



TOWN OF OXFORD

**S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall
486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478-1298**

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019
7:30 PM – Town Hall Main Meeting Room**

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:30 PM, and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Scott Flaherty, Selectman Arnold Jensen (appointment under New Business), Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant

Absent: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 4/3/19 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 4/3/19 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Appoint Selectman

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the agenda to add appoint Arnold Jensen, of 21 Apple Drive, to be the Republican Representative for the Board of Selectman with a term to commence immediately and expire on 11/19/19 as Item #2. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Tax Refunds as Item #8. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

**3. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Drainage Easement
Resolution**

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Drainage Easement Resolution as Item #9. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Establish Schreiber Estate Negotiating Committee – Approve Charge and Appoint Members

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Establish Schreiber Estate Negotiating Committee – Approve Charge and Appoint Members as Item #10 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #11. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. Appoint Selectman

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the agenda to add appoint Scott Flaherty as Second Selectman pending election as Item #3. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks & Recreation Department Emergency Fund Request

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve an emergency appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$9,300.00, for Alterio Tractor Pulling, LLC to remove 15+ ash trees at Posypanko Park; as presented and requested by the Parks & Recreation Director in her letter dated 4/11/19. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The trees pose a safety hazard for the children in the play area and need to be removed as soon as possible. Three proposals for tree removal have been received.

2. Appoint Selectman

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to appoint Arnold Jensen, of 21 Apple Drive, as a Selectman with a term to commence immediately and expire on 11/19/19. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Arnie Jensen had been on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a long time. Arnie has expressed willingness and availability to serve on the Board of Selectmen any time of the day. The appointment is necessary at this meeting in order to avoid the expense of a special election.

Arnold Jensen was sworn in as Selectman for the Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen by First Selectman George Temple (Commissioner of the Superior Court), and took his seat with the Board for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Appoint Selectman

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to appoint Selectman Scott Flaherty as Second Selectman pending election. This was seconded by Selectman Arnie Jensen. 2 Ayes. 1 Recusal. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple extended his appreciation to Selectman Scott Flaherty for the work he did on behalf of the Town during the time that Selectman Jeffrey Haney was ill.

4. Board of Education's Districtwide Infrastructure – Award Bid

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to award the Board of Education's Districtwide Infrastructure Project Bid to Synacktek, of 4 Research Drive, Suite 402 in Shelton, for a total amount of \$251,779.11 and detailed as follows:

Switches – total project cost \$172,985.11

Wireless Access Points – total project cost \$78,794.00

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The cost for the switches went to a rebid. The Access Points will keep the internet accessible to everyone in the District regardless of multiple devices trying to access the internet at the same time. This project is part of the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund. It will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting.

5. Community Support Committee Applications (5) – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for the Conservation Commission/Inlands Wetlands Agency, in the amount of \$9,950.00, for the purchase of a Trail Mobility Unit for access to the trails and for the transportation of supplies and equipment to the sites being worked on. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This vehicle is to carry supplies for building trails. This was a unanimous decision by the Community Support Committee.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for the Oxford High School Football Quarterback Club, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for their Community Clean Up Project.

Discussion: The amount for the project is \$500.00, not \$2,000.00.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the Motion to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for the Oxford High School Football Quarterback Club, from the amount of \$2,000.00 to \$500.00 for their Community Clean Up Project. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The money will be used to purchase shirts for the students to wear so that they can be seen during the clean up.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for the Oxford Babe Ruth, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for their Posypanko Improvement – Addition of a Pressbox Project. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The pressbox received all permits. There will be matching money. First Selectman George Temple instructed Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant, to wave the permit fees and refund the money back to the Oxford Babe Ruth because he does not believe that the Little League should be charged since it is benefiting Oxford children. The Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed to refunding the permit fees.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for the C.H.I.L.L. Team (Cooperative Help for Independent Living Locally),

in the amount of \$1,100.00, for Oxford Pop Up Market for four events to be held and coordinated with Quarry Walk. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: There is a group of community members who work with high school students who are intellectually challenged so that they can find jobs and assimilate into the community. A booth will be set up at Quarry Walk to help the students market, fundraise and participate in events.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for Great Oak Middle School Softball Field Improvements, in the amount of \$6,664.50, for improving drainage on the softball field at Great Oak Middle School by grading the grass/infield skin surface, adding clay and leveling the infield, and installing nearly 300 feet of drainage pipe. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This amount was not part of the Capital Plan. The Board of Education just recently found out that the field maintenance its responsibility. First Selectman George Temple asked Olga Simoes, Oxford Public Schools Director of Finance, to split the cost of the \$6,664.50 with the Town of Oxford.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved that the Town of Oxford allocate an additional \$3,332.25 to the Great Oak Middle School Softball Field Improvements, subject to the Board of Education also paying \$3,332.25 toward this project. This was seconded by Selectman Arnie Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Town of Oxford and the Oxford Board of Education will share the cost for the Great Oak Middle School Softball Field Improvements.

6. Hire Animal Control Officer

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Jason McLain, of 3 Housatonic Terrace in Seymour, as the Full-time Animal Control Officer with a start date of Monday, April 22, 2019 and a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is a 24/7 salaried position, requiring the animal control officer to be available day and night, seven days a week so that an animal emergency can be treated immediately and efficiently. The position does not pay overtime.

7. FY 2018 – 2019 Transfer Request

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the following FY 2018 – 2019:
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TO: Fire Department	5325-517-0052	Wages-Clerk	\$9,317.89
FROM: Finance	5320-560-5320	Contingency	\$9,317.89

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to table the FY 2018 – 2019 Transfer Request. This was seconded by Selectman Arnie Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple expressed a concern for the position possibly going over 20 hours per week.

8. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$4,260.94, as presented and requested by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 4/16/19 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The tax refunds are a result of overpayment from an escrow account.

**9. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Drainage Easement
Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

MOTION:

Selectman Arnie Jensen moved to approve the following Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Drainage Easement Resolution and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED that George R. Temple of the Town of Oxford is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Oxford a Drainage Easement to be granted by the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environment Protection (DEEP) to allow the Town of Oxford to drain over a portion of DEEP property known as Larkin State Park Trail, and is authorized to execute and enter into all documents necessary to consummate the transaction above contemplated.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that George R. Temple's term of office began on November 22, 2011 and will continue until Re-election or Retirement. As the First Selectman, George R. Temple serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Oxford and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts and sign documents effectuating the above contemplated transactions on behalf of the Town of Oxford.

This matter will be forwarded to Town Meeting when the State forwards their drafted Easement. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This resolution is a requirement by DEEP in order to work on the bridle trails. The Board of Selectmen is not authorized to give easements.

10. Establish Schreiber Estate Negotiating Committee – Approve Charge and Appoint Members

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to establish the Schreiber Estate Negotiating Committee and approve the following Charge:

Schreiber Estate Negotiating Committee Charge

To discuss and negotiate with the Owners relative to the purchase of the property now or formerly owned by The David Schreiber Estate and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Town has a grant for the purchase of the Schreiber property in the amount of \$1.3 million. This property will serve as open space and provide areas for sports fields.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to appoint the following members to the Schreiber Estate Negotiating Committee:

Andy Ferrillo, of 93 O'Neill Road
Jack Kiley, of 88 Bee Mountain Road
Mike Herde, of 152 Good Hill Road

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

Discussion: The group will negotiate the price, which will then go to the Town for approval.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the Motion to appoint Jack Kiley to the Schreiber Estate Negotiating Committee subject to the approval by the Town Attorney. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Jack Kiley is Chair of the Oxford Board of Finance.

11. Report of First Selectman

1. First Selectman George Temple recently met with COG, the governor, and today with the CCOM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) to discuss plans that the State has that may affect the Town of Oxford. First Selectman George Temple told the

2. governor that he is not in favor of regionalizing education of the towns. He also stated that the news is not reporting accurate information. Approximately 40% of the people who use the State roads are from other states. They need to pay their fair share of money for using State highways. Tolls will be painful for municipalities and will not fix infrastructure problems. However, First Selectman George Temple is encouraged by the efforts being made by the governor and believes that the State will work things out.
3. The Easter Egg Hunt was held and was successful.
4. First Selectman George Temple offered his congratulations to Arnie Jensen in being appointed to the Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen and thanked Selectman Scott Flaherty for his service to the Town. First Selectman George Temple is interested in keeping Town taxes stable and maintaining the work force within the Town.
5. The Town-Wide Clean Up is underway. First Selectman George Temple is encouraging all residents and businesses to pick up any trash they see on the streets. Town Hall will collect trash next Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

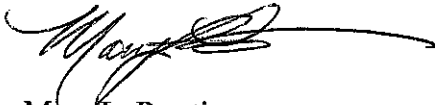
1. John Downs, of 666 Roosevelt Drive, asked that people identify themselves when they speak at the Board of Selectmen meeting. He then asked what, if anything, is happening with the cell tower. Mr. Downs stated that he believes the Town should place a gate at the road. First Selectman George Temple stated he will talk with Wayne Watt, Director of Public Works, to see what can be done to remedy the situation.
2. Selectman Scott Flaherty, of 265 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, suggested that the Board of Selectmen add a second Audience of Citizens at the beginning of the meeting so that people do not have to stay for the entire meeting in order to speak. First Selectman George Temple said that having an Audience of Citizens at the beginning of the meeting can make the meeting longer, but he would consider the suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Arnie Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN CLERK