



TOWN OF OXFORD

S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall
486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478-1298

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
7:30 PM – Town Hall Main Meeting Room

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:36 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Scott Flaherty, Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Selectman Jeff Haney

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the late Selectman Jeffrey Haney.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 2/25/19 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to keep the 2/25/19 Special Meeting minutes tabled. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 3/6/19 Special Meeting (Budget & Capital Plan)

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 3/6/19 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. 3/6/19 Regular Meeting

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 3/6/19 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Hire full-Time Police Officer

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Full-Time Police Officer as Item #1 and move all subsequent matters down accordingly. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. FireFighters Certified Tax Abatements for 2018

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add FireFighters Certified Tax Abatements for 2018 as Item #11 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #12. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hire Full-Time Police Officer

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Donatella Jones as a Full-Time Oxford Police Officer with a start date of Monday, March 25, 2019 and a pay rate of \$30.78 per hour CONTINGENT UPON the passage of all exams and training as set forth by the CT Police Officers Standards and Training and upon the recommendation of the Resident State Trooper Supervisor. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Donatella Jones will serve with the Oxford Police Department. She is originally from Venezuela and speaks three languages. She will be an SRO at the schools. First Selectman George Temple is delighted to have her become part of the Oxford Police force. Photographs were taken of First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Scott Flaherty, Resident State Trooper Sgt. Dan Semosky, and newly hired police officer Donatella Jones.

2. Oxford High School Cheerleaders Certificates of Recognition

Oxford High School Cheerleaders were recognized for their outstanding achievements. First Selectman George Temple asked Assistant Coach Haley Dauerty to share the accomplishments of the cheerleaders with those in attendance at the meeting.

Haley explained that the cheerleaders were involved in community service for the Town after the tornadoes hit the Town of Oxford. The cheerleaders then participated in all of the basketball and football season home games.

Following the basketball and football season, the cheerleaders began their competition season. The cheerleaders placed at all but one competition. The cheerleaders were declared team of the year for the first time in Oxford's history. They won the State competition and placed third at the Regional competition.

Nine (9) of the 20 cheerleaders are in the freshmen class.

First Selectman George Temple expressed his appreciation for the cheerleaders' support as well as the football team's support in assisting Oxford during the emergency after the tornadoes hit the Town. He also stated how proud the Selectmen are of the cheerleaders.

Selectman Scott Flaherty proceeded to call the names of each cheerleader. The following cheerleaders were given Certificates of Recognition by First Selectman George Temple:

Danielle Barberio
Caroline Benczkowski
Alexandra (Ali) Biondo
Madison Bizzotto
Kendra Bogart
Vanessa Chop
Isabella Chop
Erin Cote
Ashleigh Dugan
Molly Jacob
Alena Kica
Lia Luff
Hailey Lyder
Danielle Manning
Teresa Mineo
Jenna Myers
Isabella Pavia
Nicole Pavia
Mackenzie Sill
Emily Zibelin

First Selectman George Temple congratulated Head Coach Jen Miller and Assistant Coach Haley Dauerty for their work with the cheerleaders. Photographs were taken of the cheerleaders, coaches, First Selectman George Temple and Selectman Scott Flaherty.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to take a five (5) minute recess at 7:54 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

First Selectman George Temple called the meeting back to order at 7:59 PM.

3. Town-Wide Cleanup Month

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the following Town-Wide Cleanup Month Resolution as presented and requested by the Conservation/Inland Wetlands Agency in their letter dated 2/14/19:

WHEREAS, the Oxford Conservation Commission Inland Wetlands Agency has declared from April 1st through April 30th as Town Wide Clean-Up Month; and

WHEREAS, Town Wide Clean-Up Month is celebrated annually to recommit to protect our flora and fauna and make Oxford a beautiful place to live; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford reaffirms its commitment to the goals and principles of Town Wide Clean-Up Month and in keeping with our goal to protect and make Oxford a beautiful place to live, and supports Town Wide Clean-Up by:

1. Inviting and encouraging citizens, businesses, organizations, schools, clubs, neighborhoods and families to participate in community Town wide Clean-Up activities; and
2. By providing support through participation of Town Departments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford declare from April 1st through April 30th as Town Wide Clean-Up Month and authorizes the Public Works Department to remain open until 5:00 PM on the last two Saturdays of April.

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

Discussion: The Town Wide Clean-Up month is done each year. Oxford Town Hall always participates. Denise Randall, administrative secretary for the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency, organizes the Town clean up each year. First Selectman George Temple stated that a resident submitted a letter that offered suggestions for the clean up, including florescent t-shirts to identify individuals participating in the clean up and providing bags for trash. Public Works will pick up any bags left at homes by the street for neighborhood clean up. First Selectman George Temple thanked Denise for volunteering to spearhead the event.

4. Hire Part-Time Public Works Snow Plow Driver

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Charlie Christensen, of 47 West Street, as a Part-Time Public Works Snow Plow Driver at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour and a start date of

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February 11, 2019. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Charlie assisted with the last storm. The Town needs part-time drivers. He was recommended by Public Works for the position.

5. Award Tall Pines Subdivision Detention Pond Tree Removal Bid

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to award the Tall Pines Subdivision Detention Pond Tree Removal Bid to Southbury Tree Service for the amount of \$10,000.00 to be taken from the General Fund; as presented and recommended by the Inland/Wetlands Enforcement Official in his letter dated 3/12/19. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: FEMA will reimburse 75% of the money expended.

6. Oxford Main Street Project's Connecticut Connectivity Grant – Approve and Approve Funding

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Oxford Main Street Project's Connecticut Connectivity Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 to be taken from the General Fund for the eventual payment of soft costs and its contingencies for the construction only of the municipal streetscapes and the Little River Nature Preserve trail. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This matter will go to the Board of Finance. This grant is through DOT and NVCOG in the amount of \$398,200.00. In order to receive this money, the grant stipulates that the Town be responsible for soft costs.

7. Senior Center Custodian Pay Rate Increase – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve an increase in pay for the Senior Center Custodian from \$11.85 per hour to \$16.52 per hour. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The pay for the custodian at the Senior Center has not increased since he started working there. All other custodians in the Town have been earning \$16.52 per hour. The Senior Center custodian's pay will now equal the current pay scale for all Town custodians.

8. Part-Time Police Officer Pay Rate Increase – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve an increase in pay for the Part-Time Police Officer Scott McCue from \$23.43 per hour to \$30.10 per hour. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott McCue has served as a policeman for the Town for several years without a raise in pay. The \$30.10 per hour is the current rate.

9. FY 2018 – 2019 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to *table* the FY 2018-2019 Transfer Requests. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None

10. FY 2018 – 2019 Appropriation Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to *table* the FY 2018-2019 Appropriation Requests. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

11. FireFighters Certified Tax Abatements for 2018

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the attached (Attachment A) FireFighters Certified Abatements for 2018 as presented and recommended by the Board of Chiefs in their letter dated 3/18/19. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The tax abatement is given to the firemen each year as a means of thanking them for their service to the Town.

12. Report of First Selectman

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
George H. Flaherty
TOWN CLERK

FireFighters Certified for Tax Abatement Calendar Year 2018

Attachment A

2019-005 Tax Abatement Final no 0

TOTAL Calls		391	#Drills	10	Service Date	12/31/2018
25 percent of calls		98	50%	5		
10 percent of calls		39				
1	Andrew, Ryan W.	7	09/10/07	11		X \$1,000 Tax
2	Armitage, Forrest	10	10/10/17	1	X	\$500 Tax
3	Belinsky, Edward P.	6	03/04/02	16		X \$1,000 Tax
4	Bernardini, Thomas R.	7	12/12/95	23		X \$1,000 Tax
5	Blakeman, Jared J.	9	04/22/14	4		X \$1,000 Tax
6	Blood, Ken C.	7	10/10/89	29		X \$1,000 Tax
7	Bongiorno, Justin	8	03/04/13	5		X \$1,000 Check
8	Calabrese, Joseph	7	07/10/06	12		X \$1,000 Tax
9	Ceste, David S.	3	02/23/12	6		X \$1,000 Tax
10	Coy, Andrew	10	01/05/96	22		X \$1,000 Tax
11	Crouch, Timothy C.	3	11/10/15	3		X \$1,000 Tax
12	Downs, John A. Jr.	9	07/09/79	39		X \$1,000 Tax
13	Downs, John A. Sr.	8	07/15/57	61	X	\$500 Tax
14	Fette, Al R.	3	08/14/01	17		X \$1,000 Tax
15	Galla, Joseph	6	01/15/97	21		X \$1,000 Tax
16	Gannon, Patrick J	3	02/13/17	1		X \$1,000 Tax
17	Giacchi, Thomas D.	3	02/08/05	13		X \$1,000 Tax
18	Gies, Jim	7	06/14/87	31		X \$1,000 Tax
19	Gramigna, Daniel R.	3	09/11/06	12		X \$1,000 Tax
20	Halstead, Scott D.	7	01/25/95	23		X \$1,000 Tax
21	Hedge, Mathew D.	3	08/01/05	13		X \$1,000 Tax
22	Hellauer Jr., Edward J	3	09/03/11	7		X \$1,000 Tax
23	Hoffmann, Steven	7	04/14/14	4		X \$1,000 Tax
24	Hylinski, Gary W.	3	11/12/03	15		X \$1,000 Tax
25	Krassner, Mark P.	3	11/12/02	16		X \$1,000 Tax
26	Krassner, Melissa M	7	08/14/12	6		X \$1,000 Tax
27	Leake, Kyle E.	10	04/12/10	8		X \$1,000 Check
28	Lesak, Jon C	5	04/08/13	5		X \$1,000 Check
29	Luskay, Louis A. III	3	06/01/92	26	X	\$500 Tax
30	Mazzucco, Louis E.	3	11/14/77	41		X \$1,000 Check
31	Munda, James A.	3	12/14/15	3		X \$1,000 Tax
32	Muttick, George	7	03/06/06	12		X \$1,000 Tax
33	Nash, Colin W.	9	12/25/02	16	X	\$500 Tax
34	Nelsen, Keith D.	3	01/01/96	22	X	\$500 Tax
35	Noll, Victor R.	9	01/04/82	36		X \$1,000 Tax
36	Pelletier, Gary	5	10/01/91	27		X \$1,000 Tax
37	Pelletier, Scott J.	6	10/24/79	39		X \$1,000 Tax
38	Richmond, Timothy M.	6	01/01/94	24		X \$1,000 Tax
39	Romeo, Matthew J	9	04/18/17	1		X \$1,000 Tax
40	Silberkleit, Jay N.	8	08/11/01	17		X \$1,000 Check
41	Vizzo, Brian J.	5	01/09/06	12		X \$1,000 Check
42	Vizzo, David M.	3	08/10/09	9		X \$1,000 Check
43	Vizo, Paul T	3	11/09/09	9		X \$1,000 Tax
44	Wierner, Daniel B.	6	09/12/05	13		X \$1,000 Tax
44	TOTAL					\$41,500