

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 17, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:08 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeffrey Haney, Selectman Dave McKane, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant and James Hliva, Finance Director.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**1. 10/3/12 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to approve the 10/3/12 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

**1. YACK Peddler's Permit – Approve Extension Request**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to amend the agenda to add YACK Peddler's Permit – Approve Extension Request. Second by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**2. FY 2012-2013 Transfer Requests**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to amend the agenda to add FY 2012 – 2013 Transfer Requests. Second by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS** – None.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 'No Thru Truck Traffic' Sign at West Street and Chestnut Tree Hill Road**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to remove this item from the table. Second by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to approve the installation of a 'No Thru Truck Traffic' sign at West Street and Chestnut Tree Hill Road as requested by the Town of Beacon Falls and approved by Road Foreman in his letter dated 10/11/12 and the Resident State Trooper in his letter received 10/16/12. Second by Selectman Haney. Discussion: First Selectman Temple noted that he received a call from First Selectman Smith of Beacon Falls, who requested that signs be installed to stop truck traffic in residential areas of Beacon Falls and Oxford. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. *An application will be submitted to the State Traffic Commission regarding this matter.*

**2. 16 Shelton Road Property, Accept in-lieu-of Unpaid Taxes**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to remove this item from the table. Second by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to abate the imposed taxes of property known as 16 Shelton Road, identified on Assessor's Map as Map 28, Block 66A, Lot CL 3 consisting of 1.58 acres in order to better reflect a fair and equitable value and then to accept this parcel of property from Judith H. Jablonski of 18 Shelton Road in-lieu-of the unpaid taxes in the amount of \$27,329.00; as reviewed and recommended by Town Counsel in his letter dated 9/27/12. Second by Selectman McKane. Discussion: First Selectman Temple noted that this lot cannot be improved and will be considered open space. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. *This matter will be forwarded to the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector.*

**3. Cedarstone Road Request to Change from Private Road to Town Road**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to remove this item from the table. Second by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to **deny** the request to change Cedarstone Road from a private road to a town road based upon the documentation from the Zoning Enforcement Official dated 9/18/12, the Memorandum from the Planning & Zoning Commission dated 10/3/12, the Road Foreman's letter dated 10/11/12 and the Town Engineer's letter dated 10/15/12. Second by Selectman McKane. Discussion: First Selectman Temple noted that this road does not meet Town standards and he, therefore, supports this motion. Selectman Haney added that it was the developer's intention to make this a private road and the property owners purchased their property with this understanding. He noted that he is sympathetic to the residents of the road and if the residents want the road approved by the Town, it is their burden to have work done so that the road meets Town standards. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

4. **"Floater" for Senior Center Director and Assistant – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to approve a floater position for the Oxford Senior Center. Second by Selectman McKane. Discussion: First Selectman Temple noted that with his new policy of having Town buildings open as a five day work week, this position is necessary to ensure that the Senior Center will also be open five days a week. Selectman Haney commented that the floater will not work many hours and this will not be costly to the Town. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

*This item is under the FY 2012-2013 Transfer Requests amendment (to be forwarded to the Board of Finance).*

5. **Temporary Zoning Enforcement Official – Approve Recommendation**

**MOTION:**

First Selectman Temple moved to **table** this matter. Second by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

6. **Driveway Variance Request, 47 West Street – Approve**

*Fred D'Amico and Charles Christensen attended the meeting.*

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to approve the driveway grade variance request for 47 West Street, as depicted upon As Built Map for Charles W. & Jeannine Christensen, Lot 26C, 47 West Street prepared by Fred D'Amico, Conn. P.E., L.S. 10833 of D'Amico Associated dated 6/11/12 and last revised 9/20/12 and as approved by the Driveway Inspector on 9/26/12, the Town Engineer on 10/3/12 and the Fire Chief on 9/26/12, CONTINGENT

UPON the submittal of the appropriate Town Clerk's Recording Fee. Second by Selectman McKane. Discussion: Fred noted that this variance request is due to the contour and shape of the land which makes it difficult to place the driveway. The lot was approved by the town in 1987 and a certificate of occupancy was recently granted. First Selectman Temple reviewed the application and noted that the fee should have been paid prior to inspection of the driveway. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

7. **Oxford Goes Pink Day Proclamation – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to approve the following Oxford Goes Pink Day proclamation and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, regardless of race or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), one in eight women who live to be age 80 will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. This makes the disease the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women, after skin cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, one in four cancers diagnosed in the United States is breast cancer, yet women are not the only ones receiving the diagnosis. Although the incidence of breast cancer is much less common among men, approximately 2,000 American men learn they have breast cancer each year; and

**WHEREAS**, women in Connecticut have the second highest rate of new breast cancers in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, early detection through regular mammograms is the single best method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and that breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and older received mammograms at regular intervals; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness month which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the S. B. Church Memorial Town Hall, in conjunction with the Oxford Public School District, encourages all residents of the Town of Oxford in declaring Wednesday, October 24, 2012 as **OXFORD GOES PINK** day to promote awareness of the importance of early detection in the fight against breast cancer. Further, the Town of Oxford supports those who are courageously fighting breast cancer and honors the lives of those lost to this devastating disease.

Second by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **1. YACK Peddler's Permit – Approve Extension Request**

#### **MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to approve the extension request for YACK (Young Entrepreneurs Cotton Candy LLC) Peddler's Permit to cover the three remaining Oxford Flag Football events to be held on October 21, 2012, October 28, 2012 and November 4, 2012 CONTINGENT UPON approval by the Pomperaug District Department of Health. Second Selectman McKane. Discussion: It was noted that 50% of proceeds will be donated to Oxford Flag Football. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

### **2. FY 2012-2013 Transfer Requests**

#### **MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to approve the following FY 2012 – 2013 transfer requests as presented and recommended by the Finance Director in his letter dated 10/17/12:

TO: Elderly	Wages Floater	5295-511-49	\$2,400.00
FROM: Finance Contingency	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$2,400.00
TO: Building	Wages Overtime	5230-521-1000	\$500.00
FROM: Building	Wages Asst Bldg Official	5230-513-38	\$500.00
TO: Tax Collector	Wages Temporary Full Time	5505-517-23	\$22,132.00
FROM: Tax Collector	Wages Asst Tax Collector	5505-515-85	\$22,132.00
TO: Fire Department	Programs Regular	5325-729	\$66.85
FROM: Fire Department	Supplies	5325-685	\$66.85

Second Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

*This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.*

### **8. Report of First Selectman**

First Selectman Temple reminded everyone present that Oxford Goes Pink day is 10/24/12 in support of breast cancer awareness.

Saturday, 10/20/12, at 2 p.m will be the dedication of Ryan's Memorial Tennis Court on Great Oak Road. The two tennis courts were donated by the Vernoooy family in remembrance and honor of their son, Ryan Vernoooy.

Our community has met the requirements to be considered a Heart Safe Community by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and American Heart Association.

During the week of 10/22/12 inspections of the dam and bridges in Town will be done by Michael Baker Engineering.

The Mandella project was shown at the meeting which was done by school age students in Town. The project will be displayed in Town Hall.

### **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

Louis Santos, Cedarstone Road, spoke about his letter which told the Town that he and other residents of Cedarstone Road want to widen the road by 3 ft. (to 21') in an attempt to bring the road to Town standards. He asked for confirmation from the Selectmen that if this was done, the Town would approve the road as a Town road. Mr. Santos also commented that he would be more inclined to be satisfied with Cedarstone Road being a private road if he received a tax break. First Selectmen Temple informed Mr. Santos that the road needs to conform with Town standards and he should meet with the Roads Commission for further information on the matter.

Paolo Dellosa, 24 Moose Hill Road, spoke about a friend of his who goes to the Town dump to leave items and, on occasion, takes items that have been discarded. The friend was told by a Town employee that he is not allowed to reach into the dumpster and take items that have been discarded. Paolo was informed by his friend that he was told the rules of the dump in a very rude manner by a Town employee. Paolo further stated that he witnessed a Town employee dumping items and scrap metal into his own pick-up truck. First Selectman Temple commented that items dropped off at the dump are Town property. He noted that he will be in touch with all Public Works employees to discuss the matter of the Town employee taking items from the site.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Second by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, subject to approval

*Marni Soss*

Marni Soss, Clerk

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TOWN CLERK  
*Michael H. West*