

**Board of Selectmen's  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**  
**7:30 PM - Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:35 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Great Oak Middle School Cheering Squad. Introduction of the Board of Selectmen was given.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**1. 3/18/15 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 3/18/15 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

**1. Hire Temporary Part-Time Assistant Animal Control Officers**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Temporary Part-Time Assistant Animal Control Officers as Item #7 under New Business and move Report of First Selectman to Item #8. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

Sylvia Hines from Oxford Floor Covering questioned the additional invoice for the extras done at the Oxford Senior Center floor project. She has not gotten an answer regarding the invoice. Two rooms were excluded from being prepped properly, they had loose concrete and there was no way to be able to put tile on loose concrete, and 3 trip charges for her installer were invoiced. She asked First Selectman George Temple to help with this matter. First Selectman George Temple stated the invoice was just turned over to the Town Attorney for his review, and he will meet with him next week to discuss this matter, and will get back to her at Oxford Floor Covering. If the Town Attorney tells us differently, then we do not want to do it.

Kathy Johnson, Dorman Road stated she has faith in the Board of Selectmen that they will do the right thing regarding this matter from Oxford Floor Covering. First Selectman George Temple stated as a former First Selectman, you know it is important to make sure it is earned and justified. Ms. Johnson asked that they take a real close look at it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Great Oak Middle School Cheering Squad and Coaches Recognition**

First Selectman George Temple read the accomplishments of the Cheering Squad at Great Oak School, and is really very proud of these kids. Congratulations! First Selectman Temple presented awards to the coach and each of the cheerleaders. A picture taken with the Cheering Squad and the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman George Temple called a 5 minute recess at 7:58 p.m.

First Selectman George Temple reconvened the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

### **2. Meghan Leung Fire Poster Contest New Haven County Winner**

#### **MOTION**

First Selectman George Temple moved to table this item until Meghan Leung is able to attend the meeting. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

### **3. Retain Land Use Attorney – Discuss with Possible Action**

#### **MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to table this item to retain Peter Olson, Land Use & Conservation Counsel with Chestnut Law, LLC 4 Stony Hill Road in Bethel, as the Land Use Attorney for all Planning & Zoning matters as recommended and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their meeting held on 2/25/15. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**4. Jackson Cove Gate House Project Bid – Award Bid**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to award the Jackson Cove Gate House bid to Sinopoli Contactors, Inc., of 119 Hawley Road, with a bid amount not to exceed \$29,000.00 as explained and presented by the Parks & Director in her letter dated 4/1/15 and as approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The money for this item is coming out of the Jackson Cove fund so it will not cost the Town any money out of the general fund. First Selectman George Temple supports this motion.

**5. Aggie Park Phase I Construction – Award Bid**

**MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to table this item until the next meeting for the Aggie Park Phase I Construction Project Bid recommended by the Agnes Tetlak Schiavi Park Committee in their letter dated 3/25/15. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Jeff Haney has not had the opportunity to review all of the construction documents. First Selectman George Temple would also like to discuss this item with the Town Engineer.

**6. Zoning Enforcement Official Probationary Period – Discussion with Possible Action**

First Selectman George Temple stated that the Zoning Enforcement Official's probationary period is up and that he believes Steve Macary is doing a good job, and has earned the right to be an employee. Any action on this item would be taken only if he did not pass the probationary period.

Peter Zbras, Autumn Ridge Road, agreed with the recommendation with the Zoning Board to lift his probation.

David McKane agrees with everything that has been said about Steve Macary, and that he is a good hire for the Zoning Board. Selectman McKane asked about a step increase for passing the probationary period, and that with his experience and credentials, he deserves more than the minimum rate.

Jeff Haney stated that since it is a Union position, there is no increase because it goes by the Union wage scale. His contract will give him a raise on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

First Selectman George Temple thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to support Mr. Macary.

**7. Hire Temporary Part-Time Assistant Animal Control Officers**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to hire Adrienne Merry, of 523 Beaver Street in Ansonia, and Sue Wlasuk, of 77 Captain Wooster Road, both as Temporary Part-Time Assistant Animal Control Officers, at \$9.15 per hour, while the current Animal Control Officer is on medical leave, effective immediately. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple knows both of these individuals and both have been involved with the Animal Shelter for a long time. They do a great job and they love animals.

A question was raised from the audience how does the town get someone to work for \$9.15 per hour? This is a serious job. This is minimum wage, and they both agreed to it, and are very good people.

Selectman David McKane thinks it is great; he sees how great they both work with the animals, and how good they work getting the animals adopted.

First Selectman George Temple stated we do not euthanize the animals.

**8. Report of First Selectman**

1) Oxford High School ranked 84<sup>th</sup> in the country for high schools, out of 14,000+ schools. We can be very proud of these students. If you look at the kids we had here tonight, their enthusiasm and the joy they display. We are very proud of our students, teachers and parents.

2) First Selectman George Temple received a letter from Ana Ortiz, Superintendent of Schools, and Amy Cote thanking all of people who helped at Quaker Farms School when the pipe burst on February 16th. They appreciated everyone's quick response, and wanted to also thank the custodial staff at Quaker Farms School.

3) First Selectman George Temple received a letter from the Oxford Conservation Commission who would like to make a recommendation to make April a town-wide clean up month, and that the Public Works Department be open late the last two Saturday's in April. This was done last month at the Board of Selectmen meeting, but it is a reminder to everyone.

4) First Selectman George Temple stated he went to both school plays and it was amazing what these students did. Anyone who saw these plays felt very good about the

kids after seeing the plays, and the confidence the kids displayed on stage. First Selectman George Temple congratulated both Center School and the High School Drama Department who knocked it out of the park!

5) First Selectman George Temple stated he met with Congressman Jim Himes, and talked about many things. He discussed the Power Plant, and Congressman Himes is for it, and thinks it is good for the State and the region, and expressed his support.

6) There will be an Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at the Quaker Farms School. Information can be found on the Park & Recreation website, and also on the Patch. Happy Holidays to everyone.

7) First Selectman George Temple will be out next Tuesday and Wednesday for surgery.

### AMENDMENTS

None.

### AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Kathy Johnson, Dorman Road, questioned First Selectman George Temple if Congressman Himes mentioned if he would want to come to talk to the people of Oxford like Chris Shays had done in the past. First Selectman George Temple will bring it up to Congressman Himes to see if he is interested.

### ADJOURNMENT

#### MOTION:

David McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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