained about the process of getting big issues accomplished through town meetings, referendums, and voting. First Selectman George Temple discussed the process for a new Middle school that is being planned and discussed some ideas for use of the space in Center School when the new Middle school is built. One of the Cub Scouts asked about the new Oxford Library. First Selectman Temple discussed the plans for the Library. The Cub Scouts were allowed to pick a spokesperson for the pack and ask the Board of Selectmen any questions and discuss what the Cub Scouts are doing.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to recess at 8:21 P.M. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to return to session at 8:22 P.M. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Aggie Park Update – Discuss with Possible Action

Glen Schumitz, Chairman of the Committee, 197 Freeman Road, Oxford, gave an update of the progress at Aggie Park. As of now, the schedule for completion is November. The Committee's engineer meets with the company doing the project and everything is going very well and is on schedule. The wetland issue was rectified. The finishing touches are all that is left. The contractor is getting ready to seed/sod the park and in the contract it was agreed to seed. The contractor has asked the committee to look into putting sod down since it will take better due to the lack of rain, and weather and the fields would be ready in the spring. With this comes an additional \$30,000. Glen Schumitz stated that a contingency of 10% was approved which is approximately \$76,000. The Committee is asking if they can use some of the contingency money to pay for putting in sod, and also some of the people from Parks & Recreation are asking for using \$12,000 of the contingency money for bleachers at the park. Right now they are on budget. The contract for the project was approved for \$764,000. Seed is built into the contract. To sod will be an additional \$30,000. The Committee discussed this at the last meeting and had gone to the Board of Finance Meeting and was told they needed to present it to the Board of Selectmen first. When the final accounting is done, it will not cost anything more than what is already paid. According to the Engineer, there will not be any additional management fees, and it will not be an issue. Dugouts were discussed. It is just fencing for the dugouts at Aggie Park. We had a different situation at the High School. The committee's recommendation is to go with sod. The committee is asking to reduce the contingency.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the Aggie Park Committee's request to reduce the contingency for these items. This was seconded by Jeff Haney for discussion.

Discussion: Kathy Johnson would like to see dugouts there like the ones at the high school, and would like to see bleachers there. Glen Schumitz stated that there will be 4 rows of bleachers at 27 feet, two for one field, and two for the other field. Most people bring chairs to watch games. Kathy Johnson asked about the cost for putting in cement dugouts. First Selectman Temple stated it is a big ticket item. We will have some money from the power plant for the youth in Oxford, so we can possibly do this at a later date. Kathy Johnson feels that once the project is started, it should be done right.

Jack Kiley, 88 Bee Mountain Road stated that the project was put there for the whole project to be completed, and was not to have add-ons. Once the project is finished, then come back and ask for any additional money for these items. The contingency was in

place in case there was a need for blasting, or something that we can't see. Jack Kiley feels the project should stay whole and get it done. We had all the plans and asked if that was it. We passed it as is. When you do get the money from the power plant, that would be good to use for bleachers.

First Selectman George Temple understands what Jack Kiley is stating. Jeff Haney also understands what Jack is saying, but the people voted on this project, and he feels inclined that the money has already been approved by the people who voted to spend the \$830,000, and it was included in the project. Contingency is part of the package.

Jack Kiley feels that we should wait until all the numbers come in for the whole cost of the project. Glen Schumitz discussed that the seed is scheduled to be put down the middle of October.

Kathy Johnson stated she didn't want this project, and we always do things half way. She feels this is the way to go, and to do it right and finish it.

First Selectman George Temple feels the contingency was in case of blasting, and we are almost done. If the contractor is saying this is the way to go, an athletic field has to be safe for the kids to use, there has to be uniformity and certain height of the grass and we haven't spent the contingency, and if they feel there is no way to spend the contingency, he would like to see it be safe. Jack Kiley asked how much cost is it to seed, and is there a savings from not putting in seed. First Selectman Temple would like to meet with the contractor and with Jim Hliva and go over the numbers.

Glen Schumitz stated there was a separate bid for the sod. First Selectman George Temple would like to have the contractor go over the numbers.

Jeff Haney asked about the wells, since they still have to be done and asked what happens in the event there is a dry well. They have hired Eastern Water and are consulting them on the project. One of the committee members lives in this area and knows the wells in the area. The wells are part of the contract. As long as there are no clauses in the contract about the wells. Landscaping, spread top soil and hydro seed were in the contract for \$90,000.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve \$42,000 for the sod and four bleachers for all three of the fields and to send this to the Board of Finance. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Hire Temporary Public Works Utilityman Position

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire Glen Persson, of 124 Hawley Road, as the Temporary Public Works Utilityman effective 10/3/16 at a pay rate of \$22.53 per hour. This position is filling in due to an illness. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Hire Part-Time Floater

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire Dawn Passerine, of 11 Cheyenne Road, as a Part-Time Floater, at a pay rate of \$15.50 per hour, for 19 hours per week and effective 10/12/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson for discussion. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Joanne Pelton discussed that all of the departments are shorthanded all of the time. This position was in the personnel regulations and we had a floater in the past. First Selectman George Temple stated that due to the Federal election, we need to have someone on hand on Friday from 8am-4 pm to get the absentee ballots sent out. She will fill in as the receptionist. First Selectman Temple stated that every day there is somebody gone. If it is a part-timer there are no benefits. First Selectman received a request from the Registrar of Voters that they need someone that can do the mail. Dawn Passerine has an accounting background and will first work with the Library staff and help with their bills. Jeff Haney stated that part-time as needed sounds good, and does not feel like we need a permanent person. However, the comments made here with people out sick and on vacation, he feels that our phones should always be answered and phones should roll over to another number after a few rings when nobody answers. It will be up to Joanne Pelton to schedule the floater. She will be trained for other departments and we will be able to use her. Kathy Johnson asked if she will be trained to work in all of the departments or are there some departments that she will not work in. Will she be able to handle working in the Assessor's office? Yes, she will be trained.

5. FAST Act Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) Resolutions – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following FAST act transportation alternatives set-aside program (TAP) Resolutions and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen may submit an application to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, for the FAST act transportation alternatives set-aside program (TAP) grant, under its Community Improvement Activities. The grant application project is called Route 67 Linear Park. It will request funding for the construction of sidewalks from Pies and Pints to the Brookside Inn. In addition, it will include efficiency lighting along the walkway with related landscaping and benches. The Town of Oxford is committed to the 20% match that is required.

FURHTER RESOLVED, that George R. Temple, as First Selectman of the Oxford Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Oxford Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is a good idea. First Selectman Temple stated we should also reapply for the Main Street Sidewalk grant. We will sign it.

6. Report of First Selectman

1. The opening of Market 32 was held and it is amazing. More people have told him what a great store this is. He is really happy with this store.
2. Think Pink for the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness. We all know someone who has had this disease. Thursday, October 27th will be the date to "pink" the First Selectman for a donation. Last year we raised over \$1,000 to get First Selectman Temple dunked. We will also have the mobile mammography van coming. Men also get breast cancer. This is very important and hopes everyone can get involved.
3. First Selectman Temple met with some businesses who wanted to locate in Oxford. We have two very good opportunities and this would be very beneficial to Oxford.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Matt Caruso, 18 Oakwood Drive, asked the Board of Selectmen about the comments with the individual from CPV that was indicted in New York. First Selectman George Temple stated that the Board of Selectmen had no real decision in the process and the only thing we did was put the tax agreement out which was defeated. First Selectman Temple supported the plant fifteen years

ago as the Town Attorney but he never dealt with this individual who got arrested. The individual that First Selectman Temple dealt with was straight forward and very professional, very honest. Matt Caruso stated it was big news in the New York Times and on social media. First Selectman George Temple stated that he has no qualms as to what was done here in the town. First Selectmen Temple went to the Siting Council meetings and the DEEP meetings and was impressed with the Siting Council and they did a good job. First Selectman Temple stated that not one law enforcement agency has talked to him about this. From the Board of Selectmen, we are satisfied that nothing went on in this town. Matt Caruso asked what was going on with the Tax agreement. First Selectman Temple stated we are working on it. Kathy Johnson stated that she thinks we have to work on another agreement. We don't have an agreement at this time. She is sure if they investigated New York they will look at Connecticut. The Board appreciates Mr. Caruso for coming here and asking the question.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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