

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, December 6, 2017
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by First Selectman George Temple, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Scott Flaherty, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 11/15/17 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 11/15/17 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Disqualification by Scott Flaherty.

2. 11/21/17 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 11/21/17 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Appoint Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Appoint Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate as Item #12 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #13. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Oxford Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint William Richter, of 126 Meadowbrook Road, and Ethan Steward, of 24 Laura Lane, both to the Oxford Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to commence 1/1/18 and expire on 12/31/20; as presented and recommended by the OCCIWA in their letter dated 11/1/17. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Oxford Housing Authority Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Kathleen O'Connell, of 100 Stakum Circle, to the Oxford Housing Authority with a term to commence 1/1/18 and expire on 12/31/22; as presented and recommended by the Housing Authority Chairman in his letter dated 11/27/17. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Municipal Agent Re-Appointment

No action required.

4. Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Company 2018 Chief Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Andy Coy as the 2018 Chief for Quaker Farms Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. as presented and recommended in their letter dated 11/26/17. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. Riverside Fire Company 2018 Chief Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint John Downs, Jr. as the 2018 Chief for Riverside Fire Company, Inc. as presented and recommended in their letter dated 11/13/17. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Troop 1 Ornament Presentation

BSA Troup 1 presented First Selectman Temple this year's Oxford ornament which is two-sided and a memorial for Chelsea Wheeler. The ornament sells for \$10 each. All proceeds from this year will be donated to The Hole In The Wall Gang Camp in honor and memory of Chelsea Wheeler. First Selectman Temple thanked them for the

ornament and thought that was a very nice thing to do. Chelsea Wheeler was a very courageous young lady.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to take a five minute break at 7:40 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

First Selectman George Temple called the meeting back to order at 7:43 PM

2. Re-Establish/Re-Organize Opiate Crisis Steering Committee

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-establish/re-organize the Opiate Crisis Steering Committee and re-approve the following charge:

Opiate Crisis Steering Committee Charge

The Charge for the Opiate Crisis Steering Committee will be to address the opioid crisis here in Oxford and the State of Connecticut and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Opiate Crisis Steering Committee will request technical assistant from BHcare.

This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple stated that we have to deactivate the first committee. Originally, First Selectman Temple didn't want a formal committee, but now sees that it would be a benefit to have a formal committee, and possibly get funding from grants for various programs on opiate addiction. This does not diminish the commitment to helping people with opiate addiction and families faced with addiction.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to disband the existing Opiate Crisis Steering Committee. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint the following members to the Opiate Crisis Steering Committee:

Susan Schiavi, of 15 Thorson Road
Officer Thomas Gugliotti, of 245 Riggs Street
Vincent Provenzano, of 9 Michael Circle
Laura Denslow, of 38 Belinsky Circle

Dr. Heather Ferrillo- DiIullo, of 22 Oakcrest Road
Kenn Maher, of 10 Knorr Road
Father John Donnelly, of 470 Quaker Farms Road
Madalene Taggart, of 106 Prokop Road

Liaisons:

Sgt. Dan Semosky, Resident State Trooper
Jodi Zaleha, Oxford High School Nurse
Pam Mautte, APW BHCare
Lorri McFarland, APW BHCare
AmeriCorp Worker

This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The group wants to really run with this and is working on innovative programs. All of these people had a tremendous contribution to make on this committee. It will be a more productive way to do things. Jeff Haney had suggested when the meetings are held have each meeting end, and then have an open forum. First Selectman Temple stated that one of the members on the committee will take notes and that this is an open meeting.

3. Board of Selectmen 2018 Meeting Schedule – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following 2018 Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting schedule as presented:

January 3, 2018 *	July 18, 2018
January 17, 2018	
February 7, 2018	August 15, 2018
February 21, 2018	
March 7, 2018	September 5, 2018
March 21, 2018	September 19, 2018
April 4, 2018	October 3, 2018
April 18, 2018	October 17, 2018
May 2, 2018	November 7, 2018
May 16, 2018	
June 6, 2018	December 5, 2018
June 20, 2018	December 19, 2018

* Special Meeting per Town Charter

This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is required once per year.

4. Appoint Acting First Selectman

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to appoint Jeff Haney as the Acting First Selectman to commence immediately and expire on 11/19/19. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 2 Ayes. 1 Abstention by Jeff Haney. Motion carries.

5. Appoint Deputy Treasurer

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Vincent Palutis as Deputy Treasurer with a term to commence immediately and expire on 11/19/19. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

6. Approve Fire Department's FY 2017 – 2018 Capital Projects Purchases

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Fire Department's FY 2017-2018 Capital Project purchases as presented and requested by the Fire Chief in his letter dated 8/4/17:

Fire Brush Truck	\$50,000.00
Fire Turnout Gear Washer	\$10,000.00
Fire Department Chevrons for Trucks	\$12,410.00

This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: This was approved at a previous meeting but was put on hold due to the uncertainties with Hartford. These items will be passed on to the Board of Finance. Scott Pelletier stated that the Brush Truck will be refurbished with a new pump and new lights. They did get bids for this.

7. Board of Fire Chiefs New Vehicle Request – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Board of Chief's request to purchase a 2018 Ford Expedition to be used by the department in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.00; as presented and requested in their letter dated 9/14/17. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: The new vehicle is for the Chief, and the vehicles all get passed down and are rotated. The Chief needs a public service vehicle which comes with vinyl seats, and rubber mats. They will be disposing of the 2006 vehicle. First Selectman Temple asked if we could trade it in, or if not, bring it to the Public Works Department. Question was raised about the old ambulance up at the Public Works Department, and Scott Pelletier stated it does not fit their needs. Jim Hliva was asked to see if the town can donate it to another town, i.e. someplace in the Houston area, after all of the damage there caused by the hurricane.

8. Solid Waste/Recycling Permit Licenses – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Solid Waste/Recycling Permit License as approved by the Recycling Coordinator:

- Stone Construction, 168 main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488
(Recycling)
- USA Hauling & Recycling, 15 Mullen Road, Enfield, CT 06082
(Solid Waste and Recycling)

This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is done on a yearly basis.

9. New Middle School Project Management/Owner's Representation Support Services – Approve Company and Fee

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve to hire Colliers International/Project Management Northeast, of 135 New Road in Madison, as the New Middle School Project Management/Owner's Representation Support Services for a fee not to exceed \$6,500.00;

as presented and approved by the Oxford School Building Committee. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Bob Slie, 71 Bee Mountain Road, Chairman, stated this is an interim step now that the referendum has passed and discussed the need to get the RFQ to hire an architect. This will help get the next phase started. This also will help with the selection process to be sure all protocols and procedures are followed. Everything will go to the Board of Selectmen. This is the first baby step into building a new school.

10. Proposed Amended Personnel Regulations – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the proposed amendments of the Personnel Regulations as presented. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: the changes tonight are for the Personnel Regulations that were approved at the July 21, 2017 meeting. On the last page of the regulations, the salary will be granted for new hires at 20% less than the salary schedule for the first year, then 10% less the second year. These are for non-union employees. The second item that was changed is that the group insurance amount was changed over to a HSA plan, which costs the town \$25,000. This will become effective on January 1, 2018. The HSA plan is a health savings account for employees to have payroll deductions into the Health Savings Account to help pay for the cost of their deductible. The premium will be discussed at next Thursday's negotiation meeting.

11. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$7,274.15, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter received on 12/5/17 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

12. Appoint Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Robert Costigan, of 300 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate with a term to commence 1/1/18 and expire on 12/31/19. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

13. Report of First Selectman

1. Today is the last meeting that Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant, will be attending. First Selectman Temple thanked Joanne for her 6 years of service and stated that everything she has done for the town has been a large part of the success the town has had. Joanne will be missed.
2. First Selectman Temple received a letter from the Office of School Construction Grants and Review which stated the town will be reimbursed 30.6%.
3. Jim and Sue Wlasuk from the Animal Shelter are resigning. First Selectman Temple thanked them for their years of service and commitment.
4. We are losing one of our police officers, Lou Denaro. We have hired someone to take his place.
5. Tomorrow there will be a party for the Senior Center at Grand Oak Villa.
6. The Tree Lighting was held.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

John Downs, 666 Roosevelt Drive, asked about the cell tower, and stated he had asked for some guidelines, and to put up a gate, and have the area kept clean. Mr. Downs asked First Selectman Temple if there was something he can do to make this happen. First Selectman Temple wants to take a look at it first before he calls someone. Mr. John Downs also asked about the State DOT for the new Stevenson Dam proposal. First Selectman Temple stated at the last NVCOG meeting, it was discussed that there were three plans for this; one was to go over the water which First Selectman Temple stated this is the most expensive option; and another was that there are different levels past the dam in Derby which will be 1000 feet into Monroe and straight across into Oxford. First Selectman Temple brought up about the eagles in that area and they stated eagles are not an endangered species. This project is tentatively scheduled for 2020 to begin construction. First Selectman Temple did not think they will be taking any homes. Mr. Downs would appreciate any information that would be coming in about this project. First Selectman Temple asked Joanne Pelton to set up a date for him to meet with Mr. Downs to look at the cell tower.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

First Selectman Temple moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Romanowski
Lynda Romanowski, Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Jeffrey H. Haney
TOWN CLERK