

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Selectman David McKane due to working long hours during snow removal.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 2/4/15 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 2/4/15 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 2/10/15 Special Budget Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to table the 2/10/15 Special Budget Meeting minutes as none were presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. 2/12/15 Special Budget Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to table the 2/12/15 Special Budget Meeting minutes as none were presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

First Selectman George Temple advised that both the 2/10/15 Special Budget Meeting and the 2/12/15 Special Budget Meeting were cancelled, so there are no minutes to be presented.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company 2015 Fire Police

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company 2015 Fire Police as Item #3 under Appointments. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries

2. 2014 FireFighters Tax Abatements – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add 2014 FireFighters Tax Abatements – Approve as Item #5 under New Business and move Report of First Selectman to Item #6. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Update from Oxford High School Diamond Project Committee

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Update from Oxford High School Diamond Project Committee as Item #1 under New Business and move all items down one. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company's 2015 Fire Police

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Tom Giacchi as the 2015 Oxford Center Fire Police as they presented in their letter dated 2/8/15. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Tom Giacchi is always there and does a great job.

2. Riverside Volunteer Fire Company's 2015 Fire Police

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Richard Brown, Eric Benzon, Victor Noll and John Downs, Sr. as the 2015 Riverside Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police as they presented

in their letter dated 1/6/15. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: These people are always involved and do a great job.

3. Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company 2015 Fire Police

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Edward Roman, Louis Mazzucco, Jay Hawthorne and Ronald Stebar as the 2015 Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police as they presented in their letter dated 1/17/15. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: They are always there and are very dependable and do a great job.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Kathy Johnson, 68 Dorman Road, would like an update on the Senior Center and the Dog Pound. First Selectman George Temple will discuss these items in his Report of the First Selectman.

Pete Zbras, 26 Autumn Ridge Road, wanted to address the part-time clerk in Planning & Zoning. She is doing a great job and things are working out good with a part time person. Mr. Zbras also wanted to address the Affordable Housing Regulations and that they need to be updated. First Selectman George Temple stated it should be brought up at both the Planning & Zoning Board and the Board of Selectmen. First Selectman Temple stated to Mr. Zbras to talk to Tanya Carver at the next meeting.

Harold Cosgrove commented on Robbi Costigan that she is very capable of doing the job and works closely with the Chairman of Planning & Zoning. Also, regarding the CGS 8-30g eligibility, it needs to be revised or updated every five years, and he would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for doing this in the past or we might have lost it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update from Oxford High School Diamond Project Committee

First Selectman George Temple discussed this committee and why it was established. The safety of the diamonds and the facilities we have for our student athletes at the baseball fields at Oxford High School were some of the concerns being looked into by this committee.

Brian Hourigan, Oxford High School Head Coach, presented the committee findings and recommendations. The mission of the committee was to address the needs of the baseball/softball facility to enable a safer and modern environment for our players, coaches

and spectators. The goal is to deliver a plan to the Oxford Board of Education for important field enhancements along with a funding strategy.

The committee researched all different possibilities and reviewed the irrigation, dugouts, field locations and surfaces, fencing, concession/storage, scoreboards and lighting. The committee is suggesting a 3-phase project: Phase I – Irrigation, Phase II – Dugouts, and Phase III – Scoreboards. The committee would like to have the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education. The committee believes they can offset some of the costs for this worthwhile project for the athletes in the town and for the other members in town who use the fields.

First Selectman George Temple commented that he and Jeff Haney were very much involved with the athletic fields that were completed, and stated that Ion Bank donated the scoreboard, and that there are other people in town who would be able to help with funding. The Board of Selectmen are very proud of the kids here in Oxford. First Selectman George Temple would like accurate figures from Mr. Hourigan and the committee to see how much outside activity we can get. The Board of Selectmen has always wanted to help the kids. We have a little problem with the Board of Finance and the Board of Education at times. First Selectman George Temple stated that we will need something in writing from the Board of Education or a vote that they are in favor of this project. He does not want to waste any time if they don't approve it. Mr. Hourigan will bring this back to Jim Michaud and the committee will work on this and will get back to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hourigan thanked the Board of Selectmen very much. The Board of Selectmen is in support of it and is very proud of our kids.

Jeff Haney commented that he has the book with the three different styles of dugouts and an architectural design for the dugouts. This is a legitimate investment. Selectman Haney thanked Coach Hourigan and the Committee.

2. Hire Part-Time Planning & Zoning Clerk

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire Robbi Costigan, of 300 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, as the Part-Time Planning & Zoning Clerk, effective Monday, February 23, 2015, with a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour at 19 hours per week; as presented and recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman in her letter dated 2/17/15. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple thanked the Planning & Zoning Board members for attending tonight's meeting and supporting Robbi Costigan. She is excellent with the public and there is a lot to learn in the Planning & Zoning Department, and she is a good addition to the Planning & Zoning staff. First Selectman Temple endorses this pick.

Selectman Jeff Haney questioned if it was a union or non-union job. This position is a non-union job. Selectman Haney would like clarification as to what other clerks in other Town departments are making before he would approve the wage amount. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen set the salary. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the difference in responsibilities of the Planning & Zoning clerk with other Clerk positions. Selectman Jeff Haney would like to hire her in at her current rate and in two weeks after getting the information, make an adjustment if necessary. There are currently four other clerks in Town.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the previous motion and to hire Robbi Costigan, of 300 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, as the Part-Time Planning & Zoning Clerk, effective Monday, February 23, 2015, with a pay rate of \$15.43 per hour at 19 hours per week. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Emergency Appropriation for Snow Removal – Approve and Possible Town Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to table this matter. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Mr. Watt could not get the numbers together in time for this meeting.

4. Emergency Appropriation for Senior Center Flooring – Approve and Possible Town Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve an emergency appropriation, in the amount of \$16,720.00 to be taken from the General Fund Balance, to repair the floor at the Senior Center, as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 2/17/15, and to schedule a Town Meeting for Tuesday, March 10, 2015. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Selectman Jeff Haney discussed the repairs needed for the Senior Center floor. He stated that the subsurface that was there was not appropriate for tile, and that something went wrong with it and had to be removed. In order to keep it level another process had to be done. The 5-inch slab has been tested and came back good but there were some high spots and low spots. The job had gone out to bid, and the lowest bid came in at \$13,950, which was \$5,670 cheaper than the second bid. After removing all of the previous materials, the floor had to be cleaned, and a floor cleaner was rented. The cost to bring the floor up to par for tile came to \$17,220.

First Selectman George Temple stated that the original floor tiles were coming up, and it was obvious someone made an error when the floor was originally put down. Selectman Haney stated right now there is nothing but concrete on the floor. The tile that will be put down is anti-skid, and this needs to be put down as soon as possible to avoid the possibility of mold or other things happening to the floor. The goal is to get it completed by March 17th. First Selectman George Temple thanked Jeff Haney for volunteering his time up at the Senior Center and getting this done. The seniors love it there and it is a great place for the seniors to get out and do activities. The Board of Finance Chairman has been notified of this issue. The Senior Center has been open during this process except for today, and the seniors have had access to all the activities.

5. FY 2014 – 2015 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following 2014-2015 transfer requests as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 2/17/15:

TO: Elderly Commission	Vehicle Repairs	5295-812	\$992.86
FROM: Finance	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$992.86
TO: Elderly Commission	Computer Equipment	5295-549	\$81.00
FROM: Elderly Commission	Office Supplies	5295-770	\$81.00
TO: Police	Uniforms	5433-785	\$541.49
FROM: Police	Wages Police Officers	5433-515	\$541.49
TO: Tax Collector	Wages Part Time	5505-517-98	\$4,850.00
FROM: Finance	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$4,850.00

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

Discussion: J. Hliva made comments on the above transfer requests.

6. 2014 FireFighters Tax Abatements – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 2014 FireFighters Certified Tax Abatements as presented by the Fire Chief in his letter dated 2/12/15. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is for all of the Fire Fighters that have met certain requirements. It totals \$38,500.

7. Report of First Selectman

First Selectman George Temple stated he would provide any other information on the Senior Center Flooring Project if there were any questions. It is very important that the Senior Center be open this time of year.

On February 27, the Riverside Fire Department will hold a "Fish & Chip" dinner.

This Saturday is the Fireman's Ball. First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Haney and Selectman McKane will be in attendance. This is the 75th year of the Center Fire Department and they will be having a parade in the spring.

First Selectman George Temple stated that Governor Malloy stated in his plan that he wants towns to reimburse the State 100% for Resident Troopers. If this happens Oxford will have a decision to make. Currently we have 5 Troopers and have requested a 6th Trooper. There are a lot of small towns in Connecticut and we will see whether it will pass through or not. If it does pass, we will need to decide as a Town how comfortable the Town feels about it; it would mean \$100,000 per Trooper.

The Power Plant is winding through Citing Counsel. February 23 will be the next Citing Counsel meeting.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Kathy Johnson, 68 Dorman Road, stated she is with the Board of Selectmen with local Police. It might cost us money but we need to protect our town. With regards to the Senior Center, Ms. Johnson asked if we are going to have another problem in the future. No, the problem is corrected. The uneven floor will be corrected using a sand and mortar mix and it is done by hand, not just poured. Ms. Johnson stated that sometimes we wait to long for something, we don't want taxes but this needs to be done. Ms. Johnson asked how the Dog Pound was progressing. Selectman Haney stated it has been open, and Ms. Johnson should go and visit it. The trim is done, and the tile is 80% complete. All the work is done by volunteers. Selectman Haney stated he has been working there the last couple of days, and is hoping everything will be complete during the month of March.

Pete Zbras, 26 Autumn Ridge Road, questioned if the Town can use the spray that covers graffiti that is on Rt. 67. First Selectman George Temple thanked Pete Zbras for reminding him.

John Downs, 666 Roosevelt Drive, concurs with Selectman Haney on the situation of hiring someone \$2-\$3 higher.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

15 FEB 23 PM 5:18
TOWN OF GARDEN CITY, CT
George Temple
TOWN CLERK

FireFighters Certified for Tax Abatement Calendar Year 2014

2015-005 Tax Abatement Final.xlsx

TOTAL Calls	270	#Drills	12	Service Date	12/31/2013
25 percent of calls	68	50%	6		
10 percent of calls	27				

	Name	Drills	Service Date	Years of Service as of 12/31/13	Calls Attended	10% to less than 25% of calls	25% of calls	Amount
1	Andrew, Ryan W.	9	09/10/07	6	92		X	\$ 1,000
2	Belinsky, Edward P.	10	03/04/02	11	75		X	\$ 1,000
3	Bernardini, Thomas R.	10	12/12/95	18	210		X	\$ 1,000
4	Blood, Ken C.	11	10/10/89	24	150		X	\$ 1,000
5	Brennan, Scott J	6	10/12/10	3	42	X		\$ 500
6	Calabrese, Joseph	10	07/10/06	7	143		X	\$ 1,000
7	Calabrese, Wendy	6	07/10/06	7	36	X		\$ 500
8	Conjiu, John M.	7	01/07/08	5	126		X	\$ 1,000
9	Coy, Andrew	9	01/05/96	17	276		X	\$ 1,000
10	Downs, John A. Jr.	9	07/09/79	34	88		X	\$ 1,000
11	Ellis, John H.	6	12/05/99	14	60	X		\$ 500
12	Fette, Al R.	6	08/14/01	12	137		X	\$ 1,000
13	Galla, Joseph	8	01/15/97	16	132		X	\$ 1,000
14	Giacchi, Thomas D.	11	02/08/05	8	133		X	\$ 1,000
15	Gies, Jim	7	06/14/87	26	192		X	\$ 1,000
16	Gramigna, Daniel R.	9	09/11/06	7	104		X	\$ 1,000
17	Halstead, Scott D.	6	01/25/95	18	160		X	\$ 1,000
18	Hedge, Mathew D.	10	08/01/05	8	85		X	\$ 1,000
19	Hellauer Jr., Edward J	10	09/03/11	2	131		X	\$ 1,000
20	Hylinski, Gary W.	10	11/12/03	10	83		X	\$ 1,000
21	Krassner, Mark P.	7	11/12/02	11	77		X	\$ 1,000
22	Krassner, Melissa M	7	08/14/12	1	39	X		\$ 500
23	Lery, Mike	9	04/12/11	2	83		X	\$ 1,000
24	Luskay, Louis A. III	6	06/01/92	21	72		X	\$ 1,000
25	Matula, Matthew M	6	11/03/08	5	79		X	\$ 1,000
26	Matula, Megan H.	6	07/02/07	6	52	X		\$ 500
27	Mazzucco, Louis E.	8	11/14/77	36	152		X	\$ 1,000
28	Muttick, George	8	03/06/06	7	55	X		\$ 500
29	Nash, Colin W.	9	12/25/02	11	60	X		\$ 500
30	Nelsen, Keith D.	9	01/01/96	17	48	X		\$ 500
31	Noll, Victor R.	10	01/04/82	31	137		X	\$ 1,000
32	Pelletier, Scott J.	10	10/24/79	34	354		X	\$ 1,000
33	Prajer, Ronald	11	05/07/73	40	124		X	\$ 1,000
34	Richmond, Timothy M.	6	01/01/94	19	39	X		\$ 500
35	Romeo, Matt	6	10/01/93	20	69		X	\$ 1,000
36	Russell, Nicholas S	8	04/10/12	1	105		X	\$ 1,000
37	Shevlin, Kevin J	7	08/14/12	1	75		X	\$ 1,000
38	Silberkleit, Jay N.	8	08/11/01	12	172		X	\$ 1,000
39	Spremullo, Jonathan	7	2/13/2007	6	84		X	\$ 1,000
40	Steeves, Tom	7	10/18/84	29	105		X	\$ 1,000
41	Tichy, Joseph E.	10	05/10/10	3	77		X	\$ 1,000
42	Vizzo, David M.	9	08/10/09	4	110		X	\$ 1,000
43	Vizo, Paul T	8	11/09/09	4	81		X	\$ 1,000
43	TOTAL							\$ 38,500