

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, September 7, 2016
7:30 PM - Town Hall

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

Present: First Selectman George R. Temple, Esq., Selectman Kathy Johnson, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Selectman Jeff Haney

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 8/3/16 Special Joint Meeting

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to approve the 8/3/16 Special Joint Meeting minutes with the following amendments:

1. Remove "Oxford Schools Upgrade Committee" title heading.
Replace with:

**Board of Selectmen
Board of Education**

2. Add: **Special** above Joint Meeting to indicate that this was indeed a Special Joint Meeting.

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

2. 8/18/16 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to approve the 8/18/16 Special Meeting minutes as presented.
This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Cultural Arts Commission – Appoint Christopher J. Mainor

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to appoint Christopher J. Mainor, of 10 Sioux Drive, to the Cultural Arts Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/18. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 2 Ayes.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple stated this is a terrific appointment and look forward to having him.

2. Transportation Technical Advisory Committee – Appoint Wayne Watt

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to appoint Wayne Watt, of 1 Toppenfjell Lane, as the Oxford Representative to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Town Report – Approve

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to accept the 2015 – 2016 Annual Town Report as presented. This report will be made available on the Town's municipal website and in the office of the Town Clerk by January 15, 2017. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Board of Selectman's report was omitted in error. First Selectman Temple stated this is a requirement that we have for each department to submit a report. The town is in good shape. The report is available for anyone who wishes to read it.

2. Oxford Fire Department Engine E41 Pumper Bid – Approve Bid Process

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to approve the Oxford Fire Department Engine E41 Pumper Bid Specifications as presented and to authorize the bid process. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott Pelletier stated that this Pumper is part of the continuing long range plan and is the next truck in line to be replaced. All of the trucks are identical, same pumps, same switches, etc., so if there is an incident this will allow drivers to go from one fire department to another to get the trucks. First Selectman George Temple asked about the delivery time frame. It will take three months for the bid process, and then one year to build the truck. First Selectman Temple asked Jack Kiley, Chairman Board of Finance, about the position in the budget for this truck and Mr. Kiley stated he thought it was in the projected capital budget for next year. The current pumper is 25 years old and this truck will not be ready for another year. First Selectman Temple stated that in the past it was all put off during lean years, and was noted that someone will have to do the same thing 20 years from now and someone will have to buy another truck. The objective is to get more years in between the purchases of future trucks. First Selectman Temple asked where the truck will be placed and was told it will go to the Center Fire Department. There are four pumpers, and would need at least two years between replacing them. Jack Kiley stated that every town department is trying to build up their equipment and trying to maintain their properties. First Selectman Temple stated that the Fire Department treats this town very good.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple called for a five minute recess at 7:45 p.m. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:50 p.m. by First Selectman George Temple.

3. Fiddlehead Estates Section II, Jem Woods Road Maintenance Bond – Approve

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to approve the Maintenance Bond release, in the amount of \$40,000.00, for Fiddlehead Estates, Section II, Jem Woods Road as recommended by the Town Engineer in his letter dated 8/2/16 and the Planning & Zoning Commission in their Memorandum dated 8/5/16. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to approve following Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Resolution and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division

of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that George R. Temple, as First Selectman of the Oxford Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Oxford Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

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

Discussion: This grant is for Scott Pelletier's salary for Emergency Services Director.

5. Hire Police Officers

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to hire Brian C. Morrone, of Wolcott, and Darren Pavlik, of Oxford, both as Oxford Police Officers, at a pay rate of \$28.59 per hour and CONTINGENT UPON the passage of all exams and training as set forth by the CT Police Officers Standards and Training; as recommended by the Resident State Trooper Supervisor. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple.

Discussion: Joanne Pelton stated that the pay rate should be \$30.78. For every 2 years of experience, we give them one year of credit. This is currently what the last two new hires are being paid and these two people have the same amount of experience.

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to amend the motion to hire Brian C. Morrone, of Wolcott, and Darren Pavlik, of Oxford, both as Oxford Police Officers, at a pay rate of \$30.78 per hour and CONTINGENT UPON the passage of all exams and training as set forth by the CT Police Officers Standards and Training; as recommended by the Resident State Trooper Supervisor. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple interviewed both of these officers and both of these officers have a BS degree and are well known by the Oxford Police Department and come very highly recommended. They both like Oxford and are a perfect fit and like the staff in the Oxford Police Dept.

6. Oxford Cultural Arts 2017 Gallery of Art Showcase Exhibit – Approve Use of Town Hall

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to approve the use of the Town Hall Meeting Room and grounds, including parking lots and gazebo, on Friday, May 19th, Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st, 2017 for the Oxford Cultural Arts 2017 FACE Festival Weekend Programs; as requested in their letter dated 8/30/16. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries. (Note: It is requested that the Cultural Arts Commission leave the rooms and area's in the same condition they were found.)

Discussion: We do this every year and it is very enjoyable and a worthwhile endeavor.

7. August 3, 2016 Appointment Clarification and Meeting Minutes Amendments

At the 8/3/16 meeting, the Board of Selectmen appointed two new members to the New Oxford School Planning & Building Committee. However, after much discussion and clarification it was determined that these two appointments needed to be appointed to the Oxford Schools Upgrade Committee; not the New Oxford Schools Planning & Building Committee. So for clarification purposes:

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to *repeal* the motion made at the 8/3/16 Board of Selectmen's meeting appointing Richard B. Krueger, of 31 Wedge Hill Drive, and Stephen Kozek, of 8 Evergreen Lane, both to the New Oxford School Planning & Building Committee with both terms to commence immediately. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to appoint Richard B. Krueger, of 31 Wedge Hill Drive, and Stephen Kozek, of 8 Evergreen Lane, both to the Oxford Schools Upgrade Committee with both terms to commence immediately. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

8. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$4,684.09, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 8/26/16, and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

9. New School – Action

No action.

10. Report of First Selectman

1. There were three Oxford students that received scholarships from the CT Community Foundation, Stacy Blake, Morgan O'Brien, and Margaret Palys.
2. Oxford is designated a Heart Safe Community by the State of Connecticut.
3. On Friday, Oxford Baking Company will be holding a grand opening and ribbon cutting and the public is invited. Oxford Baking Company also donated some pastries for tonight's meeting, so feel free to take some home.
4. First Selectman Temple stated he met with a reporter from the Hartford Current and expect that they will be doing a story on Oxford in this weekend's paper. The rest of the State is not doing well, but Oxford is getting new businesses. First Selectman Temple gave them a tour of the town and went to some of the new businesses that are going up, and discussed the new Library to be built, and Tetlak Park, and then brought them to Oxford High School. The reporter took some pictures of the fields there. First Selectman Temple stated it was a proud moment for him and is delighted Oxford is getting some state attention now.
5. Today was the first time First Selectman Temple went down E. Commerce Drive and that is going to be a beautiful place. They have sewers, water, and electric there all at the expense of CPV. The town owns all the land on both sides (18 industrial lots) and in the future can sell those properties and reap the benefits of taxes.
6. First Selectman Temple spoke with a person who evaluates power plants about the tax agreement and he stated this is the way to go, and Oxford is the gold standard. He did meet with the people from CPV and did make some demands on them. Kathy Johnson stated the people that were not in favor of the power plant now accept the fact of the inevitability of the plant and asked CPV if they would want to be a good neighbor and asked if they would consider the last contract. First Selectman Temple did state we did have that conversation and it does make it easier with no hostility. With new schools and new fire trucks someone will have to pay for these.
7. The grand opening of Market 32 will be on Sept. 20, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. On September 19th, from 5:30 PM -7:00 PM there will be a preview reception and a donation of \$5 will get you in the door. All proceeds will benefit the Boy Scouts, Booster Club, Oxford Pop Warner Football and the Cheer team. Monies will be matched by Market 32 and also Haynes brothers. On a side note, part of the new tax agreement with the power plant will be \$50,000 per year to be allocated by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of the youth in Oxford.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Peter Zbras, Autumn Ridge Road, stated that he attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and discussed the modernization of this Town Hall meeting room. The plans are for having monitors on the wall with television cameras and a new acoustic system, so if there is any questions as to who said what, and it goes to court, we will have everything recorded. We are waiting to get proposals. Ideas for microphones, speakers, recording system, and monitors for everyone to see were presented at the Planning & Zoning meeting. First Selectman Temple stated he would like to satisfy Planning & Zoning since they are using the system most of the time, so documents can be displayed on a screen so everyone can see what members are speaking about. Even at other meetings when a document is being shown, people in the audience are unable to see it. First Selectman Temple stated we do have a bidding procedure and it should be departmentalized. Selectman Kathy Johnson stated that when people come to a town meeting we are all trying to see what is being presented and this would be better for everyone to know what is going on. The Planning & Zoning committee is talking about it and will need to come back with more information to the Board of Selectmen. Jack Kiley stated this is the first he is hearing about this matter.

Lorraine Tirella, 11 Larkey Road, stated safety issues with the new Town Center. Stone dust is out of control in the development. She and others are having health issues with breathing in the stone dust. Planning & Zoning are addressing it, but her fear is that they are dragging their feet, and the children at the daycare center cannot play outside because the dust is so out of control. Her concern is this issue is not being addressed and will increase 10 fold as more construction is being done on the project. She has been complaining to Planning & Zoning since May. The shopping center is good for Oxford but it needs to be made safer. They can shut down the machines if the dust is out of control. First Selectman Temple will look into it. We have had a very dry summer, and he was there today and it didn't seem too bad today, and stated that any type of construction will have some complaints. First Selectman Temple will talk to them. Kathy Johnson stated she understands where Ms. Tirella is coming from and she would like to have Lorraine have some satisfaction. Please call First Selectman Temple when it is happening. Ms. Tirella stated that the DEEP should be here and she has filed a complaint with them also. First Selectman Temple stated he will go there tomorrow. Herman Schuler stated that by the time they open, it will not be dusty; grass will be grown by the time they open. First Selectman Temple stated that if it requires that they drop water, that is not a big problem. Kathy Johnson stated she will go with First Selectman Temple tomorrow to also see what is happening.

Jack Kiley, 88 Bee Mountain Road stated that on the section of road on Rt. 67 between Brookside Restaurant and Pies & Pints there are some trees that are dying and is a hazard. He would like the damaged trees marked and have the trees taken down by the construction company that did the work there. There was no bond on that project. Please have the tree warden go down and mark the trees, and have them removed before the winter. He does not want to see the town get stuck with that bill. First Selectman Temple will have Bryan Nesteriak

see who is responsible for it. Jack Kiley also stated that it is a lot to ask this poor woman, Ms. Tirella, and a lot of other people to sacrifice a lot and their health for this new town center.

Frank Tones, Stakum Circle, Crestwood Ridge Senior Housing, stated that he has lived there for 15 years, and would like to set up a meeting with the First Selectman and the tenants of the Senior Housing during the day regarding their dissatisfaction with the day to day operations from the Seymour Housing Authority, and asked why can't it be run by Oxford. Frank stated he knows the renewal will be coming up soon. First Selectman Temple stated he can meet with them, but the Board of Selectmen can appoint members, but the Housing Authority is run by the State. First Selectman Temple stated he agrees with him, and he is backing away from adding more units. First Selectman Temple will meet with them and also invite Bill the Manager of the place and let's get to the bottom of the issues.

Dean Golembeski, Tall Pines Drive, asked about the increase in traffic flow from Chestnut Tree Hill Road and Rt. 67, and asked if subsequent studies for traffic will be done on Rt. 67 when the shopping center opens. First Selectman Temple stated he is reluctant to see any additional commercial endeavors on Rt. 67. Oxford had a 24% growth since 2000. A grocery store was the #1 item that everyone stated they wanted in Oxford. Sgt. Dan Semosky stated they can put radar up there and knows speeding is a real problem in the town. The traffic studies that are done are within the State standards.

Tom Kelly, 11 Seth Den Road, was in on the viewing of the original plan for the shopping center and stated that there was going to be a ramp for the entrance, one in and one out that was going to be lighted. Now we have a second turn in and out and this was not on the original plan. Also there is no light at the other entrance and this is a dangerous intersection with the bend in the road, and will be even more dangerous when the center opens. Kathy Johnson agrees with him and will be taking a different route, because it is very dangerous.

Peter Zbras, Autumn Ridge Road, stated that the DOT was setting it up and did not approve a second light. He also stated he would like to join the First Selectman and Kathy Johnson to see the stone dust on the site.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN CLERK
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