Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 7:30 PM - Town Hall

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

Present:

First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman David McKane, Joanne Pelton,

Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Selectman Jeff Haney (due to illness)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 4/1/15 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the 4/1/15 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Christian Street Reconstruction Project First Supplemental Design Agreement <u>Resolution</u> – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

David McKane moved to amend the agenda to add Christian Street Reconstruction Project First Supplemental Design Agreement <u>Resolution</u> – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign as Item #9. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Emergency Appropriation for Snow Removal – Approve and Possible Town Meeting

MOTION:

David McKane moved to amend the agenda to add Emergency Appropriation for Snow Removal – Approve and Possible Town Meeting as Item #10 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #11. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION:

David McKane moved to move Item #6 to the first item under New Business. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

6. Municipal Solar Energy Project Support – Discuss with Possible Action

A presentation was made by Bill Jordon, Founder and CEO of Jordan Energy. Connecticut has the best State programs for the promotion of solar in the country. Jordon Energy's value proposition for Oxford was explained and the objective is to save Oxford significant energy dollars for many years. There is a similar project developed in the neighboring town of Derby. Mr. Jordon gave an estimate of the cost savings Oxford could possibly save. This is a free service for analyzing bills and looking for a location that Jordon Energy can put solar on and save Oxford money. Mr. Jordon explained the CT. Zero renewable energy credit which is new legislation that creates a stable and predictable revenue stream to support incentives for distributed solar. ZREC (Zero Renewable Energy Program) was explained, and this is a 20 year commitment. Mr. Jordon gave comparisons of ZREC pricing for 2012 the average price for ZREC was \$101. In 2013 it averaged \$76; in 2014 it averaged \$59.35. Jordon Energy would put a proposal together, with no upfront costs, ongoing savings, and proactive steps with the environment. The average usage of the town is 600,000 kWh/yr. The proposal would be for 1 megawatt which is the State Program requirement amount. Meters would be placed at one site determined by the Town of Oxford. Oxford's rate would be approximately \$0.135 with a 2% increase program which would not intersect with what Oxford is currently paying until the 16th year. As of now, this can only be offered to towns, and there is legislation being considered to see if this can be offered to households. This energy would be for every town building.

The property in which Oxford would be looking at would be a retired refuse center. First Selectman George Temple asked about a demolition clause. There would be a decommissioning clause in an agreement. Selectman David McKane stated it would be a good idea to pursue and asked if there would be an option to renew after the 20 year period, and will the equipment and technology be updated if needed. Jordon Energy explained that each panel is monitored through the Internet, and they would fly drones over the field to take a look at all the equipment, to be sure the technology is working

properly. This would not interfere with the airport per Bill Jordon. The three variables are the price of power, the cost of land leasing, and tax.

ZREC is an auction and Jordan Energy does its best to win this ZREC bid. It is not a guarantee. The auction is coming up the end of April, and the Bidders Conference will be held the first week in May. The next step is to make a decision to move forward with Jordon Energy and to submit a notice of intent to bid at the ZREC auction at DEEP.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to express the Town of Oxford's interest in the Jordon Energy proposed process at the town owned former landfill property on North Larkey Road. This was seconded by David McKane. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

1. Aggie Park Phase I Construction – Award Bid

This item remains tabled.

2. H&D Catering Peddler's Permit – Approve

MOTION:

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

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the Peddler's Permit for H&D Catering, of 13 Douglas Drive, with the following restrictions as approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission on 4/6/15:

- 1. No selling at Posypanko Park on Babe Ruth's Opening Day (Date TBD)
- 2. No selling at the Oxford Food and Arts Fest on June 7, 2015 (unless a paid and approved vendor for that event).

This was seconded by David McKane. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Board of Selectmen act on this every year and they have all of their certifications in order.

3. Dad's Food Truck Peddler's Permit – Approve

MOTION:

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

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the Peddler's Permit for Dad's Food Truck, of 189 Punkup Road, CONTINGENT UPON receipt of a current Pomperaug District Department of Health permit, with the following restrictions as approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission on 4/6/15:

1. No selling at Posypanko Park on Babe Ruth's Opening Day (Date TBD)

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple.

Discussion: Discussion was held why Dad's Food Truck does not have the same restriction as the previous item that there be no selling at the Oxford Food and Arts Fest on June 7, 2015.

MOTION:

David McKane moved to add the second restriction stated in Item #2 of No selling at the Oxford Food and Arts Fest on June 7, 2015 (unless a paid and approved vendor for that event.) This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. The Ride for Our Vets Bike Route - Approve Oxford Route

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the use of the following Town of Oxford routes for The Ride for Our Vets Bike event which will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2015 between approximately 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM:

Route 188 rotary, Holbrook Road to Great Hill Road, left onto Route 67, right onto Chestnut Tree Hill Road Extension and right onto Pines Bridge Road

This was seconded by David McKane. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries. Note: the Police and Fire Departments will be notified.

This ride starts in Stamford. First Selectman George Temple stated Oxford supports the Veterans. David McKane stated this is a good idea, and has friends he knows that will be riding in it.

5. Town Clerk's Historical Document Preservation Grant <u>Resolution</u> – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the following Town Clerk's Historic Documents Preservation Grant *Resolution* and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED: That George R. Temple, First Selectman of the Town of Oxford, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

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

7. Anti-Blight Study Committee – Appoint Liaison, Reduce Membership

MOTION:

David McKane moved to appoint the Zoning Enforcement Official Steve Macary as the Liaison to the Anti-Blight Study Committee and reduce the membership from six (6) members to five (5) members. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This committee had a resignation and they have not been able to fill it and are unable to get a quorum. We have six members now and want to reduce it to 5 members.

8. FY 2014-2015 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the 2014-2015 transfer requests as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 4/15/15. Items #1 through #15 were seconded by David McKane. All 2 Ayes for Items #1-#15. One recusal from David McKane for items #16 & #17. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to table items #16 & #17 from the FY 2014-2015 Transfer Request. This was seconded by David McKane. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

9. Christian Street Reconstruction Project First Supplemental Design Agreement Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the following Christian Street Reconstruction Project First Supplemental Design Agreement <u>Resolution</u> and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED, that George R. Temple, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled "First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement May 28, 2009 between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Oxford for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimate for Reconstruction of Christian Street utilizing Federal Funds under the Urban Component of the Surface Transportation Program"

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

Discussion: This is required and everything is in order. David McKane commented that it is unfortunate that we had to do it in sections, and is being done little by little but it is getting done. First Selectman George Temple stated that the Town put in \$200,000, and the State put in the rest of the funds of a little over \$2 million for the project.

10. Emergency Appropriation for Snow Removal – Approve and Possible Town Meeting

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve an emergency appropriation, in an amount not to exceed \$117,710.04 (\$79,819.64 for overtime and \$37,890.40 for materials), for snow removal for the 2014-2015 winter season and forward this matter to the Board of Finance and then to a Town Meeting. This was seconded by David McKane. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: David McKane questioned whether he was allowed to vote. J. Hliva, Finance Director stated it is a natural disaster or occurrence that happened this past winter. David McKane disclosed he is a Public Works Department employee. First Selectman George Temple did not believe there is a conflict.

11. Report of First Selectman

Adams Equipment Inc., a maker of industrial scales, is breaking ground in Oxford. Our industrial area is taking off and we are delighted to have this company in Oxford.

It is the first day of fishing season.

A program was held on the Civil War at the Congregational Church which was terrific. The Historical Society did a wonderful job and everything was historically accurate. Emma Lobraico had written a speech that Abraham Lincoln was supposed to have written. She did a beautiful job. First Selectman George Temple would like to thank the Historical Society for doing this.

Next week the opening day of Baseball will be on April 25, 2015.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

David McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Romanowski

Clerk, Board of Selectman

To: Board of Selectmen

April 15, 2015

From: Finance Director

tem #		Department	Account	Account Number	Ar	nount
1	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Bd of Assessment Appeals Bd of Assessment Appeals	Legal Notice Clerk	5212-670 5212-571-91	\$	62.40 62.40
2	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Building Building	Vehicle Maintenance Asst Bldg Official	5230-811 5230-38	\$	500.00 500.00
3	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Police Police	Uniforms Wages Police Officers	5433-785 5433-515	\$	5,000.00 5,000.00
4	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Dog warden Dog warden	Heating Equipment	5285-625 5285-604	\$ \$	800.00 800.00
5	TO: TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Conservation IWWC Conservation IWWC Finance Contingency	Engineer Office Supplies Finance Contingency	5265-570-111 5265-770 5320-560-5320	\$ \$ \$	750.00 750.00 1,500.00



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6	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Elderly Elderly	Photo Supplies Office Supplies	5295-707 5295-770	\$ 1.05 \$ 1.05
7	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Assessor Finance Contingency	Photo Supplies Finance Contingency	5215-521-1000 5320-560-5320	\$ 100.00 \$ 100.00
8	TO: TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Planning and Zoning Planning and Zoning Finance Contingency	Engineer Legal Services Finance Contingency	5430-598 5430-672 5320-560-5320	\$ 5,000.00 \$ 5,000.00 \$ 10,000.00
9	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Library Library	Magazines Facility Maintenance	5390-680 5390-613	\$ 240.00 \$ 240.00
10	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Elderly Library	Vehicle Maintenance Finance Contingency	5295-811 5320-560-5320	\$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

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11	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Ambulance Ambulance	Facility Maintenance Facility Supplies	5210-613 5210-614	\$ \$	1,200.00 1,200.00	
12	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	IWWC Conservation Finance	Asst Enforcment fill in Finance Contingency	5390-680 5320-560-5320	\$ \$	500.00 500.00	
13	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Town Counsel Town Counsel	Leg Serv Additional Counsel Legal Service land Use	5535-672-203 5535-672-205	\$	33,360.27 33,360.27	
14	TO: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Wages Supervisors Union Val Finance Library	Leg Serv Additional Counsel Finance Contingency Childrens Librarian	Various 5320-560-5320 5390-515-81	\$ \$ \$ \$	19,147.00 18,176.00 971.00	

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tem :	# TO: FROM: FROM: FROM: FROM: FROM: FROM:	Department Wages Clerical Union Various Finance Library Building Planning and Zoning Finance	Account Leg Serv Additional Counsel Finance Contingency Childrens Librarian Asst Building Official part time clerk Financing Costs	Account Number Various 5320-560-5320 5390-515-81 5230-513-35 5430-517-92 5315-608	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Amount 12,968.00 8,261.00 1,934.00 682.00 967.00 1,124.00
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
16	TO: FROM: FROM: FROM:	Wages Non Union Finance Building Finance	Various Finance Contingency Asst Building Official Financing Costs	Various 5320-560-5320 5230-513-35 5315-608	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	22,971.00 18,882.00 1,718.00 2,371.00
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
17	то:	Wages Public works	Various	Various	\$	13,616.00
	FROM:	Finance	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$	13,616.00
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					