

Minutes

Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 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 7:33 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 12/1/21 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 12/1/21 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Cultural Arts Commission Re-Appointment Clarification

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to *clarify* the motion made at the 12/1/21 Special Meeting with regards to the Cultural Arts Commission Appointment. The actual term for this appointment began on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21. The motion shall read:

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to appoint Ellen Fox to the Cultural Arts Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/21. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Community Support Committee Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint William Baxter to the Community Support Committee with a term to commence immediately. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion regarding how Mr. Baxter is a great fit and really in tune with the needs of the Veterans, kids and the community.

3. Elderly Commission Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Edith Witham to the Elderly Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/24. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion regarding Mrs. Witham being well liked and a good fit.

4. Board of Ethics Re-Appointments/Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint David VerNooy to the Board of Ethics with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple stated that Mr. VerNooy is about as ethical as you can get and the Board of Selectmen are glad to have him on board.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Ben Blue to the Board of Ethics with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple commented that Mr. Blue is well known and a real good guy with unquestionable ethics.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Paul Schreiber to the Board of Ethics with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/24. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple stated that Mr. Schreiber is very well known. He was a former first selectman, he takes his stuff seriously and is doing a great job.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to *table* re-appointing Laura Denslow to the Board of Ethics. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Mary Androski to the Board of Ethics with a term to commence on 1/1/22 and expire on 12/31/25. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that Mrs. Androski has been on the board for over ten years and does a great job. She is also a lawyer, which is beneficial to have on board for technical points.

5. Parks & Recreation Commission Re-Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Glen Schumitz to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to commence on 1/1/22 and expire on 12/31/24. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had in regards to what a great job Mr. Schumitz is doing and how involved he is. Comments were added how he genuinely cares about Parks & Recreation and the town. As Mr. Schumitz was in the audience, First Selectman George Temple told him that he was doing a great job. Mr. Schumitz thanked the First Selectman.

The First Selectman went on to congratulate the entire Board for everything they have done and accomplished all throughout Covid and how they reconfigured everything to ensure public safety; they made lemonade out of lemons. The Board was able to continue and achieve things that many towns just abandoned. In particular though the guidance of the Director, Kyra Nesteriak, and Chairman Glen Schumitz.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Greg Baktis to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Glen Schumitz stated that Mr. Baktis is an excellent choice.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Jennifer Wolyniec to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Glen Schumitz commented this is another excellent choice. Mrs. Wolyniec is very involved and has kids as well, which aides to keep the Board in the know.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Jason Opotzner to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Glen Schumitz commented that Mr. Opotzner is new, doing great and has done a great job so far.

6. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Edward Rowland to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 11/21/23. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISUCSSION:

Discussion was had that Mr. Rowland had been on the board before, he has deep roots in this town and the Board wholeheartedly supports this.

7. Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Re-Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Joshua Dykstra to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate with a term 1/1/22 immediately and expire on 12/31/23. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that Mr. Dykstra has been on the commission for quite some time. He knows and understands the regulations well. There has been nothing but good things heard about him. The board congratulated him and told him to keep up the good work and he has their support. Mr. Dykstra was present and thanked the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Troop 1 2020 & 2021 Ornament Presentations

Troop 1 Presented the Board of Selectman with TWO new ornaments this year. One for last year, 2020 and 2021. The ornaments this year will be for sale for twelve dollars. They will be found at the Oxford Pharmacy, Oxford Library and Oxford Hardware.

The Board of Selectman and the Chairman of Parks & Recreation thanked Troop 1 for all that they do.

2. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$778.00, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 12/14/21 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Solid Waste & Recycling Permit Licenses – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following Solid Waste/Recycling Permit License as approved by the Recycling Coordinator:

- USA Hauling & Recycling, 15 Mullen Road, Enfield, CT 06082
(Solid Waste and Recycling)

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this is normal and routine.

4. Board of Selectmen 2022 Meeting Schedule – Approve and Authorize the First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following Board of Selectmen 2022 Meeting Schedule:

January 5, 2022 *	July 20, 2022
January 19, 2022	
February 2, 2022	August 17, 2022
February 16, 2022	
March 2, 2022	September 7, 2022
March 16, 2022	September 21, 2022
April 6, 2022	October 5, 2022
April 20, 2022	October 19, 2022
May 4, 2022	November 2, 2022
May 18, 2022	November 16, 2022
June 1, 2022	December 7, 2022
June 15, 2022	December 21, 2022

* Special Meeting per Town Charter

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

It was pointed out that there is only one meeting in July and August because they are pretty unnecessary; there often isn't much going on those months anyway and no one comes to those meetings. A Special Meeting could be arranged should something important need to be taken care of.

5. FY 2021 – 2022 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following FY 2021 – 2022 Transfer Request as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 12/14/21:

TO: Grants	5591-800-XXX	Archeological Study	\$3,250.00
FROM: Finance	5320-560-5320	Contingency	\$3,250.00

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

There was discussion regarding the handicap trails up by the school and the importance of them. Allowing this transfer, and the archaeological study to be conducted, is the only way to get the grant for these trails.

6. Name School

First Selectman George Temple stated that it has been decided that the old Great Oak Middle School shall from here on be named Great Oak Elementary School.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved that effective December 15, 2021 the name of the old "Great Oak Middle School" shall be changed to "Great Oak Elementary School".

This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

7. Report of First Selectman

- Covid 19 Booster Clinic will be held at the old Oxford Center School, on Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
 - The information will be found on the First Selectman of Oxford Facebook page and a CodeRed message may be sent out as well
- A meeting was had with Dr. Browne, Pomperaug Health, Police, Ambulance, and the Fire Department. There was much talk about Covid and how we must get a grip on things again as things seem to be picking up. We have had two deaths in

the past week; everyone is concerned and the health of everyone is of utmost importance. Social distancing, wearing masks where they are required, and keep washing your hands; we have to do what is best for the town as well as follow guidelines provided by the State. We have to follow the rules and regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Minutes filed subject to approval

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
Clerk, Board of Selectman

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
TOWN CLERK