

**Board of Selectmen's  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**  
**7:30 PM - Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A moment of silence was held for Joe Kewalis who passed away last week.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**1. 3/16/16 Special Meeting**

**MOTION:**

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

**2. 3/16/16 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 3/16/16 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

**MOTION:**

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

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

**1. Refund Peddler's Permit Fee for H&D Catering**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Refund Peddler's Permit Fee for H&D Catering as Item # 11 and move Report of First Selectmen to Item # 12. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Resolution for the Tax Agreement with CPV

**MOTION:**

Kathy Johnson moved to amend the agenda to revisit the tabled issue that was presented at the last Selectmen's meeting on the Resolution regarding the Tax Agreement with CPV.

There being no second, the amendment fails.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **FY 2015 – 2106 Appropriation Requests**

*Refer to Item #9*

**Appropriation To Pay Off Leases – Approve**

**MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the FY 2015 – 2016 appropriation requests (Attachment B) as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 4/6/16. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Jim Hliva discussed paying for these items after receiving \$1,350,000 for the leases for the Cell Tower. This item will pay off the solar panels, the Great Oak school roof, the Public Works equipment from 2013, and pay off the fire engine and the Public Works trucks purchased in 2014. When doing the budget this year we won't have to make these annual payments. We will be saving \$26,000 in interest this year alone. First Selectman Temple stated this will make us in a better financial shape. We had a lease agreement for \$120,000 a year for the Great Oak roof until 2021, and we will be done with this lease as of tonight. Jim Hliva stated this adds up to \$619,136.62.

**2. FY 2015 – 2106 Transfer Requests**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the FY 2015 – 2016 transfer requests (Attachment A) as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 4/6/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Jim Hliva stated that the first three items are small housekeeping items. The other item is for handicap access doors in the back of Town Hall. These will be sliding electronic doors for handicap accessibility. If we need to have two sets of doors by energy codes, we may need to look at some additional money for a second set of doors. We are waiting for the building inspector to look into the energy codes. The Fire Marshall is good with this. First Selectman George Temple had requested Jim Hliva to look into this since we cannot have a Town Hall without handicap accessibility. We will continue the upgrading to make the Town Hall handicap accessible. We have been working on the lighting in Town Hall and have a new roof, and are looking into other areas to improve Town Hall. Mr. Hliva did the financial side of it but noted that Joanne Pelton did the work of contacting vendors. First Selectman Temple thanked Mrs. Pelton for a good job.

**3. Solid Waste/Recycling Permit License – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Solid Waste/Recycling Permit Licenses as approved by the Recycling Coordinator:

- Winters Bros Hauling of CT, LLC, 307 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810  
(Solid Waste and Recycling)
- Stone Construction, 168 main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488  
(Recycling)

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

**4. Agricultural Commission Farmer's Market Peddler's Permit – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Agriculture Advisory Committee's Peddler's Permit to hold a Farmer's Market at Oxford Center School on Saturday's beginning in July 9, 2016 through November 5, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM as presented and to waive the Peddler's Permit fee as requested. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This has been popular in the town and is a very worthy venture.

**5. Approve Use of Town Hall Parking Lot for Car Show Fundraiser**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the use of the Town Hall parking lot between the hours of 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Saturday, July 23, 2016 (rain date of July 24, 2016) for spectator parking during a Car Cruise Fundraiser event which is being held at the Oxford Center Firehouse. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is an annual event, and a lot of fun. Any way we can help the Firemen out, we should.

**6. Housatonic Valley Association's Road/Stream Crossing Inventory and Management Plan Grant Application – Approve and Authorize First Selectman**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Housatonic Valley Association's Road/Stream Crossing Inventory and Management Plan Grant Application and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is for us to get a grant and was requested by the Assistant Grant Writer, Robbi Costigan.

**7. Oxford Police Department Computer Purchase – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$14,225.00 to be taken from General Fund Balance, to purchase five (5) new police patrol lap top computers (Telreco CF31 Toughbook's) with vehicle mounting trays as requested by the Resident State Trooper. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Sgt. Dan Semosky discussed these will replace the laptop computers that were purchased eight years ago and are not strong enough and are not compatible with the technology for the cameras. These computers interface with the State Police and are absolutely necessary. First Selectman Temple stated we really need the cameras in the police cars and that he has seen the computers we are using now and they are slow. The new computers will have all of the updated maps for all of the streets in town. Computer technology has changed a great deal in eight years. This will need to go to the Board of Finance and a Town Meeting. Sgt. Semosky stated this is the State bid price, and is the best price in the State of Connecticut. Selectman Johnson stated that she always believe that the people using the equipment know what is best, and she supports the Police and will support this item.

**8. Oxford Police Department Purchase Tasers – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$27,724.60 to be taken from General Fund Surplus, to purchase twelve (12) taser units to outfit the police officers with two spare units and covers the units, software, training, two required cartridges and battery packs for each officer; as requested by the Resident State Trooper. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Sgt. Dan Semosky stated that most of the departments are issued tasers. This gives them another tool and is safer. Nobody wants to use their pistol. They have used a taser in town and was also used on a larger person to take into custody and it worked out very well without incident. This is for the safety of the officers. The pros outweigh the cons with these. First Selectman Temple stated that these are not only for the safety of the officers but also for the safety of the perpetrator who can be needlessly hurt without it, and we don't know where a bullet will be going and could hit someone else. It is another way of control that the Police Department has and other towns have these. This is a safety consideration of the First Selectman. We will send this to the Board of Finance. The Board of Selectmen support this.

**10. Ratify Oxford Police Union, Local 2693 Contract and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to ratify the Oxford Police Union, Local 2693 Contract and to authorize the First Selectman to sign said contract. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: We have been working on this contract for the last four years, and wanted to make it more attractive for officers to come to Oxford. The officers will get retroactive pay. Kathy Johnson stated she was very happy this was settled and First Selectman

George Temple negotiated well and made it more tempting for them to come to Oxford. She is very satisfied and thanked First Selectman Temple.

**11. Refund Peddler's Permit Fee for H&D Catering**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the refund of the \$25.00 Peddler's Permit fee for H&D Catering as requested by Mrs. Kewalis. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**12. Report of First Selectman**

1. This past Sunday, there was a bowling event to benefit homeless Veterans. Jeff Haney really did very well filling in for another person; he had 2 strikes and a spare. It was a good time and went to a good cause.
2. We are working on a plan for a forum on opiate addiction which will probably be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in May. First Selectman Temple asked Sgt. Semosky if we can provide Narcan for our Oxford Police Department. You have six minutes in an overdose for this to work. It is important to use this tool to prevent overdose deaths. The forum will be several people on a board discussing education on this topic, and what resources are available to help prevent this type of thing from happening. Oxford is not immune to this. We will keep everyone posted on this item.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

David McKane, 11 Tram Drive, Oxford, asked the Board of Selectmen about the status of the property in Twin Brooks that was donated to the Housing Authority. First Selectman George Temple stated that this property was donated a while ago to the Housing Authority contingent upon them getting a federal grant. This would have eventually given us 80 units that would fall under 830G for Affordable Housing. Oxford Housing Authority would be overseeing it. We made the application but have not heard anything yet. David McKane asked about the time frame of three years, and asked if we should extend the timeframe or if we should start the process to get the property back. First Selectman Temple stated he will contact the appropriate person and have an update at the next meeting.

David McKane, 11 Tram Drive, asked if there would be a conflict with the Farmer's Market Peddler Permit and the Car Show Fundraiser since they are both held on the same Saturday in July. There may be that one day that this happens where they overlap for one hour. First Selectman Temple stated there was never a problem with that in the past.

Wayne McCormick, 593 Putting Green Lane, Oxford. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> a group of concerned citizens sent a letter to the First Selectmen which expressed concerns about the construction of the power plant, and attached a series of suggestions and concerns regarding safety, environmental health and financial concerns. He hoped the Board found it helpful and encourages the Board to use some of the ideas. First Selectman Temple did look it over, and the Town attorney looked it over, and First Selectman Temple stated we do have a demolition bond. All of the safety issues did go before the Citing Council and there were numerous meetings regarding safety and a lot of these concerns have been addressed. First Selectman Temple asked Mr. McCormick if he would like to come in next week to discuss these items, and will have Joann Pelton contact him to set up an appointment.

Kathy Johnson wanted to address First Selectman Temple as part of Audience of Citizens. She stated that we have come to a point with the power plant and that it doesn't matter at this point. Many people decided how to approach it. Since its conception, Oxford has been very good to CPV and we worked with them. They worked with us. She would like to see CPV contact us, and feels they want to be a good neighbor. We spoke our mind, and this vote could have been a nay or a yea and we need to come up with a plan B. She believes asking CPV if they can come back to the table and see what we can do to bring us together again. She is a doubting Thomas, but until she see the girders going up, and a sign that a Union is building, she is holding her last ray of hope on her position. First Selectman Temple stated at the Bowling event, there were some electricians that have already gotten their marching orders. We will have a meeting with CPV and they are in very good shape when the referendum got voted down; they got the financing they needed since they saved \$60 million. First Selectman Temple will meet with them again and see what their attitude is. They did speak with them regarding silting of wetlands up at the site, and they are purifying their property. There is other activity on Lot 10. CPV was extremely concerned about it and notified DEEP. They have a sweeper that sweeps the road all day. They are being environmentally conscious.

Christine Jelenik, 161 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, Oxford, asked about Garden Homes Management and the things going on in court regarding the Affordable Housing. First Selectman Temple stated they are modular homes. We are not getting credit for having affordable housing up there because they are temporary housing. Oxford does not have enough affordable housing and we have an issue that we are appealing in court. The judge has not heard our arguments on the briefs yet. We have a very appealable issue here. Ms. Jelenik asked about the zoning law of two acres. First Selectman Temple stated that with 830G there is no zoning. The State tells us that we need to have a certain number of affordable houses. The judge says that we have to have ingress and egress from the airport access road, and the State won't give it to them. Our Fire Marshall testified that it won't be one unit burning, it will be about 12 of them going up. First Selectman Temple feels it is not a safe place to put these in an industrial area, and there is no place for the kids to play. Ms. Jelenik stated that Garden Homes is not listed as affordable housing, they are technically market rate. This is not something she would like to see coming to Oxford. They come in and say they want to do X,Y, & Z and then they change it. First Selectman Temple stated he agrees with Ms. Jelenik and we have voted it down and we are appealing it.

David McKane, 11 Tram Drive, Oxford, asked about the costs of the GPS's in the Public Works vehicles, cost of the installation and monitoring, and asked if they are in or will be put in other town vehicles. Jim Hliva stated they cost about \$20 per month per vehicle. We have 16 vehicles so it costs about \$4000 a year. David McKane asked if the Board of Selectmen were thinking about putting them in other town vehicles. First Selectman Temple stated we do have them in the police cars and thought about them for the ambulance vehicles. He will give it some thought for the other town vehicles.

Pete Zbras, 26 Autumn Ridge Road, Oxford, stated that at the last meeting First Selectman Temple brought up the cell factory in Beacon Falls. That factory will put out 300,000 gallons of water; 150,000 gallons will be disbursed in the ground water. It is one of the fewer plants that put out the smallest emissions. First Selectman Temple stated they came to us first and he couldn't justify the water usage. That project depends very much on State and Federal money, and the State is in debt so First Selectman Temple doesn't know if they will get the State money. Mr. Zbras is concerned about the ground water being contaminated and the fact that Beacon Falls borders Oxford.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Romanowski".

Lynda Romanowski  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen



**To: Board of Selectmen**

**April 6, 2016**

**From: Finance Director**

**Re: 2015-2016 Transfer requests**

Item #	Department	Account	Account Number	Amount
1	TO: Planning and Zoning	Stenographer	5430-593	\$ 500.00
	FROM: Planning and Zoning	Conferences	5430-555	\$ 250.00
	FROM: Planning and Zoning	Education	5430-590	\$ 250.00
	Motion			
	Seconded			
	Vote			
	Comments			
2	TO: Elderly	Telephone	5295-775-7	\$ 23.00
	FROM: Elderly	Cell Telephone	5295-774	\$ 23.00
	Motion			
	Seconded			
	Vote			
	Comments			
3	TO: Elderly	Facility Repairs	5295-613	\$ 1,237.00
	FROM: Finance	Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$ 1,237.00
	Motion			
	Seconded			
	Vote			
	Comments			
4	TO: Town Hall	Facility Maintenance	5545-613	\$ 7,260.00
	FROM: Town Hall	Heating	5545-625	\$ 7,260.00
	Motion			
	Seconded			
	Vote			
	Comments			

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To: Board of Selectmen

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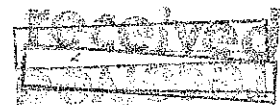
From: Finance Director

Re: 2015-2016 Appropriation requests

tem #	Department	Account	Account Number	Amount
1	TO: Debt Principal	Debt Principal Leases	5281-580	\$ 619,136.62
	FROM: General Fund Balance			\$ 619,136.62

Motion  
Seconded  
Vote  
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*Margaret H. West*  
TOWN CLERK



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