

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Kathy Johnson, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 5/3/17 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 5/3/17 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. FY 2017 – 2018 Holiday Schedule

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the FY 2017 – 2018 Holiday Schedule as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Christmas holiday was discussed. Usually Christmas Eve is a holiday, and this year Christmas falls on a Monday, so Christmas Eve is on Sunday, December 24. It was discussed whether to have the Friday before Christmas or the Tuesday after Christmas for the Christmas Eve holiday. Jeff Haney stated he would like the day after Christmas as the holiday. It was decided to leave the holidays as presented with the Tuesday, December 26th as the holiday and have a three day work week between Christmas and New Year's.

2. Hire Public Works Summer Help

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to re-hire Matt Gramesty, of 52 Reality Road, as Public Works Summer Help with a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour effective Monday, May 15, 2017. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion. First Selectman Temple would like the summer help to remove the trash along the sides of the roads. They will be provided with cones and bright colored shirts for safety.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire John Yish, of 40 Moose Hill Road, as Public Works Summer Help with a pay rate of \$10.10 per hour effective Monday, May 15, 2017. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is his first year hire, and this is the minimum wage. He is a hard working person, and will be available for June 1, 2017.

3. Arcadis 2017 – 2018 Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Contract for Quaker Farms School Site – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Arcadis 2017 – 2018 Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Contract for Quaker Farms School Site and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes.

Discussion: This is an annual contract.

4. Parent Child Resource Center's Cycling Event – Approve Oxford Routes

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Oxford routes for the Parent Child Resource Center's Cycling Event which is to take place on Sunday, June 4, 2017 starting and ending at the Quarry Walk and kicks off at 8:30 AM; all as they presented and requested in their letter 5/11/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This will be starting and ending at Quarry Walk. We have done this in the past and it is the 6th annual Cycling Event.

5. Hire Parks & Recreation Summer Staff

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire Parks & Recreation Summer Staff as presented and requested by the Director in her letter dated 5/17/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This added one more person to the summer staff.

6. Set Up Community Support Account

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to authorize the town to set up an account for the new community support payments from CPV. The first payment of \$50,000 was on January 1, 2017. The tax stabilization agreement was approved on May 1, 2017. The payments are for the purposes of funding community support programs for the benefit of the town, as determined solely by the Board of Selectmen, including, but not limited to, programs promoting education, safety, health, athletics and the general welfare of the Town's residents. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is to have the Board of Selectmen set up this account for various charities connected to youth activities. First Selectman Temple would like to appoint an independent committee to make recommendations for use of the funds. The committee would probably be a 5 member committee, and its mission would be to help the kids. The Town Attorney explained that this is a community support document, which when originally discussed was for the kids in town, but then it was determined to use the wording for the general welfare of the Town's residents. The Board of Selectmen will have the final say on the projects. Some suggestions were noted, i.e. lights for the fields, a bike route, or something to help the opiate epidemic. Once the committee is formed, then the mission statement can be addressed. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please let First Selectman Temple know.

7. Report of First Selectman

1. First Selectman Temple met with Springer Sanitation. Charlie Springer is now retired. Copes Rubbish Removal of Watertown will be replacing them. The Town is looking at the feasibility of having town-wide rubbish removal and would like the cost to be a part of the municipal taxes. This is in the works.

2. Board of Selectmen meetings were discussed for the summer months. The meeting in December, 2016, set the calendar for the year. There will be two in June, one on July 19, and one on August 16, 2017. If anything comes up, the Board of Selectmen can address it then.

3. Graduation will be held on June 16, 2017.

4. The baseball team is in the State tournament.

5. The Festival of Arts, Culture, & Entertainment will be held May 19, 20, 21, 2017. They will have live bands, and it will be a lot of fun!

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

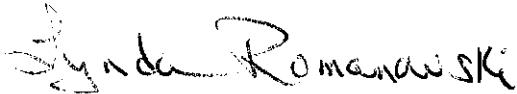
Mike Carpinello, 20 Fairview Street, Ansonia, CT, asked why he can't sell at the Summer Concert Series; he has a permit, but is not allowed during the concerts. He wanted to expand his business to Oxford. He asked about the Freedom of Information Act, and stated any public record should be available without filling out a form. First Selectman Temple stated this is a conflict with the Parks & Recreation since they sell snacks and ice cream at the Summer Concerts and the money they make goes back into the town. It is at the Parks & Recreation's discretion as they provide the events. Discussion was held. Glenn Schumitz, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, stated that they sell snacks and ice cream, and Dad's food truck is allowed there for people who want a "meal." Dad's does not sell ice cream or snacks. This is the same policy as Opening Day for Little League; Parks & Recreation does not allow vendors since they would be in competition since the snack bar sells food. All of the money earned goes back into the parks. It was suggested that Mr. Carpinello make a proposal and then present it at the next Parks & Recreation meeting. The Parks & Recreation Commission can take a look at it. The Committee meets the first Monday of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Margaret H. West
TOWN CLERK