

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, January 18, 2017
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:32 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. 1/4/17 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/4/17 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. FY 2016 – 2017 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add FY 2016 – 2017 Transfer Requests as New Business Item #8 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #9. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Library Building Committee

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to add under appointments, Lori Abbot to the Library Building Committee. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Library Board of Director Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Joann Briganti, of 20 Middlefield Road, Kathy O'Brien, of 47 Peach Farm Road, and Nicole Bunnell, of 18 Laura Lane, all to the Library Board of Directors with terms to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/20; as requested and presented in their letter dated 1/4/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company 2017 Chief – Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Andrew Coy as the Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company 2017 Chief as recommended in their letter dated 11/21/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Parks & Recreation Commission Re-Appointment Clarification

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to clarify the terms for the re-appointment Kelly Weymer, of 61 Donovan Road, and Christine Bavone, of 9 Macintosh Drive, to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Their terms shall have commenced on 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/19. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Library Building Committee – Appoint Lori Abbot

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Lori Abbot, of 13 Coventry Lane, Oxford, to the Library Building Committee with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$1,499.47, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 1/4/17 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 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:

- Springer Sanitation, Inc. 401 Old Woodbury Road, Southbury, CT 06488
(Solid Waste and Recycling)

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

3. Riverview Subdivision, Riverview Road – Bond Reduction and Road Acceptance

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to reduce the Performance/Restoration and Soil Erosion bonds for Riverview Subdivision from \$235,000.00 to a Maintenance bond in the amount of \$23,500.00 **CONTINGENT UPON** the submittal of an amended bond *reviewed and approved by Town Counsel* and to accept 600 linear feet of Riverview Road into the Town Road System as recommended by the Town Engineer in his letter dated 12/5/16 and the Planning & Zoning Commission in their Memorandum dated 1/2/17. Road acceptance will be effective fifteen days after approval (2/2/17) **CONTINGENT UPON** the submission and proper approval of the amended Maintenance Bond. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

Discussion: This is a 55+ community. First Selectman George Temple asked if they have a HOA. Jeff Haney asked when the subdivision was made, was it a private community. First Selectman Temple would like to table this until the Town Attorney has a chance to take a look at this, prior to approval.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to *table* this matter until the Town Attorney reviews it. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion *tabled*.

4. Patriot Business Park, Patriot Way – Road Acceptance

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to accept 840 linear feet of Patriot Way into the Town Road System as recommended by the Town Engineer in his letter dated 12/28/16 and the Planning & Zoning Commission in their Memorandum dated 1/5/17. Road acceptance will be effective fifteen days after approval (2/2/17). This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple asked if this item has gone through the Town Attorney. Any time we get a road exception, the Town Attorney has to look at it.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to *table* Item #4. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion *tabled*.

5. America the Beautiful Urban Forestry Grant

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following America the Beautiful Grant Resolution which will pay up to \$12,000.00 for Legacy Trees at Crestview Ridge Senior Housing; as presented and recommended by the Grant Writer in her letter dated 1/17/16:

RESOLVED, that George R. Temple, who is the First Selectman of the Town of Oxford, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on the behalf of the Town of Oxford, a certain contract with the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut for the fulfillment of the America the Beautiful grant, and is authorized to affix the Corporate Seal.

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

6. Hire Pre-Referendum Consultant for the Oxford School Building Committee

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire Colliers International as the Pre-Referendum Consultants for the Middle School Project as presented and recommended by the Oxford School Building Committee in their letter dated 1/12/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.
All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Oxford School Building Committee is satisfied with Colliers International and feel this company can take them where we want to go and on the fast-track. First Selectman Temple would like to get going on this project. Kathy Johnson thanked the committee and is very pleased with the committee's timeliness and that they are right on the money and said thank you to the committee.

7. Anti-Blight Ordinance Discussion

Discussion was held regarding several complaints. It is very frustrating when you see a mess and it does not fit in with the prohibitions we have. This ordinance would require a hearing and then a town meeting to pass or reject it. The town would like people to clean up their yards. Having clutter and garbage in people's front yard tends to bring property values down and can cause health concerns. First Selectman Temple stated he does not want someone on a fixed income that has their shutters falling off, and are unable to pay to have them fixed, be subject to a fine, since there are other ways to help people in need. There has to be a balance. The ordinance cannot be overly vague otherwise it would not be enforceable. First Selectman Temple would like the Board to think about this and give input on this topic and ways to make it palpable. Kathy Johnson stated it is worth addressing.

8. FY 2016 – 2017 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the FY 2016 – 2017 Transfer Requests as presented and recommended by the Finance Director in his letter dated 1/18/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

Discussion: Jim Hliva discussed the transfer requests. Items #2 & #4 are housekeeping items. Item #3 for the Fire Marshal is to bring his budget amount up to his actual salary. A lengthy discussion was held on Items #1 and #5. For Item #1, Elderly Commission, we hired a person to be only a dispatcher. This is why the amount went up for Item #1. By April or May we will be running out of money. This amount is for next year. We currently have \$18,000 left so far and it will run out.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to *table* Item #5 on the 2016-2017 Transfer Requests. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion *tabled*.

All 3 Ayes for Items #1 through #4 on the 2016-2017 Transfer Requests. Motion carries.

9. Report of First Selectman

A moment of silence was held for Heidi Lund, Bill Lund's wife, who passed away suddenly. She will be missed.

1. The ground breaking ceremony took place for the new library and it is a beautiful site. There was a good turnout in spite of inclement weather. Jim Hliva stated that we authorized bonding for it, and is hoping to receive \$400,000 from the Mariam Strong estate in the final distribution. This project will be connected to Lily Park.
2. We received approval from the State Office of Policy & Management for our agreement that we will share public works equipment with Beacon Falls and Seymour. A Roller, Screener, and an Excavator will be shared by the three towns at a cost of \$19,000 per town. This will be cost effective and will really enhance our ability to do more with jobs for the town.
3. The State of CT will be cutting back on aid to the towns.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Laura Burr, 49 Jacks Hill Road, discussed her incorrect tax situation with three properties involved and that after meeting and reviewing the situation with the Tax Committee, the Committee was disbanded. Ms. Burr stated she received letters from Marshall Davies and does not want to pay the Marshall fees, and it was not her fault that the Tax Committee disbanded and once again is asking the Board of Selectmen to intervene and remove the \$15,000 in Marshall fees.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

17 JAN 23 PM 5:31
TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Margaret A. West
TOWN CLERK

To: Board of Selectmen

January 18, 2017

From: Finance Director

Re: 2016-2017 Transfer requests

Item #	Department	Account	Account Number	Amount
1	TO: Elderly Commission FROM: Finance	Driver Wages Contingency	5295-517-47 5320-560-5320	\$ 22,500.00 \$ 22,500.00
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
2	TO: Tax Collector FROM: Tax Collector	Mileage Supplies	5505-690 5505-770	\$ 375.00 \$ 375.00
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
3	TO: Fire Marshall FROM: Finance	Wages Fire Marshall Contingency	5330-513-53 5320-560-5320	\$ 6,023.00 \$ 6,023.00
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
4	TO: Registrar of Voters FROM: Registrar of Voters	Elections Nov Primary	5530-592 5530-594	\$ 68.43 \$ 68.43
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
5	TO: Building TO: Building FROM: Building FROM: Building FROM: Building FROM: Finance	Vehicle Maintenance Mileage Meetings Printing Equipment Contingency	5230-811 5230-690 5230-555 5230-570-135 5230-600 5320-560-5320	\$ 300.00 \$ 1,500.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 300.00 \$ 400.00 \$ 1,000.00
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				