

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 11/2/16 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 11/2/16 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 11/9/16 Special Meeting

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the 11/9/16 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 2 Ayes, 1 Abstention by Jeff Haney who did not attend the meeting. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Planning & Zoning Commission under Appointments. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Tanya Carver of 1 Old Moose Hill Road, Oxford, to the Planning & Zoning Commission with the term to commence upon the resignation of Commissioner Persson, and to expire on 11/19/19. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Glen Persson is a member of Planning and Zoning, and has been hired in Public Works, and therefore he cannot serve on the Planning and Zoning due to the fact that a town employee cannot serve there under State Statute. Tanya Carver was the next highest vote getter in the last election. She was Chairman and has been a member for three years and does a good job.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Engine 41 Pumper -- Award Bid

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to award Center Fire Company's Engine 41 Pumper bid to Pierce Manufacturing, of 2600 American Drive in Appleton, Wisconsin, for a bid amount of \$802,538.11; as recommended and approved by the Oxford Fire Department Truck Committee and the Board of Chiefs in their letter dated 11/14/16 CONTINGENT UPON the approval of funding by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Town Meeting. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries .

Discussion: This is for a Pumper that is the same specifications as the one we have now. This will be a third one, and the only difference is that it will be a different color. The last one that was ordered was approximately \$700,000, and the price is going up. We would have saved the difference if we had ordered two the last time and if we had split the delivery time. This is #3 out of 4 that needs replacing. The next one that we will be looking for is a 2000 gallon tanker which will be the next truck coming up in about 12 months. This truck is a 1998 model. Engine 41 & 33 are both steel tanks. There is a fire truck committee looking at this now. Kathy Johnson asked about if we ordered two apparatus' in a year could we get the deal like the one offered a year ago. Scott Pelletier stated they can raise that question. Both these tankers will be at Center Fire House. First Selectman Temple asked why we can't move one to Quaker Farms. Scott Pelletier mentioned that Quaker Farms will need to be retrained, and we will be replacing theirs in another two years. First Selectman Temple stated that it is a problem that all of the trucks are being replaced all around the same time. The town is currently in a good financial spot so it is not devastating, whereas that was not the case years back. Engine 42 was 40 years old when it was replaced and there used to be a four year gap between

replacing them. There will be a Town Meeting once the Board of Finance approves this around December or January. It will take 8 months to build the new truck. Jeff Haney asked if this will go from here to the Board of Finance. Yes. Kathy Johnson stated that our town is growing and we need this equipment. She hopes that our taxes will be lowered if we have a power plant. Jeff Haney asked if this will eventually even out. We have all of the different trucks in-between. There will be a better time gap in the future.

2. The Philly Steak Company Peddler's Permit – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Peddler's Permit for The Philly Steak Company, of 25-1 Macintosh Drive, as presented and approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission on 11/7/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. It was noted that the applicant is aware that the permit expires on 12/31/16 and must renew for 2017.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated he had seen this truck operating and he never remembers signing a permit. The Philly Steak Company did get approval from the Pomperaug Health Dept. which is effective from October 15, 2016 though next year. The Philly Steak Company would like to sell on town property and Parks & Recreation has approved it. First Selectman Temple does not want The Philly Steak Company at Lilly Park and does not want them at the concerts or Babe Ruth Opening Day. First Selectman Temple stated to cross out all reference to "Town Property" on the application. Special Events and Parades will be fine for them to operate at.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the motion to approve the Peddler's Permit for the Philly Steak Company, of 25-1 Macintosh Drive, without approval "on all Town Property" as presented and approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission on 11/7/16. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple stated to Joanne Pelton, to be sure The Philly Steak Company are aware of this, and they will have to get special permission for other events.

3. Oxford School Building Committee Educational Specifications Request

No Action Required by Board

The bid specs were going to be presented but they were inaccurate, so they are back on the drawing board with their architect.

4. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the tax refunds totaling \$2,169.12 as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter received 11/14/16 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. Report of First Selectman

1. First Selectman George Temple went to a CCM (Connecticut Council of Municipalities) meeting on Monday evening. It was very interesting and included mostly Mayors and First Selectmen and talked about economic development in the state. He had heard good things that people stated about Oxford.

2. Last night the Board of Finance approved the funding for two men for the Public Works Department. First Selectman Temple stated that other towns that have less town roads than we have, and hire more people for their towns, and our town does a great job! The Board of Finance was apprehensive about it, but voted to support it unanimously. First Selectman Temple stated the Public Works can use some new equipment but we are in a lot better shape than we were 5 years ago. We have been talking about getting a roller that we can share with Beacon Falls and Seymour and going in together on for this equipment.

3. Voters of Oxford set a record this year for a presidential election, and we had a tremendous turnout. The Registrars did a great job and so did the Town Clerk and the Town Clerk's office.

4. The Library received a metal box drop-off for books donated by the town of Southbury. Ours was not waterproof, and this one is.

5. There will be a Chili Cook-off contest tomorrow. If you bring in a donation for the Food Bank, you can get in for free and vote on your favorite Chili dish.

6. First Selectman Temple stated that there is bad news, our Oxford Football Team lost the game, 53 to 0. First Selectman Temple will now have to wear the Seymour jersey at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

AMENDMENTS

None

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS


None.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN CLERK