

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

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

Present: First Selectman George R. Temple, Esq.
Selectman Jeff Haney
Selectman David McKane

Also Present:
Administrative Assistant, Joanne Pelton

Acceptance of Minutes

1. 6/21/12 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman McKane moved to approve the 6/21/12 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 7/2/12 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Haney moved to approve the 7/2/12 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

3. 7/10/12 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Haney moved to approve the 7/10/12 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

Amendment of Agenda

1. Re-Word Town Referendum Ballot Question

MOTION

Selectman Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Re-Word Town Referendum Ballot Question under New Business. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

2.

Re- Appoint Tax Collector

MOTION

Selectman Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Re-Appoint Tax Collector under Appointments. This was seconded by Selectman McKane All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

Appointments

Selectman McKane recused himself.

1. Economic Development Commission – Appoint Daniel Wall

MOTION:

Selectman Haney moved to appoint Daniel Wall, of 28 Wedgehill Road, to the Economic Development Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/15. This was seconded by First Selectman Temple. (2) Ayes. (1) Recusal Motion carries.

2. New Oxford Playscape Planning & Building Committee – Appoint David Stocker

MOTION:

Selectman Haney moved to appoint David Stocker, of 144 Punkup Road, to the New Oxford Playscape Planning & Building Committee. This was seconded by First Selectman Temple. (2) Ayes. (1) Abstain Motion carries.

MOTION

Selectman McKane moved to amend the agenda to present the certificates of recognition. This was second by Selectmen Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Taylor Drayton Certificate Presentation

First Selectman Temple presented a Certificate of Recognition to Taylor Drayton for placing first place in Discus and second place in Shot Put at the Class S State Tournament, third place in Discus and fifth place in Shot Put at the State Open Outdoor Track Championships, fifth place in Discus and Shot Put at the New England Outdoor Track and Field Championships, third place in Shot Put at the New Balance High School Nationals. Taylor is the first Oxford High School athlete to compete at Nationals.

2. Rebecca Schmitt Girl Scout Gold Award Certificate Presentation

First Selectman Temple presented a Certificate of Recognition to Rebecca Schmitt for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting and comes with very high National standards.

3. Oxford High School Boy's 4 X 800 Relay Team Certificate Presentation

First Selectman Temple presented a Certificate's of Recognition to the Oxford High School Boy's 4 X 800 Relay Team and coaches for placing first in the Class M State Championships and fifth place in the New England Championships.

MOTION

First Selectman Temple moved to recess the meeting at 7:25 P.M. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

First Selectman Temple called the meeting back to order at 7:28 P.M.

Audience of Citizens

Roger O'Toole, 1 Shannon Court, said that he paid his taxes the other day and they were date stamped 7/9/2023. He went back to the Tax Collector's office after noticing the error and the Tax Collector made the correction and initialed it. He questioned whether this was legal.

First Selectman Temple thanked Mr. O'Toole for bringing it to his attention and said he would look into it.

Emile Goulette, 25 Sycamore Lane, presented pieces of the road. He noted the poor condition the road is in and how badly it needs to be repaired.

First Selectman said there is a Roads Commission, which he could bring this matter to and added that the road is scheduled to be repaired this year.

Doris Cooper, 403 Maple Shade Road, explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission, at their 7/17/12 meeting, had recommended that she attend the Board of Selectmen. meeting. Mrs. Cooper presented a petition with 86 signatures requesting an ordinance banning roosters in residential areas.

First Selectman Temple said the matter would be looked into, but that the Town has to be careful before an ordinance can be considered. Mrs. Cooper explained that the problem originates from 22 Mountain Road.

Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Pat Cocchiarella noted that the P&Z Commission and the Zoning Enforcement Officer are aware of the situation, but nothing could be done.

Richard Cooper, 403 Maple Shade Road said when the owner of 22 Mountain Road, Richard Calderaro moved in two years ago he told the neighbors he was getting guinea hens to eat the ticks and a dog to protect the hens. Mr. Cooper said the problems began when the hens ran around the neighborhood and the dog barked when Mr. Calderaro was not at home. The Animal Control Officer has given Mr. Calderaro two citations.

Mr. Cooper said that Mr. Calderaro has removed the guinea hens and bought chickens and a rooster. The rooster crows at all hours. The neighbors have tried with no success to resolve this matter with Mr. Calderaro.

All of the Selectman acknowledged Oxford as being a farming community and there are roosters in many areas.

First Selectman Temple said he would look into the matter and would like to meet with Richard Calderaro

NEW BUSINESS - Continued

4. Hire Youth Conservation Corp Members

MOTION:

Selectman McKane moved to hire Mackenzie Miner, of 24 Autumn Ridge Road, Samantha Orner, of 17 Silva Terrace, Maria Shaposhnikova, of 33 Silva Terrace and Daniel Smith, of 12 Trefoil Road, to the Youth Conservation Corp all at a pay rate of \$8.25 per hour part-time and a start date of Monday, July 23, 2012. This was seconded by Selectman Haney . All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

Selectman McKane explained that the members must volunteer 50 hours before they are paid. First Selectman Temple noted that the y are paid with grant money.

5. Approve Peddler's Permit Form

Administrative Assistant Joanne Pelton explained that the current peddler permit form is outdated and should be replaced.

MOTION:

Selectman McKane moved to approve the proposed Peddler's Permit form, as presented, due to the fact that the old Peddler's Permit's were extremely outdated. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

6. FY 2011-2012 Transfer Requests

Finance Director Jim Hliva noted that items #8 and #18 are duplicates.

MOTION:

Selectman Haney moved to approve the following FY 2011-2012 transfer requests as presented and recommended by the Finance Director in his letter dated 7/17/12, received 7/18/12: with the exception of the last item.

TO: Library	Computer Catalog	5390-560	\$81.14
FROM: Library	Computer Maintenance	5390-551	\$44.50
FROM: Library	Supplies Departmental	5390-769	\$36.64
TO: Library	Water	5390-799	\$4.20
FROM: Library	Conferences and Meetings	5390-555	\$4.20
TO: Library	Wages Circulation	5390-515-83	\$67.12
FROM: Library	Cont Serv. Clerk	5390-570-1 05	\$59.57
FROM: Library	Magazines and Papers	5390-680	\$7.55
TO: Library	Wages Director	5390-511-80	\$599.14

FROM: Library	Wages Part Time	5390-517-84	\$469.37
FROM: Library	Magazines and newspapers	5390-680	\$129.77
TO: Library	Books	5390-525	\$444.68
FROM: Library	Civic Activities	5390-535	\$444.68
TO: Elderly	Wages Drivers	5295-517-47	\$1536.41
TO: Elderly	Wages Overtime	5295-521-1000	\$404.87
FROM: Elderly	Wages Director	5295-511-45	\$260.60
FROM: Elderly	Custodial Services	5295-517-11	\$655.00
FROM: Elderly	Heating	5295-625	\$1025.68
TO: Elderly	Facility Maintenance	5295-613	\$1,365.00
FROM: Elderly	Vehicle Repairs	5295-812	\$1,365.00
TO: Employee Benefits	Payment in Lieu of Benefits	5305-523-96	\$2,574.89
FROM: Employee Benefits	Workers Compensation	5305-794	\$2,574.89
TO: Elderly	Telephone Sys	5295-775-7	\$260.00
FROM: Elderly	Heating	5295-625	\$260.00
TO: Elderly	Programs Regular	5295-729	\$153.00
FROM: Elderly	Sidewalk Snow Removal	5295-736	\$153.00
TO: Conserv. IWWC	Supplies Office Photo	5265-770	\$100.00
FROM: Conserv. IWWC	Contracted Serv. Enf.orce.	5265-708	\$100.00
TO: Fire	Wages Clerk	5325-517-52	\$97.76
FROM: Fire	Wages Secretary	5325-517-99	\$97.76
TO: Selectmen	Wages Admin Asst.	5480-511-11	\$11,281.22
FROM: Selectmen	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$11,281.22
TO: Tax Collector	Wages Tax Collector	5480-511-11	\$7,211.40
FROM: Tax Collector	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$7,211.40
TO: Tax Collector	Wages Tax Collector	5460-511-11	\$20.17
FROM: Finance Contingency	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$20.17
TO: Police	Cont Serv. Trooper	5433-570-5433	\$2,797.50
TO: Police	Cont Serv. Trooper OT	5433-570-1000	\$8,378.54
FROM: Police	Wages Police Officers	5433-515-58	\$9,808.39
FROM: Finance	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$1,367.65
TO: Police	Overtime	5433-521-1000	\$1,291.55
TO: Police	Buybacks	5433-522-86	\$6,642.25
TO: Police	Longevity	5433-522-87	\$670.00

FROM: Police	Shift Differential	5433-515-1001	\$8,603.80
TO: Employee Benefits	Unemployment	5305-780	\$22,795.00
FROM: Employee Benefits	Buybacks	5305-646	\$5,903.82
FROM: Employee Benefits	Drug Testing	5305-583	\$500.00
FROM: Employee Benefits	Social Security	5305-744	\$11,627.02
FROM: Employee Benefits	Workers Comp	5305-794	\$4,764.16
TO: Employee Benefits	Payment in Lieu of Benefits	5305-523-96	\$2,574.89
FROM: Employee Benefits	Workers Compensation	5305-794	\$2,574.89

This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

7. New Trails Grant Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Haney moved to approve the following New Trails Grant Resolution and to authorize First Selectman to sign; as presented and recommended by the Grant Writer in her letter dated 7/17/12:

Be It Resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Oxford to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, George R. Temple the First Selectman of Oxford is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford, George R. Temple currently holds the title of Oxford First Selectman and has held that office since November 22, 2011. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

This was seconded by Selectman McKane All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

8. Katherine Matthies Foundation Cultural Arts Grant Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman McKane moved to approve the following Katherine Matthies Foundation Cultural Arts Grant Resolution and to authorize First Selectman to sign; as presented and

recommended by the Grant Writer in her letter dated 7/17/12:

RESOLUTION for George R. Temple to sign the contract with Katherine Matthies Foundation for an award of \$4,200 to the Oxford Cultural Arts Commission for operating expenses.

This was seconded by Selectman Haney All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

9. Katherine Matthies Foundation Oxford Parks & Recreation Vernooey Tennis Center Grant Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman McKane moved to approve the following Katherine Matthies Foundation Oxford Parks & Recreation Grant Resolution for the Vernooey Tennis Center Pavilion and to authorize First Selectman to sign; as presented and recommended by the Grant Writer in her letter dated 7/17/12:

RESOLUTION for George R. Temple to sign the contract with Katherine Matthies Foundation for an award of \$7,500 to the Oxford Parks & Recreation for the Vernooey Tennis Center Pavilion.

This was seconded by Selectman Haney All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

Amendments

1. Re-Word Town Referendum Ballot Question

MOTION

Selectman Haney moved to re-word the August 16, 2012 Town Referendum Ballot Question as follows:

"Shall the \$3,100,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the construction of an athletic complex at Oxford High School, including an artificial turf multi-purpose field, synthetic running track, bleachers, lighting and other improvements, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Boards of Finance and Selectmen, be approved? YES/NO"

Second Selectman McKane All (3) Ayes Motion carries. The change is to clarify to the voters that they are voting on a multi-purpose field and not just a football field.

2. Re-Appoint Tax Collector

First Selectman Temple explained that Paula Jensen was not sworn in the time required, so the appointment needed to be made and she would be sworn in tomorrow.

MOTION

Selectman Haney moved to appoint Paula Jensen of, 21 Apple Drive, as Tax Collector. Second First Selectman Temple All (3) Ayes Motion carries.

Report of First Selectman

First Selectman Temple noted that the grants received will be a benefit to the Town,.

The First Selectman said that A.J. Croce would be doing a benefit concert for the animal shelter on October 20, 2012.

The Athletic Fields referendum will be held on August 16. The First Selectman said this is not about politics. It is about the kids.

The First Selectman noted that the Board of Education would be refunding the Town about \$170,000.00. This would go into the general fund.

Audience of Citizens


Adjournment

MOTION:

First Selectman Temple moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

Filed subject to Approval
Respectfully submitted


Cynthia Peck
Recording Clerk

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TOWN CLERK