

Town Meeting  
April 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by First Selectman George R Temple. Town Clerk Margaret A. West read the call and return of posting. Joanne Pelton moved to nominate August Palmer III as moderator, seconded.

Nomination carried: Unanimous:

John Downs moved, seconded:

**ITEM 1** Shall the Town of Oxford amend the 2014-2015 Town of Oxford Capital Plan to include the following?

1. The replacement of the hot water boiler at Quaker Farms School, in the amount of \$20,000, is moved from the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year to the 2014 – 2015 fiscal years.
2. The replacement of the boiler at Oxford Center School, in the amount of \$95,000, is moved from the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year to the 2014 – 2015 fiscal years.

As approved by the Board of Selectmen on 4/2/14?

Discussion: First Selectman George R Temple explained that the hot water heater at QFS broke so school had to be dismissed. He further commented that this is priority.

Center School: Back up boiler, Center School building will be used for years of come, either as a school or municipal building, there for this is a good investment.

There being no other questions or comments the moderator called for a vote:

Motion Carried: Unanimous

ITEM 2: John Downs seconded:

**ITEM 2** Shall the Town of Oxford approve the *Ordinance Pertaining To Creating and Joining the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments* as approved by the Board of Selectmen? A copy of this ordinance is available in Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Sam Gold Executive Director, explained that Regional Planning has been around for more than 50 year. This ordinance represents a change in the CGS that says fewer COGS in the State of Connecticut. The new COG will have 19 towns; we are required to do this per state law.

Augie Palmer commented that this is an excellent idea, being part of the COG where our VEMS is located is great, we will be all together.

John Downs commented that sometimes bigger isn't always better.

First Selectman George Temple said there is nothing we can do about this, the law was passed.

There being on other comments or question the Moderator called for a vote:

Motion Carried: Unanimous

John Downs moved to adjourn, seconded;

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Margaret A West  
Oxford Town Clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT  
  
TOWN CLERK

**ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE  
§§4-124i – 4-124p PERTAINING TO CREATING AND JOINING THE  
NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oxford has heretofore been a designated municipality within the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, as an eligible member the Town of Oxford adopted Section 2-24 of the Code of Ordinances, joining the Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley (“COGCNV”) as a regional council of elected officials and remains a member at the present time; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and resignation of planning districts shall be completed on or before 1 January 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, said reorganization recommended the consolidation of the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (comprised of the following municipalities: Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott and Woodbury) and Valley Planning Region (comprised of the following municipalities: Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton) into a Naugatuck Valley Planning District; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Naugatuck Valley Planning District may additionally include the City of Bristol and Town of Plymouth; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about 11 October 2013 COGCNV and on 17 December 2013 the Valley Council of Governments both approved the voluntary consolidation of the two regions; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about 24 December 2013 the Office of Policy and Management approved the requested and re-designated the Central Naugatuck Valley and Valley Planning Regions into the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (“NVCOG”) operating within the newly established Planning Region will commence operations on 1 January 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oxford would like to participate in the creation of NVCOG as the council of governments for the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region by (1) approving an ordinance pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i-4-124p; (2) filing a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut (“OPM”); and, (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM participating in the operation of the transitional executive committee of NVCOG, which transitional period shall conclude on 31 December 2014 at 11:59:59 PM; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oxford: (1) shall remain a member of COGCNV as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials until December 31, 2014 and participates in the negotiation of the terms and conditions pertinent to the operation of NVCOG prior to

January 1, 2015; and, (2) recognizes the necessity of the current members of COGCNV to remain in operation as an unincorporated association of municipalities in order to wind down the affairs and assets of COGCNV that are either not assigned to and integrated within the operations of NVCOG and which the municipalities believe need to remain separate and distinct from NVCOG.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Creation of Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments. The town hereby joins with such municipalities of the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region, as designated by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut, to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i – 4-124p.

1a. Transitional Provision. Certification by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.

(a) Upon certification by the Secretary of said Office of Policy and Management that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the planning region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of government, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments shall be established.

(b) Upon such certification, the Transitional Period shall commence. Said Transitional Period shall conclude on 31 December 2014 at 11:59:59 PM. During such period the town shall participate on the Transitional Executive Committee for the purposes set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes. The first selectman shall be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee. In the absence of the first selectman, the legislative body of the town shall appoint an elected official to serve as a member. The first selectman may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of said executive committee.

(c) This section shall expire at the conclusion of the Transitional Period and thereafter be void and of no force and effect.

2. Membership in the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments. On and after 1 January 2015, the town shall be a member of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

3. Powers and Duties of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities as shall be set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes.

4. Representative to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Government. The first selectman shall be the representative of the town to the council of governments. In the absence of the Mayor/First Selectman, the legislative body of the town shall appoint an elected official to serve as a member. The first selectman may send an alternate in his or her stead; however, such alternate shall be entitled to such rights as may be established by the council of governments. The town shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the council of governments.

5. The Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley. Successor Association. The town shall remain a member of Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials until December 31, 2014. The town shall also participate with the current members of council of elected officials in an unincorporated association of such municipalities in order to wind down the affairs and assets of the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley that are either not assigned to and integrated within the operations of Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

6. Repeal of Prior Ordinances. On or after 1 January 2015 Section 2-24 of the town's Code of Ordinances regarding the Regional Council of Elected officials shall be repealed and replaced with the foregoing provisions.

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TOWN OF SOUTH BRID, CT  
*Regina A. West*  
TOWN CLERK

# Naugatuck Valley Planning Region

