

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by First Selectman George Temple and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Scott Flaherty, Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 4/17/19 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 4/17/19 Regular Meeting minutes with the following amendments:

Page 3, under New Business, Above Item 3 ~ Add that Selectman Scott Flaherty recused himself.

This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Amend the Agenda to Move Item #11 up to Item #1

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to move Item #11 to Item #1. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

2. Establish Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee – Approve Charge, Appoint Members

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Establish Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee – Approve Charge, Appoint Members as Item #12 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #13. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Board of Finance Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to appoint Kathryn Dennen, of 793 Oxford Road, to the Board of Finance with a term to commence immediately and expire on 11/19/19. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Promote Officer Dennis D'Archangelo to Corporal

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to promote Officer Dennis D'Archangelo to rank of Corporal effective Sunday, May 5, 2019 and a pay rate of \$35.11 per hour, as in accordance with Article XXII Section 4 of the Council 4 AFSCME LOCAL 2693 Contract, **contingent upon** receiving the signature of the AFSCME 4 Staff Representative. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated that it is a pleasure to work with Officer Dennis D'Archangelo and he believes Dennis will represent the Town admirably and improve morale and leadership among the officers and the department.

(A five-minute recess at this point)

2. FY 2018 – 2019 Transfer Request

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to *table* this matter. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All Ayes.

Discussion: This position is part-time and the Board needs to ensure that this does not out the position into full-time status.

3. Timbercrafts Peddler's Permit – Approve

Discussion: Selectman Scott Flaherty questioned the times and dates for this permit.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to *table* Timbercrafts Peddler's Permit until the above information is received. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

4. Parks & Recreation Summer Hires

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Christopher Twombly and Jason DeNigris, both of Oxford, as Summer Parks & Recreation Maintainers with a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour and a start date of Monday, May 6, 2019. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

Discussion: Parks & Recreation Kyra Nesteriak stated that Mr. Twombly is a hard worker. Mr. DeNigris is new but is also a hard worker. Both are great kids.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay rate increase for the current Parks & Recreation Summer Maintainer from \$16.00 per hour to \$17.00 per hour. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All Ayes.

Discussion: Parks & Recreation Director explained that in the past years this position was filled with two full-time workers. Now we only have one worker who has proven to be efficient and hard working. First Selectman George Temple agreed with this.

5. FY 2019 – 2020 Holiday Schedule – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the following FY 2019 – 2020 Holiday Schedule:

FY 2019 – 2020 Holidays

Independence Day

Thursday July 4, 2019

Labor Day

Monday, September 3, 2019

Columbus Day

Monday, October 14, 2019

Veteran's Day

Monday, November 11, 2019

Sunday, November 11, 2020

<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 27, 2019 – ½ Day</i> <i>Thursday, November 28, 2019</i> <i>Friday, November 29, 2019</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 24, 2019</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 25, 2019</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, January 1, 2020</i> <i>Monday, January 20, 2020</i>
<i>President's Day</i>	<i>Monday, February 17, 2020</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday, April 10, 2020</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>Monday, May 25, 2020</i>

* *Please refer to your specific Contract or Personnel Regulations for Holidays on Monday's and Friday's*

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All Ayes.

6. Public Works Department Dump Truck Purchase Request

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve funding, in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00 and to be taken from Capital and Non-Recurring, for the Public Works Department for the purchase of a 2019 7-Yard Mack Dump Truck including plow, sander and any necessary equipment; as presented and requested in The Road Foreman's letter dated 4/24/19. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated that this is basically "free" as the money was put toward the Public Works Fuel System as urged by the Board of Finance. He is excited that the Town is well caught up with Public Works trucks and also getting two loaders this year.

7. 2019 – 2020 Arcadis Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 2019 – 2020 Arcadis Contract as presented and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All Ayes.

8. Oxford Agricultural Advisory Committee's Farmer's Market Peddler's Permit – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Agriculture Advisory Committee's Peddler's Permit to hold a Farmer's Market at the Town Hall parking lots on Saturdays beginning in July 6, 2019 through October 26, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM as presented **contingent upon** this event not interfering with the Fireman's Car Cruise Show on Saturday, July 13, 2019 and to waive the Peddler's Permit fee as requested. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

9. 2021 – 2025 Transportation Alternates Set-Aside Grant Program (TA Set-Aside) Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the following 2021 – 2025 Transportation Alternates Set-Aside Grant Program (TA Set-Aside) Resolution and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 approves and adopts the following resolution:

1. Authorizes submission of a grant application for the 2021 – 2025 Transportation Alternates Set-Aside Grant Program (TA Set-Aside), in the amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00 and is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the grant application. The grant requires a 20% match from the Town.

Oxford First Selectman, George R. Temple is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and will provide such information that may be required.

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All Ayes.

10. Animal Control Officer Salary Clarification

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to clarify that the Animal Control Officer's salary will be \$41,600.00 a year. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

Discussion: It was stated that the previous Animal Control Officer was paid \$20.00 per hour but this position will now be an annual salary.

11. Ratify Oxford Police Union, Local 2693 Contract

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to ratify the Oxford Police Union, Local 2693 Contract which will expire on June 30, 2022. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

12. Establish Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee – Approve Charge, Appoint Members

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to establish the Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee, as an advisory committee, and to approve the following Charge:

Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee Charge

Assess the physical plant at the existing middle school and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen as to the necessary repairs and improvements. There of and then to received bids, request for RFP's and or estimates of such repairs or improvements.

This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated that it is important to get a hold of the cost to refit the school and have it acceptable and approved for the current kids.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to appoint the following members to the Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee:

George Renzoni, of 14 Tall Pines Drive *Pending Registration*
Herman Schuler, 125 Meadowbrook Road
Marcie Fernandes, of 33 Cortland Place
Bob Slie, of 71 Bee Mountain Road as a Liaison
Rich Kreuger, of 31 Wedge Hill Drive
Scott Flaherty, 265 Chestnut Tree Hill Road as a Liaison

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All Ayes.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple explained that there are some items of his concern in the budget. However, there are other items to look at such as heating and HVAC. Most of the members are currently on the Oxford School Building Committee.

This will be a vast improvement from Center School. First Selectman George Temple stated that the Board of Finance will have input. Also, an Organizational Meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Oxford Library and all members will be notified.

13. Report of First Selectman

First Selectman George Temple explained that the Quaker Farms Carnival is moving to a new location this year. It will now be held at Oxford High School on Wednesday, July 31st – Saturday, August 3rd from 6:0 PM – 11:00 PM.

First Selectman George Temple stated that there is a new Superintendent who is from Ridgefield. First Selectman George Temple looks forward to working with him.

The Annual Town Budget Meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Quaker Farms School. First Selectman George Temple urges all tax payers to attend. The Town budget has gone up due to, in one part, paying for school security. First Selectman George Temple stated that he will not compromise the safety of the school kids. He has been trying to get this done for six years now. First Selectmen George Temple has always supported education (e.g. the new school, security, the fields, the new roof, etc.) and is proud of our kids.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS


None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by,


Kristyn Rosa
Administrative Assistant

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Michael A. Clark
TOWN CLERK