

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 06, 2024
7:30 PM - Town Hall

First Selectman George Temple opened the meeting at 7:34 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Dave McKane and Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman Kristyn Rosa.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 2/21/24 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 2/21/24 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. 2/22/24 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 2/22/24 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman Temple. All 2 Ayes. Selectman David McKane Abstained. Motion Carried.

3. 2/29/24 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 2/29/24 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carried.

AMENDMENTS

1. Valley Emergency Medical Service Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Valley Emergency Medical Service Appointment under Appointments. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes Motion Carried.

2. Rhode Island Lights Subdivision, Quaker Farms Road, Open Space – Discuss with Possible Action

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Rhode Island Lights Subdivision, Quaker Farms Road, Open Space – Discuss with Possible Action as Item # 4 and move each of the following items down one. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Valley Emergency Medical Service Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Robert Pettinella to the Valley Emergency Medical Service as the Oxford Representative. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes Motion Carried.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple expressed his strong support for this appointment. He has known Mr. Pettinella for a long time and knows he has been involved with Valley Emergency Medical Services for many years. Mr. Pettinella will be an excellent representative for the Town of Oxford. Selectman David McKane also stated that Mr. Pettinella is his neighbor and supports this appointment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town-Wide Clean Up Resolution

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following Town-Wide Cleanup Month Resolution as presented and requested by the Conservation/Inland Wetlands Agency:

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

WHEREAS, Town Wide Cleanup 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 Cleanup Month and in keeping with our goal to protect and make Oxford a beautiful place to live, and supports Town Wide Cleanup by:

1. Inviting and encouraging all citizens, businesses, organizations, schools, clubs, neighborhoods, and families to participate in community Town Wide Cleanup 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 Cleanup Month and authorizes the Public Works Department to remain open until 5:00 PM on the last two (2) Saturdays of April.

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carried

2. Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company Use of Town Hall Parking Lot Request for Annual Car Show Fundraiser

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the use of the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, July 20, 2024 (rain date of July 21, 2024) between the hours of 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM for spectator parking during a Car Cruise Fundraiser event, which is being held at the Oxford Center Firehouse; as requested in their letter dated 2/26/24. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussion: Chief Pelletier stated that the fire department appreciated the Board's support in allowing cars to park in the parking lot for the Oxford Center Fire House annual car show.

3. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$3,115.68, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 2/29/24, and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussion: Before the meeting, the Selectmen discussed the refunds with Tax Collector Helen Leung and had no concerns.

4. Rhode Island Lights Subdivision, Quaker Farms Road, Open Space – Discuss with Possible Action

Discussion:

During the meeting, Assessor Penny Mudget informed the Board about the recent creation of a four-lot subdivision on 228 Quaker Farms Road. Of this land, 3.24 acres have been assessed to Rhode Island Lights. The Board must decide whether to deed the open space to the Town or the Land Trust.

First Selectman George Temple motioned not to assess Rhode Island Lights for the 3.4 acres of open space on 228 Quaker Farms Road for the grand list year beginning October 1, 2023. The Town will convey this property to the Land Trust. Selectman Arnold Jensen seconded the motion. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carried.

First Selectman George Temple moved that the town will quit claim its interest of the 3.4 acres of open space on 228 Quaker Farms Road to the Land Trust within two weeks. Selectman Arnold Jensen seconded the motion. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Capital Improvement Plan – Approve and Forward to Town Meeting

MOTION:

NO ACTION:

The Board of Selectmen approved and forwarded the Capital Improvement Plan to a Town Meeting during the prior Special Board of Selectmen Meeting held at 4:00 p.m.

6. FY 2024-2025 Town Operating Budget – Approve and Forward to Board of Finance

NO ACTION:

The Board of Selectmen approved and forwarded the FY 2024-2025 Town Operating Budget during the prior Special Board of Selectmen Meeting held at 4:00 p.m.

7. Report of First Selectman

- Congratulations to the Oxford High School Girls' Basketball Team for advancing to the CIAC State Tournament. The Oxford Wolverines will face St. Paul High School at Naugatuck High on Friday, March 8th, at 7 p.m.
- Fire Fighter James Geis is set to be inducted into the Fire Fighters Hall of Fame on April 4, 2024, as announced by Chief Pelletier. Congratulations!
- The Quaker Farms Fire Department is scheduled to celebrate its 75th anniversary on April 6, 2024.
- Riverside Pancake Breakfast is happening at the end of March. Take advantage of the delicious pancakes and great company!
- Budget season is in full swing! The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance are working very diligently to prepare and present the Town's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The process involves carefully considering various factors such as revenue projections, expenditures,

and the community's needs. The Board of Selectmen has done its part by passing the FY 2024-2025 Town Operating Budget to the Board of Finance, who will now scrutinize the numbers and make any necessary adjustments before presenting the final budget to the people of the Town.

It is a crucial time for all involved, and their hard work and dedication are important to ensuring that the Town can continue to thrive and provide essential services to its residents.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

NONE

Adjournment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Rosa

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Administrative Assistant
Office of the First Selectman

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