

**Minutes  
Board of Selectmen's  
Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024  
7:30 PM - Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was held in the Main Meeting Room at Oxford Town Hall on January 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Attendance:**

First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman David McKane, Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa, Attorney John Cannavino.

At the start of the meeting, First Selectman Temple extended his greetings for a Happy New Year to everyone present. He then explained there would be an executive session during the meeting, and only specific individuals would be invited. Those who were not invited would be asked to leave the meeting room as soon as the executive session was initiated, and everyone could return after the session was over. No questions or concerns were raised by anyone present, and everyone understood the procedure clearly.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**1. 12/20/23 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 12/20/23 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was Seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Planning & Zoning Commission Alternates – Appointments**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to re-appoint Sara Locke to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate, with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/25. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple explained that Ms. Locke has been an alternate for the past two years. He is impressed with her enthusiasm, and he supports this appointment. Selectman McKane said the fact that she is willing to come back says a lot. It's a tough Commission, and there is a lot of work to be done. Selectman McKane also supports this appointment.

### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Diamond Rosa to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/25. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple stated that Mr. Rosa is a well-known builder in this town. He grew up in Oxford and has a great disposition about him. He is interested in joining the commission and is a Republican. First Selectman Temple expressed his support for this appointment.

### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Kathleen Lori to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/25. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple explained that Ms. Lori and Josh Dykstra both received the same number of votes, resulting in a tie. A recount was conducted, but the result remained the same. He explained that this is a rare occurrence. However, Ms. Lori decided to give up her seat to Mr. Dykstra to avoid spending a significant amount of money on a run-off election. This decision shows Ms. Lori's enthusiasm to be on the board and her strong commitment to the community. Selectman David McKane also commended her for this decision, as it speaks highly of her character.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Tax Refunds**

### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$871.13, as presented by the tax collector in her letter dated 1/2/24, and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple asked the Selectmen if they had any questions about the refunds, and both Selectman Jensen and Selectman McKane confirmed that they had reviewed the tax refunds and didn't have any questions. Selectman Arnold Jensen mentioned that he had a lengthy conversation with Tax Collector Helen Leung before the meeting and had no further questions.

## **2. Hire Part-Time Police Officer**

### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Orlando Oliveira as a Part-Time Oxford Police Officer at a pay rate of 10% below the police union contract scale, with a start date of Monday, January 8, 2024. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

### **Discussion:**

First Selectman Temple mentioned that he had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Oliveira, who is currently a Lieutenant at Central Connecticut State College. According to Mr. Temple, Mr. Oliveira seems like a very squared-away officer. He also explained that hiring part-time officers could help reduce overtime considerably if we use our part-time officers correctly. This will also enable us to meet the union contract's shift requirements. Mr. Oliveira is also a likable person and is expected to fit in well with the department. Sergeant Cipriano commented that Mr. Oliveira's biggest asset to the department is his expertise in accreditation. He is responsible for creating all the safety policies for the college and will bring all that knowledge with him. Selectman Jensen asked whether Mr. Oliveira would be working regular or extra duty shifts. Mr. Jensen noted that many officers we hired before do not fill regular shifts. In response, First Selectman Temple explained that we have new part-time shift requirements, and to qualify for extra duty shifts, the new rules must be followed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. Request for approval of a Stipulation For Judgment to be entered into between the Town of Oxford and Algonquin Gas Transmission, settling tax litigation that is pending in the Connecticut Superior Court**

### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:47 PM. Those invited into ExecutiveSession are: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Dave McKane, Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa, Tax Assessor Penny Mudgett, Attorney John Cannavino. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

### **MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to exit Executive Session at 8:12 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

### **MOTION:**

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**Discussion:**

First Selectman Temple stated that the matter had been discussed in an executive session and that they were satisfied with the decision regarding the tax rate for Algonquin Gas Transmission. He also noted that no notes were taken during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane, All 3 Ayes Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted by,

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