

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
7:30 PM - Town Hall

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 5/5/15 Special Meeting

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the 5/5/15 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

MOTION:

David McKane moved to amend the agenda to add discussion with possible action regarding naming the Hearing Room after John Fiore. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments discussed.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Kathy Johnson and Mike Caprio thanked the Selectmen for considering naming the Hearing Room here at Town Hall after John Fiore. He was a good man and dedicated to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Civil War Essay Winners

First Place: Emma Lobraico

Second Place: Kathleen Manning

Third Place: Nathan Riemer

Fourth Place: Beth Whitehead

First Selectman George Temple was truly impressed with these four essays. He was amazed at the Historical Society's presentation of the Civil War and the first place winner's essay sounded just like Ab Lincoln would sound.

2. Miss Connecticut Senior America Pageant 2015 Representative

(Catherine Szerszen of Oxford) did not attend the meeting.

3. MasoniCare Presentation

MOTION:

David McKane moved to table this matter since MasoniCare was not there. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Agricultural Advisory Committee Children's Garden and Farmer's Market – Update and Approve Peddler's Permit

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Agriculture Advisory Committee's Peddler's Permit to hold a Farmer's Market at Oxford Center School on Saturdays beginning July 2015 through November 2015 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM as presented and to waive the Peddler's Permit fee. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The applicant, Robert Owsiany, spoke about the Farmer's Market. He said it will be in the parking lot next to the firehouse on Rte 67. There are 4 vendors signed up so far. Fresh, local fruits and vegetables, maple syrup, and honey are some of the goods to be sold there. The Gazy Brothers, as always, will be there. Robert also discussed a Children's Garden to be put in where the old tennis courts are on Great Oak School's property. First Selectman George Temple said the cost will be minimal and a good aid and lesson for the kids. Robert Owsiany is going to present the idea to the Board of Education next month.

5. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$4,518.45, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter received on 5/5/15 and authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

6. Ryan's Superhero 5K Road Race Saturday, September 26, 2015 – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve Ryan's Superhero 5K Road Race, which is to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 8:00 AM though approximately 11:00 AM. The 5K loop will commence at the Colonial Tavern on Hawley Road then to Pope Road, Hurley Road, Donovan Road, Ridge Road, Christian Street and back onto Hawley Road and end at the Colonial Tavern; all as presented and recommended in their letter received on 5/11/15. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple supports this race, the money goes to a good cause. Ryan's family donated the tennis courts on Great Oak Road.

7. FY 2015 – 2016 Holiday's – Approve

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the following FY 2015 – 2016 Holiday Schedule:

<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>Friday July 3, 2015</i>
<i>Saturday, July 4, 2015</i>	
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>Monday, September 7, 2015</i>
<i>Columbus Day</i>	<i>Monday, October 12, 2015</i>
<i>Veteran's Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 11, 2015</i>
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 25, 2015 – ½ Day</i> <i>Thursday, November 26, 2015</i> <i>Friday, November 27, 2015</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Thursday, December 24, 2015</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Friday, December 25, 2015</i>

<i>New Years Day</i>	<i>Friday, January 1, 2016</i>
<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	<i>Monday, January 18, 2016</i>
<i>President's Day</i>	<i>Monday, February 15, 2016</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday, March 25, 2016</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>Monday, May 30, 2016</i>

** Please refer to your specific Contract or Personnel Regulations for Holidays on Monday's and Friday's*

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

8. Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company's Parade Apparatus Request – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company the use of the following fire apparatus as presented and requested in their letter dated 5/4/15:

5/25/15 Memorial Day Parade: Engine 31, Tanker 33, Engine 32, Utility 35 and Gators

5/30/15 Oxford Center Fire Company's 75th Anniversary Parade: Engine 31, Tanker 33, Engine 32, Utility 35 and Gators

6/13/15 Beacon Falls Parade: Engine 31 or Engine 32

8/1/15 Thomaston Parade: Engine 31 or Engine 32

9/20/15 State Convention Parade in Beacon Falls: Engine 31, Tanker 33, Engine 32, Utility 35 and Gators

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

9. Garden Club's Request to Use Senior Center for Annual Pot Luck Dinner – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to allow the Oxford Garden Club to use the Oxford Senior Center for their Annual Pot Luck Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM CONTINGENT UPON them opening, closing and cleaning the Senior Center; as they presented and requested in their letter received on 5/11/15. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Jeff Haney said it makes sense to let the Garden Club use the Senior Center since most of the members are seniors and they do a great job cleaning up after themselves.

10. Hire Parks & Recreation Summer Employees

MOTION:

David McKane moved to hire the Parks & Recreation Camp Counselors and Lifeguards as presented by the Parks & Recreation Director in her letter dated 5/20/15. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

11. Hire Part-Time Fill-In Employee

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire Kassidy Rosa, of 6 Skyline Drive, as a Part-Time Fill-In Employee, at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour, effective immediately. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple said Kassidy is a longtime resident and a college student with 3.8 GPA.

12. Report of First Selectman

First Selectman George Temple read a letter from Oxford Brownies Troop 60271 asking permission to put a food box outside Town Hall to collect cans, etc. to support the Oxford and Seymour Food Bank. He granted their request. He talked about the Memorial Day Parade and Run and said our newest Trooper would be playing the bagpipes in front of Town Hall. He said we had a successful Art Show over the weekend and the Fireman's 2 Day Carnival will be held on May, 29th and 30th.

AMENDMENTS

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve naming the Hearing Room after John Fiore. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Selectmen said they would have a ceremony with his family to name the Hearing Room after John Fiore, that it was a fitting honor to name the Hearing Room after him.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Mike Caprio of 7 Old Farm Road asked about the progress at Tetlak Park. Joanne Pelton responded by saying the project came in over budget, so the selectmen are deciding whether or not to rebid it. He asked how many volleyball courts are going in. First Selectman George Temple said there will be 1 volleyball court going in during phase II.

John Downs of 666 Roosevelt Drive asked for a good PA system for Memorial Day. He was told the Park & Rec Department has a brand new one that can be used that day.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

David McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted,


Robbi Costigan
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN CLERK
