

**Board of Selectmen's  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**  
**7:30 PM - Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**1. 1/5/16 Special Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/5/16 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**2. 1/6/16 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/6/16 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**3. 1/11/16 Special Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Kathy Johnson moved to approve the 1/11/16 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes, 1 abstention by Jeff Haney. Motion carries.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

**1. Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company 2016 Fire Police Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company 2016 Fire Police Appointments under Appointments. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**2. Riverside Fire Company 2016 Fire Police Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Riverside Fire Company 2016 Fire Police Appointments under Appointments. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**3. Hire Part-Time Library Circulation Clerk**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Part-Time Library Circulation Clerk as Item #10 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #11. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Temporary Animal Control Officer – Appoint Jeff Haney**

**MOTION:**

Kathy Johnson moved to ratify the appointment of Jeff Haney as the Temporary Animal Control Officer for up to 19 hours per week at \$16.00 per hour, effective January 13, 2016. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes; 1 disqualification by Jeff Haney. Motion carries.

Discussion: There is a problem with the animal control division in town. Nobody knows the dog pound better than Jeff Haney. We have 100% confidence in his ability to do this appointment. Kathy Johnson stated that Jeff Haney has put a lot of heart and soul into the animal shelter. First Selectman Temple is all for this appointment. It was noted that this is only a temporary appointment.

**2. Library Board of Directors Re-Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint William J. Federowicz, of 16 Middlefield Road, Margaret M. Keating, of 350 Oxford Road, and Edward V. Gawitt, Jr., of 60 Bowers Hill Road, all to the Library Board of Directors with terms to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/19. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple served on this board and they are really good people and wanted to thank them for their service for the town and their willingness to continue to keep on serving the town.

**3. Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company 2016 Fire Police Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Tom Giacchi and Scott Guion as the Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company's 2016 Fire Police as recommended in the letter dated 12/18/15. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple knows both these individuals and they do a great job and he supports this motion.

**4. Riverside Fire Company 2016 Fire Police Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Richard Brown, Eric Benzon, Victor Noll and John Downs, Sr. as the Riverside Fire Company's 2016 Fire Police as recommended in their letter dated 12/10/15. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple discussed that it does not get any better than these men and thanked them for their service in the past and what they will do in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Parks & Recreation Art Contest Winners Presentation**

Debbie Gatto discussed that during the month of November, the Parks & Recreation Dept. held an art contest. All of the pictures from the contest were hung around this room and the pictures were then judged by the Parks & Recreation Commission. The winners of the art contest from Quaker Farms School, Center School, and Great Oak Middle School were presented with a certificate and a gift certificate from RAD ART, a new business in Oxford.

**MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to take a five minute recess at 7:45 p.m. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

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

2. **Boys & Girls Club Presentation**

*This matter will be placed on a future agenda since they were not able to make the meeting.*

3. **Aggie Park Building Committee Funding Presentation and Request – Discuss with Possible Action**

Discussion: Debbie Gatto discussed that they received a \$500,000 grant. A breakdown of the projected expenses for the construction of two softball fields and one multipurpose field at Aggie Park was discussed. VAZ Construction was the lowest bid at \$764,000. The breakdown includes a 10% contingency, and an additional \$26,000 for Construction management and inspections, for a total of \$903,531. The Aggie Park Building Committee is asking for the \$403,531 difference. Discussion was held as to the amount of contingency. First Selectman George Temple felt it should be in the 2% range, but wants to get going on this project. First Selectman Temple is concerned that the girls have to be treated the same as the boys, and the boys have full use of Posey Panko fields. By supporting this, we will be supporting the girls and the boys. Debbie Gatto stated that the \$764,000 includes seeded grass. First Selectman Temple reconfirmed that if the Board of Selectmen vote for this, we will have equal treatment for the boys and the girls. Ms. Gatto responded yes. Selectman Kathy Johnson asked if the Parks & Recreation have ever worked with this company before. Ms. Gatto stated that our engineer Brian Nesteriak has spoken with them and checked this company out, and is good with VAZ Construction Company. VAZ Construction is also anxious to do the work. The committee members are all involved in sports in town and they have done their due diligence. The committee will have to go before the Board of Finance for each of the projects. If this passes here, the committee will present it to the Board of Finance on Monday. This is very much a worthwhile project.

Jeff Haney stated that in his opinion, the 10% contingency is not bad. First Selectman Temple stated let the Board of Finance deal with the percentage.

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Aggie Park Building Committee funding request, as presented (Attachment A) in the amount of \$903,531.00 and forward this matter to the Board of Finance. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. **Security Benefit's Restatement of the Town of Oxford's 457B Deferred Compensation Plan – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

Discussion: Joanne Pelton stated that this item makes our retirement plans in compliance with IRS.

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Security Benefit's Restatement of the Town of Oxford's 457B Deferred Compensation Plan and authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. **Award Bid for Oxford Small Cities Housing Rehab Program Lead Paint Testing and Consultant Services**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to award the Lead Paint Testing and Consultant Services Bid for Oxford Small Cities Housing Rehab Program to Eagle Environmental at a base fee of \$720.00; as presented and recommended by Lisa Low & Associates. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

6. **Award Bid for Oxford Small Cities Housing Rehab Program Title Search Services**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to award the Title Search Services Bid for Oxford Small Cities Housing Rehab Program to AAA Legal Services, for a fee of \$125 per title search; as presented and recommended by Lisa Low & Associates. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Question was asked who are AAA Legal Services. They are the law offices of Cohen & Howard, a New Jersey based firm. This is for a title rundown and the fee is in line where it should be.

7. **Oxford Board of Education Funding request for Wolverine Field – Approve and Forward to Board of Finance**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding request for the Oxford Board of Education, in an amount not to exceed \$94,795.95 in order to complete Wolverine Field at Oxford High School (this includes numerous equipment items, some site work and storage unit construction) as they presented and requested in their letter date 1/4/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Amy Cote from the Board of Education discussed that it was originally thought that the storage unit was included in the original breakdown, but it was not. The storage trailer would be an additional \$8,000. First Selectman Temple stated that if there is something additional it will have to be submitted separately. This Board can only act on this letter and has to stick with this number. The Board of Education can

submit anything additional in the future and the Board will do it's best to approve it. Kathy Johnson asked how can we purchase equipment and not have a storage unit to place the equipment in. She is hoping that we can finish the job. First Selectman George Temple stated we will do the legal number first and we can accommodate it if there is a reason for it.

**8. Transfer Title of Riverside Engine 51**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve to transfer the Title of Riverside Fire Company's Engine 51 to the Corinth Fire Department of East Corinth, VT as presented and recommended by the Fire Chief in his email dated 12/30/15. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: This is for a fire company in Vermont that can use our fire engine. The Town will lose approximately \$5000 on this, but all of the fire departments try to help each other out and this is Oxford's way of helping another fire company.

**9. Close Woodruff Hill Road During Construction**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to close Woodruff Hill Road to traffic while the power plant is being constructed. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This was brought up and the Board is concerned about safety since heavy equipment will be on Woodruff Hill Road and people are curious. If the road is open, the town may have a liability, so this is one way to avoid this problem.

**10. Hire Part-Time Library Circulation Clerk**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to hire Antonio Vito Mogavero, of 92 Hillside Avenue in Shelton, as the Part-Time Library Circulation Clerk, at a pay rate of \$10.25 per hour and a start date of Monday, January 25, 2016; as presented and recommended by the Library Director in her letter dated 1/15/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

## **11. Report of First Selectman**

1. CCM is announcing there will not be increase in dues.
2. First Selectman George Temple went to the sentencing of Peter Clark the former attorney who took the money from the Town of Oxford in the Miriam Strong's estate. He receives a 45 month sentence in federal prison. First Selectman George Temple stated Mr. Clark is a disgrace to the legal profession, and he did not care about the people of Oxford. First Selectman Temple made a strong objection in the sentencing and the Federal judge quoted First Selectman Temple which had a profound effect on the sentencing. We are tired of people stealing from the Town of Oxford.
3. Macton Corporation, a company here in Oxford, has redone our weathervane, which was displayed at the meeting. They did an excellent job and donated their services. This is a company here in Oxford and they do unbelievable work. This will be put back up along with the cupola in a week or so.
4. The Town Hall will be having some repairs and will be spiffed up. The town will be making Town Hall handicap accessible. The major item in Town Hall will be doing something with the HVAC system, and the lighting to make it more efficient and cost effective.
5. First Selectman George Temple attended the football banquet in Southbury that was attended by about 300 people. Three years ago this program did not exist and he wanted to thank Todd Romagna and Marie Kasuba on an amazing job, and all of the other people that helped with this. It is amazing what we can do with determination and volunteers in this town.

## **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

John Downs, 666 Roosevelt Drive, Oxford, stated that on behalf of the Riverside Cemetery Association, he wanted to thank the Town of Oxford, First Selectman George Temple and Atty. Kevin Condon for their perseverance in the Miriam Strong estate case. First Selectman George Temple stated that both he and Attorney Kevin Condon were knowledgeable of this type of case, and were very happy to have done it.

First Selectman George Temple stated he is very proud we can help Vermont by donating the fire truck.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Kathy Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

16 JAN 25 PM 5:11  
TOWN OF OXFORD, CT  
*Lynda Romanowski*  
TOWN CLERK





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January 7, 2016

TO: Oxford Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Aggie Park Building Committee  
RE: Aggie Park funding request

As requested, the Boards of Selectmen and Finance would like a breakdown of projected expenses for the construction of two softball fields and one multi purpose field at Aggie Park. Here is that detail:

Engineering (already paid, draw up plans, prepare the bid specs, etc)	\$ 37,131
VAZ Construction (low bidder)	\$764,000 **
10% Contingency	\$ 76,400
Construction Management & Inspections	\$ 26,000
Total	\$ 903,531

\*\* There is an option to lay sod instead of seed for an additional \$30,000. An advantage to that would be that the field would be available for use about 6 months earlier than if seeded.

1/11/16