

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Kathy Johnson, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

A moment of silence was held in memory of Pearl Harbor Day.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 11/16/16 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 11/16/16 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Michael Herde, of 152 Good Hill Road, and Joseph Lanier, of 257 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, both to the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency with terms to commence 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/19. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Housing Authority Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Robert Peck, of 548 Oxford Road, to the Housing Authority with a term to commence on 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/21. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Water Pollution Control Authority Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Fred D'Amico, of 19 Wychwood Lane, Robert Peck, of 548 Oxford Road, and Karl Borkowski, of 31 Cortland Place, all to the Water Pollution Control Authority with terms to commence on 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/19. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Troop 1 Ornament Presentation

Joe Birch, Scout Master, along with Oxford Troop 1, presented First Selectman George Temple with the 2016 Oxford Troup 1 Ornament. The Scouts are also selling the ornaments for \$10 each.

First Selectman George Temple called a 5 minute recess at 7:48 p.m.

First Selectman George Temple called the meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

2. Engine 41 Pumper – Approve Funding Source

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding for the Fire Department's Engine 41 Pumper in the amount of \$802,538.11 to be taken from a balance from somewhere. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson for discussion.

Discussion:

Jim Hliva discussed that last month at the Board of Selectmen meeting the bid award was approved but there was not a designated fund for the money to come out of, so the Board of Finance sent it back here tonight to see where to take the money from. First Selectman Temple stated that we have to have what the funding source is and this is a new Charter requirement. First Selectman Temple asked Jim Hliva what his suggestion was. The Board of Finance members are not inclined to take the funds out of this current year's budget. It should be funded through the general operating budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. We can order it now but fund it in 2017. First Selectman Temple stated that since there is a surplus now, we won't have to bond it. The bid specs are all set. This will go back to the Board of Finance and once approved, will be paid on July 1, 2017. First Selectman Temple stated we can order it per the Board of Selectmen, then it goes back to

the Board of Finance, and then to a Town meeting. As soon as the Board of Finance approves it, a date will be set for the Town meeting.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding for the Fire Department's Engine 41 Pumper in the amount of \$802,538.11 to be taken from the 2017/2018 Operating Budget and included in the Capital Plan to be approved in March 2017. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

3. Solid Waste/Recycling Permit Licenses – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Solid Waste/Recycling Permit License as approved by the Recycling Coordinator:

- Stone Construction, 168 main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488
(Recycling)
- USA Hauling & Recycling, 15 Mullen Road, Enfield, CT 06082
(Solid Waste and Recycling)

This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: We do this every year in order to recycle, and we need a permit to do so.

4. Riverview Subdivision, Roosevelt Drive Performance Bond Release – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to release the Performance Bond, in the amount of \$100,000.00, for Riverview Subdivision, Cocchiola Paving, Roosevelt Drive as recommended by the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency in their letter dated 12/1/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple supports this.

5. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Recreational Trails Grant for 2017 – 2018 – Approve Application Submission

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the submission of the application and following Resolution for Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Recreational Trails Grant for 2017 – 2018 which will be for Phase I to enhance and delineate the trails at Agnes Tetlak Schiavi Park that will lead down to Eight Mile Brook:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford met on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 and adopted a resolution which:

- (1) Authorizes submission of the funding application for the Eight Mile Trail System, Phase 1 under the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Recreational Trails Grant for an estimated \$49,000.00. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford commits to the \$9,800.00 cash or in-kind match.
- (2) Identifies George R. Temple, Oxford First Selectman, as an individual authorized to sign the Recreational Trails application and administer the grant and the project.

This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: There will be trails through the park and will give the people in town the opportunity to spend the entire day at the park. It will be a great place for families. First Selectman George Temple wanted to commend Kathleen O'Neil and Robbi Costigan for getting these grants.

6. Establish Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting Dates and Times for 2017

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following schedule for the regular Board of Selectmen meeting dates for 2017. The regular meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month and will begin at 7:30 PM in the S. B. Church Memorial Town Hall:

January 4, 2017 *
January 18, 2017

July 5, 2017
July 19, 2017

February 1, 2017
February 15, 2017

August 2, 2017
August 16, 2017

March 1, 2017
March 15, 2017

September 6, 2017
September 20, 2017

April 5, 2017
April 19, 2017

October 4, 2017
October 18, 2017

May 3, 2017
May 17, 2017

November 1, 2017
November 15, 2017

June 7, 2017
June 21, 2017

December 6, 2017
December 20, 2017

* Special Meeting per Town Charter

This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple would like to delete the July 5, 2017 and August 2, 2017 meeting dates. If there is anything that comes up, the Board of Selectmen can hold a special meeting. Kathy Johnson does not have a problem with this. Jeff Haney stated that he would rather keep the meetings, and cancel them if there is no business to discuss. First Selectman George Temple stated that we should see how it works.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the motion to approve the schedule for the regular Board of Selectmen meeting dates for 2017 except to delete July 5, 2017 and August 2, 2017. The regular meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month and will begin at 7:30 PM in the S. B. Church Memorial Town Hall. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

7. Report of First Selectman

1. The town voted to put a basement in the new Library at the Town Meeting this evening. The construction will start very soon and will take approximately ten months to build. There will be an added expense of heating and cooling but First Selectman Temple would like to see the Library be open on Saturdays and Sundays. We will be looking to hire some part-time help to cover the extra days the Library will be open. The goal is to have a nice Children's Library. The Library will be more than triple in size than what we currently have, and there will be a walkway to Lily Park.

2. ICE Equipment grant (Inter-town Capital Equipment Sharing Program) has been approved which is a grant for a screener, a roller, and a tag trailer which Oxford will share with Beacon Falls and Seymour. The grant was drawn up by the NVCOGCT and the total amount is \$291,000. This is a great idea. We will have to have an inter-town agreement to plan the use of this equipment. First Selectman Temple stated he would like to get an in-line paver that the towns can share, but this will be in the future.

3. Tomorrow, there will be a tree lighting ceremony at the Congregational Church on Academy Road to honor people who have died from Oxford. It will be a candlelight ceremony and they will read all of the names of the deceased. The public is invited. It will begin at 6 p.m.

4. Troup 1 Scouts stated that they will be doing a 20 mile hike this weekend in preparation for their trip to the Grand Canyon during April vacation. Troup 1 Scouts will also be selling trees at Fritz's, and they have sold half of the trees already.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Mr. Tom Jockey, Spruce Hill Drive, Oxford, asked the Board of Selectmen how they were planning on maintaining the new Library building, and if they were going to get a maintenance person to maintain all the town buildings. He stated that the Senior Center heating isn't working properly and the outside lighting is out. Mr. Jockey stated that there needs to be a budget to maintain the new Library and there will be expenses. First Selectman George Temple stated that the items that were addressed at the Senior Center should be in their budget. Mr. Jockey says they have a budget, but there is nobody there to say this is what needs to be done.

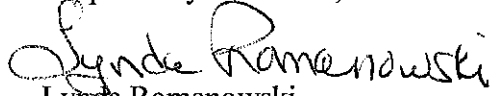
John Downs, 666 Roosevelt Drive, stated that in the newspaper, there was a listing of all the Economic Development items and asked about the walkway between Tommy K's Plaza and Brookside. First Selectman George Temple stated that there was a plan developed and are waiting to hear about the Federal grant. There is also a downtown grant that is pending to get sidewalks from Town Hall down Rt. 67. When people are out on Rt. 67 either walking or bicycling it is scary since cars go very fast on the route. If the grant goes through, the town is interested.

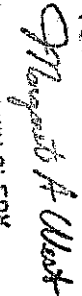
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT

TOWN CLERK