

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
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 David McKane, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

First Selectman George Temple explained he was wearing a Seymour Football jersey since he lost a bet he had with the Mayor of Seymour if the Oxford Wolverines lost to Seymour. First Selectman Temple stated the Oxford team played very well, but hopes the team wins next year so he won't have to wear it again.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 11/19/14 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 11/19/14 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Re-Appointments

MOTION:

David McKane moved to re-appoint Joyce Silberkleit, of 22 Middlefield Road, Tom Federowicz, of 6 Sunrise Drive, and Greg Baktis, of 55 Reality Road, all to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms to commence 1/1/15 and expire on 12/31/17. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated that all three are very good members for re-appointment. He asked Joanne Pelton to review each of their political affiliation to maintain a balance and have minority representation.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Danny Rogue, 51 Highland Road, asked about the minutes from the last meeting. These are public records and can be viewed on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Boy Scout Troop 1 Ornament Presentation

Adam Johnson presented First Selectman George Temple with this year's ornament. Every year Boy Scout Troop 1 has sold ornaments with an Oxford design, and this year's ornament has the Oxford Center School designed on it. First Selectman George Temple thanked Adam Johnson, and stated he will display it on this year's tree, and thanked the Boy Scouts for being involved. There will also be an Eagle Court of Honor this coming year and First Selectmen George Temple is invited.

2. Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing and authorize the First Selectman to sign; as presented and recommended by the Finance Director.

Discussion: Jim Hliva discussed that there are two vendors that sell ambulances and bid nationally with licensed dealers in the United States. He recommends the approval of this contract and stated there is no cost to the Town. Jim Hliva stated if we don't like the prices they give, we can send it out to bid. David McKane asked if this contract needed to be reviewed by Town Counsel. First Selectman George Temple stated we can amend the motion and add subject to the approval by Town Counsel.

MOTION

David McKane moved to approve the Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing and authorize the First Selectman to sign; as presented and recommended by the Finance Director, subject to the approval by Town Counsel. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$2,837.94, as presented by the Tax Collector in her letter received on 11/25/14, and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: These tax refunds come from the Tax Collector and are for motor vehicles. Many of these are to leasing companies.

4. Appoint Web Site Operations Coordinator and Approve Stipend

MOTION:

David McKane moved to appoint Margaret West as the Web Site Operations Coordinator and approve a stipend of \$4000. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple.

Discussion: David Yish, Chairman of the Website Committee, stated that they had an organizational meeting this evening and would recommend they appoint Margaret West on an interim basis until the committee meets with Margaret West to further define the role.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the motion to appoint Margaret West as the Web Site Operations Coordinator and approve a stipend of \$3,500. This was seconded by Jeff Haney for discussion.

Discussion: Jeff Haney questioned if this will be on an interim basis, how is she going to be paid, and at what amount will be paid each week? David McKane asked that if this is on an interim basis, why not make the stipend \$3600, or \$300 per month?

First Selectman George Temple withdrew his motion; Jeff Haney withdrew his second to the motion.

MOTION:

David McKane moved to amend the motion to appoint Margaret West as the Web Site Operations Coordinator and approve a stipend of \$3,600 per year or \$300 per month. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple discussed that Margaret West had her job description changed by the Charter Committee, and Margaret West has not been compensated for the additional responsibilities. First Selectman George Temple recommends to the Board of Finance to add this item to their next agenda. Jim Hliva stated the Board of Finance will meet on December 16, 2014, and he will add this to the agenda.

David Yish discussed that the Website Committee would like the opportunity to meet with Margaret West to discuss all of the job description for the Web Site Operations Coordinator in detail with her. He hopes that as a committee they will be able to define what the aspects of this role are, and on longer terms, would this be able to be handled by the Committee. There is a daily need to do minutes and agendas, and would like to work

on the roles, and review them with Margaret West. David Yish feels that at the most, it should take about three months.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the motion to appoint Margaret West as the Interim Web Site Operations Coordinator and approve a stipend of \$3,600 per year or \$300 per month. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. Senior Center Snow Removal Services

MOTION:

David McKane moved to hire Scott Halstead to perform the snow removal at the Senior Center, for FY 2014-2015, as directed by the Senior Center Director and at such time to insure that the work is completed prior to the opening of the Senior Center at 8:00 AM, acting as an employee of the Town of Oxford and paid premium time in accordance with the Town of Oxford's Personnel Policy, utilizing town equipment and should Mr. Halstead's services be required during his W.P.C.A. Line Maintenance position's regular hours, he will be allowed to perform the work to ensure the safety of the occupants of the Oxford Senior Center. This was seconded by Jeff Haney for discussion. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Jeff Haney questioned the time frame and equipment since the Center opens at 9 a.m. Scott Halstead takes care of the pumping station and he does have equipment. Dave McKane stated this is a fairly significant savings to the Town and it was not done all the time last year. There were three people doing it at over \$40 an hour plus \$85 each time the snow blower was taken out. Scott Halstead is doing it himself, and will have to be paid a premium since it will be overtime for him.

6. Report of First Selectman

The Town raised \$1275 for the Griffin Hospital Breast Cancer Awareness campaign which included donations of \$1000 for pouring pink water on First Selectman George Temple. First Selectman George Temple thanked David McKane for being the first donor of \$100 toward pouring water over him. Everyone can benefit from early detection.

The Oxford Tree Lighting is this Friday, December 5, and all are invited.

Next week, there will be a meeting with the Power Plant and Masonicare to discuss payment in lieu of taxes. This is a very big important time in Oxford. Masonicare does not have to pay taxes at all. This is an \$85 million project and it may be expanding even more. First Selectman George Temple will have a report at the next meeting.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Danny Rogue, 51 Highland Road, asked if he was able to see the Interlocal contract for the ambulance. Joanne Pelton will make a copy for him. This contract is only for government or non-profit organizations. Danny Rogue also asked if there was a possibility of opening the Web Site development to High School students to gain experience. First Selectman stated that the Board of Education has a separate website that students may be able to get involved in. Danny Rogue also asked where Masonicare is going in Town. First Selectman Temple stated at the end of Riggs Street by Towantic Hill.

Nil Guillet, 2 Douglas Road, stated at the last meeting he stated issues regarding Commerce Drive, and asked if the Board of Selectmen had a chance to go there. First Selectman George Temple stated that they have not had a chance yet, and that they can possibly go there tomorrow. Nil Guillet also questioned the paving done on Town roads. The equipment that was purchased six years ago for paving should make the roads come out smooth, and they are not smooth, and it is not a professional job done by the Public Works Dept. David McKane stated that the trailer to transport the paver is broken, and they do not have a trailer capable of moving the paving machine. It was suggested to Nil Guillet to take this matter up with the Roads Commission. First Selectman George Temple will get this information to the Roads Commission and have Mr. Guillet be put on the Roads Commission agenda. Both of these items will be addressed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

David McKane stated that in the spirit of the Holiday, when talking with the Power Plant and Masonicare, it will be better that they give and we receive.

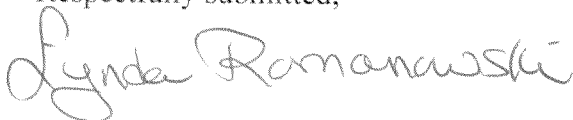
David McKane asked about the Oxford Police Department contract. First Selectman George Temple stated that there is an offer on the table and they have not responded. This item will be put on the next Board of Selectmen Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

David McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN CLERK
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