

Minutes

Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 7:30 PM
Virtual Meeting/Hangout Meets/In Person

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:39 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Heather Haney (Virtually), Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman

Absent: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 9/1/21 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Heather Haney moved to approve the 9/1/21 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee – Appoint Liaison

MOTION:

Selectman Heather Haney moved to appoint Peter Nelson, from Shelton, as a Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee Liaison. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant, stated that Peter Nelson is currently the custodian at Great Oak Middle School. First Selectman George Temple noted that this position makes sense for a custodian to have input. First Selectman Temple explained that when they started touring middle schools to determine which architect and professionals to use, the first thing he asked was to talk to the custodian because they know all the ins and outs. Mr. Nelson may not be from Oxford, but he is invested in it. Selectman Arnold Jensen asked if Mr. Nelson would be an additional liaison or would he be replacing someone. Both First Selectman Temple and Mrs. Rosa confirmed that this is a new position placed specifically for his input, he does not have voting rights.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Heather Haney moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$5,277.00, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 9/15/21 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple asked if everyone had a chance to review this already, everyone confirmed that they did.

2. Project Development Agreement between Town of Oxford and Johnson Controls, Inc. for Investment Grade Audit – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Heather Haney moved to approve the Project Development Agreement between the Town of Oxford and Johnson Controls, Inc. for the development of an Investment Grade Audit of town facilities as presented in the Agreement and to authorize the First Selectman to sign said Agreement. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple asked Finance Director Jim Hliva the cost of this endeavor. Mr. Hliva stated that it will cost \$20,000.00. Mr. Aaron Alibrio, Business Development of Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI), through hangout meets, explained the Project Development Agreement (PDA) spells out the responsibilities and it gives JCI

access to all town facilities. Mr. Alibrio explained that in addition, once it is signed, it will give JCI the ability to get the engineer, horsepower and assign the project to be finished with an investment grade on it. There is a \$20,000.00 fee if you decide not to move forward, but they will be fully developing the scope of all the work for all the buildings listed in the PDA. First Selectman George Temple asked if this covers all of the town buildings including the Board of Education. Mr. Alibrio stated yes and that this is an energy audit in the design of energy conservation measures that would replace pieces of equipment that are at the end of useful life, or old pieces of equipment that, by replacing them, would significantly save the town money which is being wasted in each of those buildings. Selectman Arnold Jensen stated that in reviewing this previously, there are facilities not included such as parks, Parks and Recreation facilities like the tennis courts, which use a lot of energy, and Jackson Cove, to name a few, that should be added. First Selectman George Temple and Selectman Heather Haney both agreed. Mr. Alibrio stated that adding these other town facilities would not incur further charges. The locations missing just need to be listed, pump houses as well, and they will take a look at them while they are out there. Finance Director Jim Hliva asked if the town proceeded to the next step in this, is the \$20,000.00 refunded. Mr. Alibrio responded it's not billed, so they will just move it to the contract as agreed upon. Mr. Hliva then asked if we just take the study and put it on the shelf and do nothing with it, it will cost us \$20,000.00, but if we take the study and say great idea lets move forward, it will not cost us anything. Mr. Alibrio responded that is correct. First Selectman George Temple stated that made sense and it sounded great. Selectman Arnold Jensen also agreed and stated that he likes the approach of looking in to the energy usage of all the buildings, rather than piece it out as we have in the past. First Selectman Temple agreed, and said that this should be done periodically anyway.

3. Hire Parks & Recreation Lifeguard

MOTION:

Selectman Heather Haney moved to hire Noah Spader as a Parks & Recreation Lifeguard at \$13.00 per hour and a start date of Monday, September 20, 2021; as presented and recommended by the Parks & Recreation Director in her letter dated 9/13/21. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple says he supports this, we do need a life guard, and this is a good price. The First Selectman also went on to say that he knows Kyra Nesteriak, the Recreation Director, spends a lot of time looking into these things, and that if she recommends this, it's thorough. Selectman Arnold Jensen inquired if this is for the pool, Kristyn Rosa Administrative Assistant confirmed that it is for the pool.

4. FY 2020 – 2021 Annual Report

MOTION:

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

MOTION:

Selectman Heather Haney moved to approve the FY 2020 – 2021 Annual Report, as presented. This report will be made available on the Town's municipal website and in the office of the Town Clerk by January 15, 2022 per Town Charter. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple stated that he agrees with this.

5. Report of First Selectman

- 1) The Opioid Committee is going to have a Candlelight Vigil at Quarry Walk, Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm. This for the other ongoing pandemic, a deadly pandemic, of Opioid addiction. All of the selectmen stated they will be present. First Selectman Temple stated he is looking forward to making progress in this area, and that this Opioid committee is something he is really going to push in the future. Dr. Frederick Browne is currently specializing in addiction and diseases, and his specialty will be in Opioid addiction. His involvement could be a huge help. Unfortunately, this is still a big problem in our town and all over.
- 2) There was also a meeting with Lisa Morrissey, who is the Temporary Chairman of Pomperaug Health. The First Selectman met with her for a few hours and there was discussion of Covid and health issues and all sorts of topics. The First Selectman stated he is very impressed with her, she is very smart and a hard worker, and that she is applying to be the permanent director of Pomperaug Health. After speaking with her, he recommends to the other two members of the Board of Selectman to vote for her. She really seems like she has got it together and she will be well liked. He felt that the other board members would be impressed with her. Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa agreed, and stated that Ms. Morrissey had a lot of good information,
- 3) There was a meeting with the Board of Education in regards to landscaping, and the condition of the field up at the new middle school. The care for the field has been turned over to the them, and they agreed with it.
- 4) As far as Covid in the school system, we have only one active case and the situation is being well-handled. It is understood seeing the kids in masks is disagreeable for some, but this comes from the state and we have to abide.
- 5) Selectman Heather Haney added that there are Opioid Awareness signs and posters available at the Senior Center that are free to take. She encouraged they be put up in focal-point areas to help spread the word about the candlelight vigil.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Heather Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,


Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
Clerk, Board of Selectman

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TO: J. J. HICKS
FROM: J. J. HICKS