Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7;30 PM - Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:

First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Scott Flaherty, Kristyn Rosa,

Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Selectman Jeff Haney

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 3/6/18 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 3/6/18 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 3/15/18 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 3/15/18 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Fist Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Approve Invoice for Window and Brick Work at Oxford High School

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Approve Invoice for Window and Brick Work at Oxford High School as Item #6 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #7. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ECG Group Energy Savings Plan Presentation

Unable to attend due to weather. Rescheduled to April 18th's meeting.

They were coming from New York.

2. Elderly Homeowners Program 2017 – Approve Town Funding Amount

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve that the Town continue to administer the Elderly Homeowners Program for 2017, as it has been in past years, with the funding coming from the Town, not the State of Connecticut, and thus terminating the Town benefit program. Exemption amounts differ from homeowner to homeowner based on income brackets which will be determined by the Assessor's office. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes.

Discussion: This was requested by the Assessor. The State of Connecticut did away with the program to assist the elderly. The Town will continue to give tax breaks to elderly home owners.

3. Hire Seasonal Parks & Recreation Maintenance Person

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to hire Hector Ortiz, of Seymour, as a Seasonal Parks & Recreation Maintenance Person, at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour and a start date of Monday, March 26, 2018; as presented and requested by the Parks & Recreation Director in her letter dated 3/14/18. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This individual is a Seymour resident; we understand that he is a hard worker, and have verified citizenship. This was a tough position to fill due to limited hours.

4. FY 2017 – 2018 Transfer and Appropriation Requests

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve the following FY 2017 – 2018 transfer request as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 3/19/18:

TO: Employee Benefits 5305-522-87 Longevity \$85.00 FROM: Employee Benefits 5305-522-86 Buy Backs \$85.00

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The transfer details are listed in the book, and are requested by the Finance Director. Jim Hliva is not here and we will assume that this is appropriate to do these transfers.

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve the following FY 2017 - 2018 appropriation request as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 3/19/18:

TO: W.P.C.A 5580-517-76 Sewer Inspector \$15,000.00 FROM: General Fund Balance \$15,000.00

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott Pelletier discussed this amount was paid for by Oxford Commons, a Garden Homes project. They have already paid this, it is just a transfer, and it is not costing the town anything.

5. Hire Public Works Summer Help

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to hire Matthew Gramesty, of 52 Reality Road, as Summer Help for Public Works, with a rate of pay of \$11.00 per hour and a start date of Monday, June 4, 2018. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Matthew worked for the Public Works Department last year, and he was very helpful and did a good job. He is a college student.

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to hire John Yish of 40 Moose Hill Road, as Summer Help for Public Works, with a rate of pay of \$10.40 per hour and a start date of Monday, June 4, 2018. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple.

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to amend the motion to hire John Yish, as Summer Help for Public Works, with a rate of pay of \$11.00 per hour and a start date of Monday, June 4, 2018. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is John's second year also working for the Public Works Department also. He is also a great worker.

6. Approve Invoice for Window and Brick Work at Oxford High School

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve the invoice from Holmes Masonry, of 67 Squantuck Road in Seymour, as presented, for the window and brick work at Oxford High School in the amount of \$7,686.00 to be taken from Capital and Non-Recurring. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This was on last year's capital budget for a little over \$400,000 and was a slight under estimation to inspect the flashing in order to get an idea as to how much it will cost to replace it.

7. Report of First Selectman

Due to the snow storm, this will be a short report.

The month of April will be a town-wide volunteer cleanup month in Oxford. Denise is handling this again this year.

Scott Flaherty and First Selectman George Temple are touring schools to see the work of the architects that the committee recommends. It will help us make a decision. The School Building Committee ranked the architects in the order of their preference, but that may or may not be how the Board of Selectman will place them. This is being worked on.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Schreiber's Farm Open Space Purchase

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 PM in order to discuss Schreiber's Farm Open Space Purchase. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. Those entering into Executive Session are: the Board of Selectmen and Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa, and the Town Attorney.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to exit Executive Session at 8:00 PM. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated there was no action taken at the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Romanowski

Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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