

**Board of Selectmen's  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**  
**7:30 PM - Town Hall**

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

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**1. 12/7/16 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 12/7/16 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.**

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Cultural Arts Commission Re-Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Martin Earley, of 20 Good Hill Road, and Laura Maksymiw, of 150 Governor's Hill Road, both to the Cultural Arts Commission with terms to commence 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/19. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.**

Discussion: These are both good appointments.

**2. Elderly Commission Re-Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Jean Brown, of 92 Captain Wooster Road, Thomas Giacchi, of 311 Spruce Hill Drive, and Marilyn Serus, of 256 Chestnut Tree Hill Road,

all to the Elderly Commission with terms to commence 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/20. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.**

Discussion: They do a good job and are involved with the Senior Center. They meet at the Senior Center, and all are members.

### **3. Parks & Recreation Commission Re-Appointments**

#### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Kelly Weymer, of 61 Donovan Road, Christine Bavone, of 9 Macintosh Drive, to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms to commence 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.**

Discussion: Since there was no expiration date noted this will be a one year appointment.

#### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Jennifer Mahmood, of 29 Larkey Road, to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms to commence 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/19. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.**

Discussion: This is a two year appointment and the Parks & Recreation Commission does an excellent job.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Oxford School Building Committee Fund Request for Pre-Referendum Consultant**

Discussion:

Bob Slie, 71 Bee Mountain Road, Chairman of the Committee discussed that the committee is trying to expedite the process on the new Middle School and they need a pre-referendum consultant to help with expediting the project. They are trying to meet a June 30 deadline to get the application into the State. The Committee is responsible for doing the job right and within financial reason. The money will be used to hire a consultant with access to the State Dept. It is not an easy process to get it approved through the State and moved along. The committee still needs guidance and we can still use the resources we have within the town, and use the people we have and to keep cost down and to finish out the application process and get the project started. First Selectman George Temple asked if we are still in the process of clearing the site. Mr. Slie stated that Mr. Nesteriak who is surveying the whole piece of property had some good news

saying that the septic systems there are under the thresholds of the DEP and are under a maintenance system involved for 15 years. He has promised us that by the end of January the process for surveying the site will be complete. First Selectman Temple stated that we may have to amend the committee's charge and consider option A if we can't use this site. The purchase of land is absolutely prohibited, so we may have to amend the charge and the Education Specs on the facility study from the Board of Education so that Option A also can be considered if we cannot use this site. Option A is an addition upon the Middle School and Quaker Farms schools instead of building a new school. The Board of Education wants Option B. First Selectman Temple wanted to alert everyone if this is not a good site, we will have problems, and we will have to consider going with Option A. The committee did discuss alternative sites that do not require land to be purchased. The committee feels that they really need to look at the site, and does not feel that changing the plan is necessary as much as talking about an alternative to that site. First Selectman Temple stated that if the Education specs are not done for Plan B or Plan A and if the submission is not done by June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, then everything will change. First Selectman Temple will look at the facility study and Education specs again, and requested that Jeff Haney and Kathy Johnson do the same. The consulting group will also be looking at the Education specs as well.

Jeff Haney asked about the timeline for the consultant. The committee is looking at a few companies, and they all seem to think that they can do it by our timeline. First Selectman Temple reiterated that once a company to do the consulting is chosen, it has to come back to the Board of Selectmen. There can be a special Board of Selectmen meeting if necessary. First Selectman Temple stated that he appreciates the diligence on this matter from the committee. The final consultant will be determined by the Board of Selectmen on the committee's recommendation.

#### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve funding, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be taken from Contingency in order to secure the services of a pre-referendum consultant as requested by the Oxford School Building Committee in their letter dated 12/8/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.** This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

#### **2. Water Pollution Control Authority Additional Funding – Discussion with Possible Action**

Discussion: Scott Halstead came before the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectman in October for evaluating a Towner Lane study for a repair of corrosion to a pipe, for \$75,000. It had gone out to bid and the only bid that came back was higher than was expected, and are now asking for an additional \$65,684. First Selectman Temple

asked about the cost for the original repair. It was stated that it cost \$30,000 for excavation and \$10,000 to hire the trucks for the repair. The total repair came to \$40,550. Towner Lane was for 213,500 feet or approximately 2.5 miles. This is a non-destructive test, and is testing the ground basically and looking for the worst areas. Once the testing is done, they will dig and then fix the pipe. First Selectman stated he thought this is excessive. This is the process that is the least costly. Discussion was held. There will be two excavations here, examine the pipe and put protection on those pieces to prevent further deterioration in the two worst areas. The extra monies are coming from the cost of excavation. If the line that is corroded is 15 feet deep, there needs to be certain equipment that can do this deep. The town equipment would not be capable to dig this deep and Public Works is not capable of doing this type of project. If the worst area is shallower, it will not cost as much and will not cost the full amount. Jack Kiley questioned the Water Pollution Control Authority about the plan that was presented six months ago. The testing of this line was supposed to be said and done. They stated it is the same test; the fees for the excavation have gone up from what they were originally planning. The Authority thought each hole dug would cost \$12,000, but when the bid came back, it is \$40,000. There is no known leak right now. First Selectman Temple stated it is a lot of money to spend to find out that the pipe is ok, but doubts it is since knowing that we had a pipe that did leak. The pipes are 25 years old now. Kathy Johnson stated she would like to pass this item and that it could be \$25,000 less, if it is 5 feet or 10 feet. The committee's presentation is the worst case scenario. This will have to go to the Board of Finance and to a town meeting if passed. Originally they thought it would cost \$50,000 for the testing, and \$24,000 for the excavation, so there is the \$24,000 to go towards the repairs.

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to be taken from General Fund Balance, for the corrosion evaluation of the Towner Lane force main as requested by the Water Pollution Control Authority in their letter dated 12/1/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Unanimous. Motion carries.** This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and Town meeting.

**3. Solid Waste/Recycling Permit Licenses – Approve**

**MOTION:**

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

- City Carting, Inc., 8 Viaduct Road, P. O. Box 17250, Stamford, CT 06907 (Solid Waste)
- Winters Bros. Hauling of CT, 307 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810 (Solid Waste and Recycling)

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

#### 4. **Hiring of Part-Time Library Staff**

##### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to hire Laurie Abbott, of 13 Coventry Lane, as the Part-Time Circulation Clerk effective Monday, January 9, 2015 at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour due to the resignation of Marjorie Fitzgerald from this position on 12/15/16 as requested by the Library Director in her letter dated 12/16/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

Discussion: This item did not come through Joanne Pelton or through the First Selectman's office and the position was not advertised. Joanne Pelton interviews the candidates and is hired by the Selectman's office. The process was not done correctly. There was a miscommunication since the Library Director brought this item to the Selectman's office and was placed on the agenda.

##### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to **TABLE** this matter. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

#### 5. **Tax Refunds**

##### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$7,436.75, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter received 12/ 20/16 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. **All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.**

Discussion: The Board looked at this and is fine with it. Something interesting happened to Jeff Haney and stated he had gotten a letter about his car taxes stating they were not paid. He called the tax office and they stated yes, they are paid. This is happening a lot. The Motor Vehicle Department does not want to help the towns.

**6. Report of First Selectman**

It is the time of year for New Year's resolutions, and First Selectman Temple stated his New Year's resolution is to quit smoking after January 1, 2017.

The town had a successful tree lighting. First Selectman Temple spoke at the Trees Of Light.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

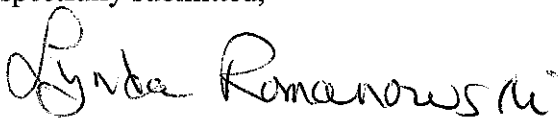
Atty. Francis Teodosio, 481 Oxford Road, and is here tonight because he does not know where else to go for an issue on collection of taxes. Atty. Teodosio discussed a tax situation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

16 DEC 27 PM 4:48  
TOWN OF OXFORD, CT  
*George Temple*  
TOWN CLERK

CONNECTICUT STATE MARSHAL  
ARTHUR J. DAVIES  
P O BOX #468  
112 PERSHING DR.  
ANSONIA, CT. 06401

[REDACTED]  
OCTOBER 13, 2016

RE: OXFORD, CT. DELINQUENT TAXES  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Please be advised that on October 12, 2016, I was called to a meeting with the Tax Collector, Town Counsel and the Finance Director of The Town OF Oxford, CT. to discuss the above captioned delinquent tax accounts. Be advised after an exhaustive tax record search it was clearly determined that the delinquent amounts stated in my demand letters dated October 3, 2016 sent via regular mail were determined to be accurate. (and are as follows)

[REDACTED] \*\*\*\*\*\$ 39,522.58

[REDACTED] \*\*\*\*\*\$ 87,068.28

[REDACTED] \*\*\*\*\*\$ 26,655.85

THE ABOVE AMOUNTS ARE ONLY GOOD THRU OCTOBER 31, 2016

All future payments concerning this claim are to be made through my office, all checks, money orders or other methods of payment

must be made payable to:

STATE MARSHAL ARTHUR J. DAVIES

P.O. BOX #468 ANSONIA, CT. 06401.

(YOU MUST CALL ME @ 203-735-6367)

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID OR REACHED AN AGREED PAYMENT PLAN WITH ME WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THIS LETTER, I WILL BEGIN THE TAX AUCTION PROCESS FOR DECEMBER 2016\*\*\*THIS PROCESS WILL ADD APPROX. FIVE TO SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO EACH OF THE OUTSTANDING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Sincerely,

ARTHUR J. DAVIES  
STATE MARSHAL

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# Board of Selectmen Tax Sale Discussion

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## Taxes Due 2016 (claimed)

October      Property #1 - \$33,000.00  
                 Property #2 - \$75,711.00  
                 Property #3    23,174.00  
                 \$131,885.00  
TOTAL

## 15% Marshall Add On

\$4,950  
11,356.73  
3,476.85  
\$19,783.58  
TOTAL

## Taxes Due 2016

December    Property #1. Nothing due  
                 Property #2 } \$85,000.00  
                 Property #3 }  
                 \$85,000.00  
TOTAL

## 15% Marshall Add On

TOTAL \$12,750.00

## Marshall's fee unnecessary and excessive

- Tax office records in disarray
- Misapplication of \$9,593.56 2012 payment
- Resulting 2012 Tax Escrow of \$15,000.00
- No forum - Disbandment of Tax Review Committee
- Excessive Marshall fees in this situation

## Taxes Should be paid

- 18%
- TAX SALE - THREE WAYS - EXCESSIVE  
TAX COLLECTOR - ATTORNEY - MARSHALL ANOTHER \$5,000 & 4,000