



TOWN OF OXFORD

S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall
486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478-1298

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
7:30 PM – Town Hall Main Meeting Room

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:30 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. 1/2/19 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 1/2/19 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Economic Development Commission Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Economic Development Commission Appointments under Re-Appointments. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company's 2019 Fire Police Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company's 2019 Fire Police Re-Appointments under Appointments. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Hire Part-Time Library Clerk

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Part-Time Library Clerk as Item # 3. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Quaker Farms Fire Station Deck Replacements – Approve Funding

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Quaker Farms Fire Station Deck Replacements – Approve Funding as Item # 4. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Economic Development Commission Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to re-appoint Pat Blanko, of 55 Rees Drive, and Mike Macchio, of 25 Silano Drive, both to the Economic Development Commission with terms to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Pat Blanko is a local realtor. Mike Macchio has been involved with the Oxford Board of Education.

2. Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company's 2019 Fire Police Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to re-appoint Edward Roman, Louis Mazzucco, Jay Hawthorne and Ronald Stebar as Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company's 2019 Fire Police; as presented and recommended in their letter dated 1/1/19. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Recommendations given by the Fire Company will be supported. All four (4) men have done great work for the Fire Company.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Award Commissioning Agent for New Middle School Project

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to award Colliers International as the Commissioning Services Agent for the New Middle School project as recommended and approved by the

Oxford School Building Committee at their meeting on 12/12/18. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Colliers International has been involved with the New Middle School project since the beginning. The Commissioning Agent will inspect every aspect of the completed structure for quality of work, mechanical systems and materials to ensure that all components are installed and function in accordance with the design plans and specifications. This company was recommended by the committee.

2. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the tax refunds totaling \$5,141.46 as recommended and presented by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 1/16/19 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Vincent Palutis audits the tax bills each week. Tax refunds have been expedited at a quicker rate.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the tax refunds totaling \$9,350.90 as recommended and presented by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 1/16/19 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The refunds have been reviewed and approved.

3. Hire Part-Time Library Clerk

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Marie Androski, of 38 Columbus Street, Seymour, as a Part-Time Library Clerk with a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour and a start date of Tuesday, January 22, 2019. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Marie Androski will serve as a substitute library clerk when a full-time or part-time library clerk is absent.

4. Quaker Farms Fire Station Deck Replacement – Approve Funding

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the two quotes, both from Scott Keller Remodeling dated 1/27/17, for the replacement of the deck off the kitchen/meeting room, in the amount of \$5,249.00, and the replacement of the deck off the bar area, in the amount of \$2,963.44, both at the Quaker Farms Fire Station and to approve the funding

totaling \$8,212.44 to be taken from Capital Projects. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The boards need to be replaced.

Report of First Selectman

1. News release from Gov. Malloy included Oxford in receiving State funding to purchase 132 acres of the Schreiber property on Quaker Farms Road. A price has not yet been negotiated. A section of the land is being considered for soccer and/or baseball fields, with the balance to be used as a nature preserve wildlife refuge area. There is a pond for fishing on the property, as well as a camping area. The land will also serve as home to bird nesting areas. This 132 acres of open space will help to maintain the rural character of Oxford and will become part of the Town legacy for future generations. First Selectman George Temple extended his appreciation to COG and former Gov. Dannel Malloy for their support of obtaining this property for use as open space.
2. Congressman Jim Himes will conduct a town hall meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 1:00 PM at the Oxford Town Hall, 486 Oxford Road in Oxford. Oxford is the only New Haven County town in his district. The meeting will address national challenges and topics that are of concern to constituents. First Selectman George Temple gave appreciation for Congressman Himes' support and assistance during the tornado. Congressman Himes also nominated the new Oxford Public Library for a federal library award.
3. The Oxford Public Library has been running smoothly. Readership has tripled, and programs are well-attended.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS


Vincent Palutis, of 75 Rees Drive, commented that the Oxford Public Library is off to a good start and running well. He asked about the use of Town Hall extra space and improvements. First Selectman George Temple indicated that there will be handicap access at the front of the Oxford Town Hall; there will be new carpeting installed, a new front door, a veterans' station in honor of those men and women who served our country, HVAC system upgrade, new painting as well as other projects. First Selectman Temple also acknowledged that the new middle school building project is on schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF DUNBROOK, CT
Christopher A. Blawie
TOWN CLERK