



TOWN OF OXFORD

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

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
7:30 PM – Virtual Meeting/Hangout Meets

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:31 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Heather Haney, Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman

Absent: None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 1/20/21 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 1/20/21 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Oxford Fire Department's 2021 Chief of Chiefs Re-Appointment

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Oxford Fire Department's Chief of Chiefs Re-Appointment under Appointments. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Oxford Fire Department 2021 Chief of Chiefs Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Scott Pelletier as the Fire Department's 2021 Chief of Chiefs. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott Pelletier has provided outstanding leadership to the Fire Department as Chief of Chiefs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Inland Wetlands Conservation Commission Community Support Committee Application for Trail Mobility Bike – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Community Support Committee Application for the Inland Wetlands Conservation Commission, in the amount of \$3,885.00 for the purchase of a Trail Mobility Unit: Surly Big Fat Dummy Cargo Bike; as approved by the committee at their meeting held on 1/1/21. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Joe Lanier, Inland Wetlands Conservation Commission, described the purpose of the cargo bike and where it will be stored. He explained that the bike reduces liability, is easier to transport, is environmentally friendly and costs less than a motorized vehicle.

2. Fire Department Request to Sell 1996 Tanker 33 – Authorize Sale

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the sale of the Fire Department's 1996 Tanker 33 to New England Fire Equipment & apparatus Corporation of North Haven, for the amount of \$35,000.00 as presented and requested in their letter dated 1/21/21 and to utilize these funds for the installation of an irrigation system for Emily Yish Field. Funds will be deposited into Special Activities Account 173-4000-100-9100. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott Pelletier, Fire Department Chief, explained that the vendor who originally sold the department the tanker was willing to buy it back. The money will be used to maintain the girls' sports field with an irrigation system. The tanker was replaced with a new one.

3. Hire Police Officer

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Scott McCue as a Full-Time Oxford Police Officer with a pay rate of \$32.81 per hour and a start date of February 1, 2021. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Office Scott McCue is a veteran part-time police officer. He is familiar with the town and town procedures, has his own equipment and resides in Oxford. The Oxford Police Department is in support of this choice for hire.

4. Report of First Selectman

- 1. Covid-19 Vaccination Center.** Oxford has been approved to serve as a vaccination center for the Covid-19 vaccine. Saturday, February 6, 2021 and Saturday, March 6, 2021 are slated to administer vaccinations to the first wave of individuals ages 75 and older. Appointments are still being accepted. To schedule an appointment, call the vaccination center at 203-888-3170. The vaccination center will continue to administer vaccinations for the other vaccination groups. First Selectman George Temple expressed his gratitude to Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, Selectman Heather Haney (Assistant Director, Oxford Senior Center), and those individuals who assisted in organizing the vaccination center and appointments.
- 2. Snowstorm.** The Department of Public Works has done a great job with snow removal and plowing during the last storm.
- 3. Center for Cancer Care at Griffin Hospital.** The Center for Cancer Care at Griffin Hospital is offering free screening for breast cancer on February 4, 2021. Spaces are limited. Call 203-732-1280 to schedule an appointment. This information will be posted on the Facebook page of the First Selectman as well as the town website.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Jim Sanders, who organizes and leads hikes for Oxford CT Hiking, explained that he and his group hike Rockhouse Hill Sanctuary often and that parking has been difficult. He requested that the town look into additional parking, especially at the Moose Hill Road section of the preserve. First Selectman George Temple acknowledged the importance of parking to support the preserve and will look into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen