

Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2015
7:30 PM - Town Hall

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 1/21/15 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/21/15 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 1/22/15 Special Joint Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/22/15 Special Joint Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. 1/22/15 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/22/15 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. 1/28/15 Special Joint Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/28/15 Special Joint Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Library Building Committee Update

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Library Building Committee Update as Item #1 under New Business. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Resolution for Quaker Farms Roof Repair

MOTION

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Resolution for the Quaker Farms Roof Repair as item #9A before the Report of the First Selectman. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Chief of Chiefs – Re-Appoint Scott Pelletier

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Scott Pelletier as the Chief of Chiefs for 2015, as presented in the Oxford Fire Department's letter dated 1/14/15. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – Appoint Andrew Pianka

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Andrew Pianka, of 18 Lake Drive, to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/16. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Question was raised if we have an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Yes we do.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Kathy Johnson, 68 Dorman Road, Oxford asked about the new Public Works' trucks and why don't we have them yet. Kathy Johnson is upset with the Board of Finance, and that it shouldn't have happened in this town. First Selectman George Temple stated that it took too long to get approved. The Town was trying to lease the vehicles but the Board of Finance did not want to go along with that. First Selectman George Temple stated he is aware of it, and it bothers him also. The new trucks do have the chassis and the body but have to be fitted. Next year we will have them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Building Committee Update

George Mitchell, Chairman, gave an update from the Oxford Library Building Committee and reviewed the two selected options for the new Library. Option A is a stand-alone building on Great Oak Road at a \$3.200m Building Cost and \$0.222m Annual recurring cost, and Option B is for the Library to be located at the Oxford Towne Center at a \$3.000m Building Cost and \$0.247m annual recurring cost. Advantages and disadvantages were discussed in detail. The Committee is recommending Option B which would have an estimated increase in mill rate of .2836. Option A would have an estimated increase in mill rate of 0.2657. (A copy of the project update is attached.)

First Selectman George Temple thanked George Mitchell and the committee for the excellent job. First Selectman George Temple asked about the donations and stated before the Town would commit, the monies would have to be disbursed. Selectman Dave McKane asked about the \$30,000 fixed maintenance cost for Option B, and questioned what will happen after the five years, and also, how it compares to the stand-alone option. The time frame for the two options was discussed.

First Selectman discussed the disadvantages of Option 2 for the children of Oxford, since he didn't know how difficult it would be going through a shopping center, and going upstairs, since the Library will be located on the second floor. First Selectman George Temple stated that we would need to do a presentation at a Public Hearing, and once this is done, it would need to come back to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, and then he would like to see it go to a referendum so everyone in Town can have a say in it.

Jack Kiley, Board of Finance Chairman, questioned why we would not want to rent the space in the Towne Center to generate tax revenue, and stated renting a building is profitable. George Mitchell commented that the committee looked at four different properties and has been working on this project for 62 months, and asked for the Board of Finances support and guidance. The Library can be placed wherever the Board decides. The Library Building Committee meets the first Monday of every month and would welcome the Board of Finances guidance.

2. Establish a 2015 Charter Revision Commission, Approve Charge and Appoint Members

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to establish a 2015 Charter Revision Commission and approve the following Charge:

Charge of the 2015 Charter Revision Commission

Be it resolved that an Oxford Charter Revision Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen under Article 10, Section 10-5 of the Oxford Town Charter which shall follow

Connecticut General Statutes and consider amending all of, but not limited to, the following articles and/or sections:

- Review Oxford Town Charter adopted 1/1/12
- Clarify language and correct any grammar or spelling errors where found
- Section 1-3 (A) Amendment of Charter
- Section 3-4 Capital Plan Town Meeting
- Section 3-5 (B) Annual Budget Town Meeting
- Section 3-9 (A) Questions Removed to Referendum by Charter pr by Selectmen
- Section 3-10 Ordinances – General Powers and Provisions
- Section 4-3 Special Powers and Duties
- Section 5-4 Purchases
- Article 6 Finance (All inclusive)
- Section 7-3 (B) Municipal Elections
- Section 7-7 Political Party Representation
- Section 8-10 Fire Commissioners
- Section 9-1 Administrative Officers and Employees General

This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple discussed this change will be subject to revision, deletion, or any other item that the Board of Selectmen deems important.

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to appoint the following to the 2015 Charter Revision Commission:

Maureen Stachowicz, of 1 Wildflower Drive	(R)
Edward Roman, of 92 Bowers Hill Road	(D)
Margaret West, of 10 Sioux Drive	(D)
Mark Gross, of 511 Quaker Farms Road	(R)
Laura Condon, of 30 Laura Lane	(D)

This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to amend the appointments for the 2015 Charter Revision Commission to include seven people, and add:

Brett Olbrys, 17 Apple Drive	(R)
Keith O'Hara, 18 Hilltop Ridge.	(R)

This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries

3. **Use of Town Hall for FOLIO's Events– Approve**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the use of the Town Hall for the following events for the Friends of the Library in Oxford (FOLIO):

- Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM for hosting a meeting for area library Friends representatives.
- Friday, May 15, 2015 – Saturday May 16, 2015 for the Annual Book Sale.

This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. **Municipal Resolution for Regional Performance Incentive-Program Applications – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Municipal Resolution for Regional Performance Incentive-Program Applications and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposals listed below, as referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s (2014 Supplement):

1. NVCOG Regional GIS Data Development and GIS Website Enhancement
2. Senior Citizen Property Tax Loan Program Feasibility Study
3. State-wide orthophotography and LIDAR data (proposal to be submitted by CRCOG)

This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. **Pulte Homes, Phase III Performance Bond Release – Approve**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the release of the Performance Bond, in the amount of \$100,000, for Pulte Homes, Phase III as recommended by the Town Engineer in his letter dated 12/5/14 and the Planning & Zoning Commission in their Memorandum dated 1/21/15. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

6. **Disband Oxford Arts & Crafts Committee**

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to disband the Arts & Crafts Committee and thank all members for their deep dedication and outstanding service. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. (Note: The duties will now be under the auspices of the Oxford Cultural Arts Commission).

Discussion: This Arts & Crafts shopw will be transferring to the Cultural Arts Committee and the show will go on and it does not cost anything.

7. **Disband Fire Commission – Discussion With Possible Action**

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to disband the Fire Commission and request that all members return their badges, keys, plates and radio's to the Administrative Assistant no later than Friday, February 13, 2015. This was seconded by Jeff Haney for discussion.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple is not in favor of disbanding it yet. He has discussed it with the Fire Chiefs and the Commission members. He will not support this motion and asked if there was a motion to table this action. Selectman Dave McKane asked that if disbanding it does not mean it cannot come back in the future. Selectman Jeff Haney suggested not disbanding it but put a timeframe on the table and let us see what the status will be when we have more time. It was recommended the timeframe be up to six months.

MOTION

Dave McKane moved to withdraw the motion to disband the Fire Commission.

Jeff Haney moved to table Item 7. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. 2 Ayes 1 Opposed by Dave McKane. Motion carries.

8. **CT Bike for HOPE Event – Approve Town of Oxford Routes**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the use of the following Town of Oxford routes for the CT Bike for HOPE Event which will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2015 between approximately 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM:

Woodside Avenue to Wyant Road to Route 67 and reverse (25 mile loop)

Woodside Avenue to Wyant Road to Route 67 to Route 188 in Southbury
Reverse back into Oxford Route 67 into Seymour (50 mile loop)

And to authorize the First Selectman to sign the appropriate approval documents for this event. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. (The Police and Fire

Departments will be notified. Note: This event is fully supported by volunteers, regular rest stops.)

9. **Award the Electricity Supply Bid**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to award the Electricity Supply Bid to Constellation for a three (3) year term which will begin after the February 2015 meter readings and continue for a thirty-six (36) month period. The fixed price as of 9:34 AM on February 4, 2015 is \$0.08262/ kWh and is applicable to the Town and the Board of Education. The rate is "All Inclusive Fixed Pricing" and includes any capacity pass through. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated this was a very good idea since electric rates are going up. J. Hliva discussed these rates, and that this would be good for the Board of Education, will ensure a stable supply, and we will know what the rate is for three years. Jeff Haney stated he is satisfied with this bid.

9A. **Resolution for Quaker Farms Roof Repair**

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to add the following verbiage in the Resolution:

Pursuant to the Board of Finance action on the resolution for appropriating \$800,000 for the replacement of the Quaker Farms School roof, the following language will be used in the resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen authorizes the Oxford Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the roof replacement at the Quaker Farms School.

RESOLVED, that the Oxford School Upgrade Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the roof replacement at the Quaker Farms School.

RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the roof replacement at the Quaker Farms School.

This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

10. **Quaker Farms School Roof Replacement Project Appropriation & Bond Authorization – Set Town Meeting Date**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to set the Town Meeting date for the Quaker Farms School Roof Replacement Project Appropriation and Bond Authorization for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

11. **Report of First Selectman**

First Selectman George Temple commended all of the Firemen, the Public Works Department and Ambulance Services for their work during the Blizzard of 2015. First Selectman George Temple was very impressed with their dedication and professionalism. Dave McKane lost his wheels again on his truck, and we have had equipment problems

First Selectman George Temple would like to thank Denise Randall for arranging the New Haven Digital Mammography Van to be here on February 11, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call to schedule an appointment if you are a woman over 40 years old, with no known problems, and have not had a mammography screening in the past 12 months. First Selectman George Temple would also like to thank Kelly Weymer for getting contributions from workers in the town. This is a very serious problem and early detection is key.

The Valley Council on Government has a new Executive Director.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Jeff Haney would like to follow-up on the Public Works vehicles being repaired and wanted to note that when we talk about keeping these trucks going, not all are old equipment. New equipment breaks also, and some repairs are done on the new trucks.

Dave McKane noted that G. Pelletier helps out in his spare time also, and that the Public Works Department has 2 International trucks that have had problems. We tried to get a purchase/lease and the Board of Finance rejected it. The new trucks are on the assembly line, but there are still ongoing issues with the current vehicles

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney.
All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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Clerk, Board of Selectmen