

**Board of Selectmen's  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**  
**7:30 PM - Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order by First Selectmen George Temple and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George R. Temple, Esq., Selectman Jeff Haney, Joanne Pelton,  
Administrative Assistant  
Absent: Selectman David McKane, due to an injury at work.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**1. 7/15/15 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 7/15/15 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

**2. 7/21/15 Special Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 7/21/15 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

**3. 7/29/15 Public Hearing**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 7/29/15 Public Hearing minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

## AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

### **1. Re-Award Surveillance System Bid and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

#### MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Re-Award Surveillance System Bid and Authorize First Selectman to Sign as Item #9 under New Business and to move Report of First Selectman to Item #10. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

### **2. Discuss with possible action to hire Peter Olsen as the Assistant Zoning Attorney**

#### MOTION

Jeff Haney moved to add discuss with possible action to hire Peter Olsen as the Assistant Zoning Attorney as recommended in his letter to the Planning & Zoning's Commission. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

## APPOINTMENTS

### **1. Anti-Blight Study Committee – Appoint Larry Morgan**

#### MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Lawrence Morgan, of 32 Oakwood Drive, to the Anti-Blight Study Committee with a term to commence immediately CONTINGENT UPON proof of being a registered voter. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple asked Mr. Morgan if he was registered. Mr. Morgan stated he is not, but will register. First Selectman George Temple did speak with Larry Morgan, and he did want to serve the town.

## AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Brian Francione, 15 Silano Drive, Oxford, asked the Board of Selectmen about the Fire Commission Status. First Selectman George Temple had discussed this item with the Chief last week and will be discussing it again, but needs the ordinance to support it. Mr. Francione asked if it was the Fire Commissions Ordinance the First Selectman was referring to. Yes, the Fire Commission did do it but it failed. First Selectman will work on it with the Chiefs and make any changes to it and discuss with the Town Attorney. They have their recommendations. There will be a meeting within the next week or two. Brian Francione asked if the Fire Commission would be able to attend the meeting. He works until 4:30 but can meet after that. First

Selectman George Temple stated it would be on a Monday since the Town Hall is open late on Mondays and advised Joanne Pelton to send a letter to Brian Francione to advise him of the meeting date and time once established.

Kathy Johnson asked the Board of Selectman what is happening with the power plant and was there a contract signed. First Selectman George Temple stated that we are going to touch on it tonight, but it will be tabled since Dave McKane couldn't be here and something this important needs full Board approval. It is not getting done. The contract is non-existent right now, until the Board of Selectmen approves it. We have been negotiating over the last two years and we managed to sweeten the pot in a lot of areas, and will probably take up at a Special Meeting.

Peter Bunzl, 160 Country Club Drive, Oxford, discussed the quote recently publicized in the Voices from A. Palmer talking about the economic revival in Oxford. He questioned what he considers a 26 acre power plant with two 150 foot emission stacks and stated that is not suburban; it is a perfect urban environment. Peter Bunzl also stated that the Oxford Greens generates \$2 million in taxes and a lot of people there feel that the Board is deserting them because of his ardent support of this power plant. There has been a study going on and is still going on and feels the property values will be dropped by 10%. It is a big negative for the town.

First Selectman stated that the power plant is what is it, and has been approved. If the current Board of Selectmen fought it, it would have been millions of dollars in law suits to the town, since we have been accepting their tax donations on a yearly basis. First Selectman George Temple stated he worked for the best deal he could give for Oxford, and the most efficient safe plant that we can get. He stated that the one concern that the people of Oxford Greens did raise that was very valid was what that was going to do to the Pomperaug River & Basin. All of the discharge goes into the sewer of Naugatuck which is 7000 gallons of water goes through the basin. The power plant has made it one of the most efficient plants in the country. It will be 62% efficient. It is extremely efficient and extremely quiet. Nothing comes close to that type of efficiency. First Selectman George Temple stated that he and Kathy Johnson went to a power plant in Athens, New York that had a similar plant. You could hear nothing from the parking lot at that plant, and when you went inside you could not hear it. What he did do was to protect the integrity of Oxford. Peter Bunzl stated the original contract was for a 580 megawatt facility. They admitted to the Citing Council that they would have walked away from that project. First Selectman George Temple stated that he would have guaranteed that they would have built the original planned power plant and it would have used more gallons of water. Discussion pursued. Peter Bunzl asked a question regarding pollution, stating after one of the Citing Council meetings, someone asked First Selectman Temple if there will be pollution. First Selectman George Temple had then stated yes but the prevailing winds will blow it out to the ocean. First Selectman Temple stated tonight that it is a combustion by-product, and he guarantees that there are a certain amount of free radicals, and what he said was that it would be minimal, and non-detectable.

Vincent Palutis, 75 Rees Drive, Oxford, stated he reread the article in the Voices and it is being built in an industrial park. It is a well written article, and highlights different things that are going on in the Town.

Bill Galasso, 107 Country Club Drive, Oxford, stated he came from a community with a power plant with billion dollar houses next to it and he hasn't seen values go down. Everybody is talking negative about it. We have to get around this, and keep going forward. First Selectman Temple stated he knows he would never do anything to hurt this town.

Kathy Johnson, Dorman Road, any responsible First Selectman cannot allow the Town to be sued. When she was First Selectman, she was against it. It was common sense that it doesn't fit the rural community. It is up near a gas line, and it is the safety of the Town that she is worried about. We did have a Selectman here that could have stopped this power plant, and didn't and commented that it only passed by 62 votes. She stated she doesn't like it. First Selectman Temple stated she could have stopped it when she was First Selectman, and the previous Selectman didn't either. Their lawyer should have read the deed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Proposed Charter Revisions 2015 – Discuss and Forward to Charter Revision Commission**

##### **MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to Table this matter since Selectman David McKane has some things to discuss about this matter. This item will be addressed at a Special meeting. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

#### **2. FY 2014 – 2015 Transfer Requests**

##### **MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to table this matter. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

#### **3. Award HVAC Bid – BP Heating & Cooling, LLC**

##### **MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to award the HVAC Bid, as presented, to BP Heating & Cooling, LLC, of 160 Quaker Farms Road. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is for the Ambulance, Center Fire House, Quaker Farms Fire House, Riverside Fire House, Town Hall, Public Works, Police Department, Senior Center, and Animal Shelter. This was the only bid that came in.

**4. Hire Youth Conservation Corp Students**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to hire: Patrick McNamara, of 581 Oxford Road; Jasmine Budris, of 24 Reality Road; Connor McDonnell, of 57 Captain Wooster Road; Erik Kolvig, of 73 Peach Farm Road and Wade Grillo, of 24 Old Farm Road, all to the Oxford Youth Students Conservation Corps as part-time employees of the Town of Oxford, with a pay rate of \$9.15 per hour effective immediately. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Joanne Pelton stated that these individuals help to clear the open space. They have all met the requirements of volunteer work with the trail maintenance group. First Selectman George Temple supports this.

**5. Oxford Cultural Arts 2015 Gallery of Art Showcase Exhibit – Approve Use of Town Hall**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the use of the Town Hall Meeting Room and grounds, including parking lots and gazebo, on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 for the Oxford Cultural Arts 2016 FACE Festival Weekend Programs; as the requested in their letter dated 7/27/15. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries. (Note: It is requested that the Cultural Arts Commission leave the rooms and area's in the same condition they were found.)

Discussion: This is something First Selectman George Temple looks forward to each year. They do a great job, and it is a great group of people.

**6. Sunshine Kids Annual Ride 2015 – Approve Oxford Road Route and Authorize First Selectman to Sign Letter of Approval**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the use of Route 42, Route 67 and Route 188 through the Town of Oxford, on Saturday, October 3, 2015, approximately between 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM, for the annual Sunshine Kids Motorcycle Ride to benefit the Sunshine Kids Organization and authorize the First Selectman to sign the Letter of Approval for the Connecticut Department of Transportation Special Event Permit. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is a very good cause to raise money for kids to go to camp. This ride is unobtrusive to the town.

**7. Jackson's Cove Fee's Discussion**

First Selectman George Temple discussed the Jackson's Cove fees for families. He had a citizen talk to him and stated that they pay \$20 to go to Jackson Cove for one car sticker. Many people have more than one car in the family, and it really didn't make sense. First Selectman Temple stated he would like to have Parks & Recreation look into the possibility of having for a small fee to get more than one sticker or a car for the whole family. Jeff Haney commented that some kids live close to Jackson Cove and ride their bikes down and have to pay to get in when they are not in a car. We need to help the people in town with families. The stickers have to permanently affixed, and we do not want to overstep the Board of Selectmen bounds with the Park & Recreation Dept. First Selectman George Temple will pass this on and have Debbie Gatto look into it.

**8. Proposed Tax Agreement between Competitive Power Ventures and the Town of Oxford**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to table this item. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

**9. Re-Award Surveillance System Bid and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to re-award the Surveillance System bid for six (6) cloud based surveillance cameras with solar power to be located at Ryan's Court and Lily Park to Setronics Corp, of 5 Executive Park Drive in Billerica, MA, for an amount not to exceed \$17,834.00 as presented in their proposal dated 5/14/15. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries. (Note: there will be 2 cameras placed at Ryan's Court and 4 placed at Lily Park).

Discussion: The Board of Selectmen is having a joint meeting with the Board of Finance, and the Board of Finance rejected it the last time. The money will come from LoCIP and it is something we can afford. We have toddlers at Lily Park and have cut down a lot of the underbrush. Safety is paramount to have cameras in today's day, and they will be solar cameras at Ryan's Court and Lily Park. If they work well, we could put them in other places, especially Posy Panko and Jackson Cove. In order to avoid any problems, it is best to take care of it now. There was vandalism at Ryan's Court. These cameras will read license plates. The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Board of Finance on 8/12/15. Safety is the main concern.

10. **Discuss with possible action to hire Peter Olsen as the Assistant Zoning Attorney as recommended in the Planning & Zoning's letter.**

**MOTION:**

First Selectman George Temple moved to hire Peter Olson in accordance with the letter of understanding that he sent to the Chairman of Planning & Zoning to act as the Assistant Attorney for Planning & Zoning, with an amount, at the most, of five hours per month at \$190.00 per hour. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Jeff Haney feels confident with the Boards decision.

**10. Report of First Selectman**

1. We are saying good bye to Tom Adamski who was on the Inland Wetlands Commission for many years. He will be moving to Southbury. Tom has tremendous knowledge and energy, and he will be missed.
2. CT Community Foundation recognizes Morgan A. O'Brien, and Tyler Panick for being awarded scholarships. Congratulations.
3. The Fireman's Antique Car Show was a huge success. The food was great and the band was great.
4. Expect to break ground next week for a new bakery and coffee shop across the street from the Town Hall. The woman that runs it is the best baker First Selectman George Temple has ever seen. They will be doing New Jersey hard rolls.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Romanowski  
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT  
Morgan A. O'Brien  
TOWN CLERK