



TOWN OF OXFORD

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

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 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 7:35 PM, and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Scott Flaherty, Selectman Arnold Jensen

Absent: Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 7/17/19 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 7/17/19 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Hire Michael Roach as Oxford Police Officer

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Michael Roach as Oxford Police Officer as Item #13 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #14. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

2. Appoint Officer Dave Hare as Veterans Service Contact Person

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Appoint Officer Dave Hare as Veterans Service Contact Person as Item #2 under Appointments. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Move Audience of Citizens before the Executive Session

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to Move Audience of Citizens before the Executive Session. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Elderly Commission Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to appoint Lawrence C. Morgan, of 32 Oakwood Drive, to the Elderly Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/20. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Larry Morgan is a retired policeman from Bridgeport and will do well in this position.

2. Appoint Officer Dave Hare as Veterans Service Contact Person

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to appoint Dave Hare as the Veterans Service Contact Person. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Dave Hare will replace Andy Ferrillo in this position. The position must be held by a veteran and is a volunteer position.

NEW BUSINESS

1. To consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15 MILLION TOWN OF OXFORD GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, AUTHORIZING COMBINING INTO ONE ISSUE AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS WITH THE REFUNDING BONDS ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS OF THE TOWN, AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE INVESTMENT OF REFUNDING ESCROW AND ITS REINVESTMENT OVER ITS TERM

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to *table* this matter. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Insufficient back-up information.

2. Old Litchfield Turnpike Road Signage – Approve Change

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to change the Old Litchfield Turnpike “Horizontal Parking” sign to read “Parallel Parking Only”. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is to address the parking problem for Naugatuck State Forest.

3. Hire Tax Assessor

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Daniel J. Kenny, of 782B Heritage Village in Southbury, as the Tax Assessor, with an annual salary of \$84,000.00 per year and a start date of Wednesday, August 28, 2019. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: An exhaustive search for tax assessor was held. Daniel Kenny was tax assessor for the City of Bridgeport for the last three (3) years.

4. Hire Youth Conservation Corp

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Paul DiMauro, of 7 Butternut Lane, and Jared Lobraico, of 598 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, to the Youth Conservation Corp at a pay rate of \$10.10 per hour and a start date of Monday, August 26, 2019. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Students volunteer 50 hours to trails projects prior to Corp acceptance.

5. Purchase New Police Vehicle – Approve Funding and Forward to Board of Finance

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the purchase of six (6) 2019 Dodge Chargers, from Northwest Hills Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram of 2033 E Main Street in Torrington, for the Oxford Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$252,750.00 and to forward

this matter to the Board of Finance; as presented in the New Vehicle Purchase Proposal dated 7/31/19. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen.

Discussion: This purchase is amortized over four (4) years. It is a lease-purchase agreement, subject to the approval of the Board of Finance. The Sgt. Mike Roach and Jack Kiley, Board of Finance Chairman, engaged in discussion of the lease-purchase agreement.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the motion to include subject to any modifications that the Board of Finance sees fit. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

6. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Tax Refunds, totaling \$5,752.73, as presented by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 7/26/19 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Board of Selectmen reviewed the list. These are typical refunds.

7. Heating and Air Conditioning Systems Bid – Award Contract

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to award the Heating and Air Conditioning Systems Bid to B.P. Heating & Cooling, LLC of 160 Quaker Farms Road, for the amount of \$23,100.00 and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is the only company that responds to the bid process each year.

8. Oxford Historical Society House Moving Bid – Award Contract

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to award the Oxford Historical Society House Moving Bid to Nicholas Bros., Inc., of 11 Ryan Drive in Hopewell Junction, New York, for an amount not to exceed \$18,500.00 PENDING the application process and approval from the Community Support Committee; as presented and recommended by the Historical Society in their letter dated 8/14/19. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Dorothy DeBisschop, Oxford Town Historian, explained where Mr. Munn's Schoolhouse will be moved and the Historical Society's vision for this museum. The move will not cost the Town of Oxford any money.

9. Brush and Wood Grinding Bid – Award Contract

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to award the Brush and Wood Grinding Bid to Total Landscaping & Tree Service, of Hawleyville, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed \$78,000.00. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The money will be reimbursed by FEMA.

10. Hire Temporary Floater

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Mary Freeman, of 145 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, as a Temporary Floater at a pay rate of minimum wage and a start date of 8/25/19. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. 2 Ayes. 1 No. Motion carries.

Discussion: Always looking for help at Town Hall. Selectman Scott Flaherty voiced his concerns.

11. Service Agreement Between the Town of Oxford and Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments – Approve and Authorize the First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to approve the Service Agreement Between the Town of Oxford and Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, as presented, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen.

Discussion: NVCOG has been very helpful to the Town of Oxford. Selectman Arnold Jensen asked questions regarding the agreement.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the motion to approve the Service Agreement Between the Town of Oxford and Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, as presented, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign, to include subject to the approval of the Town attorney. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Mary LoPresti, Board of Selectman Clerk, will contact Town Council and take care of this.

12. FY 2018-2019 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to *table* FY 2018-2019 transfer requests. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

13. Hire Michael Roach as Oxford Police Officer

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to hire Michael Roach as Oxford Police Officer with a start date of October 1, 2019, at a pay rate of \$30.78 per hour, CONTINGENT UPON the passage of all exams and training as set forth by the CT Police Officers Standards and Training. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

14. Report of First Selectman

1. Donut Incident on Playing Field: First Selectman George Temple left instructions with the new superintendent of schools and the football coach to determine what area of the field should be blocked off. Discussion was held with Bryan Luchsinger, High School Athletic Director, that the field would be a semi-redo. The work will need to go through the bid process. First Selectman George Temple would like to know what the Board of Education would like to do about the field. It was discussed that the ground will need irrigation and will need to be compacted. First Selectman George Temple asked for a plan of action and a reasonable cost amount for the work so it can go out to bid. Jack Kiley, Board of Finance Chairman, stated that the money for this project could come from the Capital Budget.
2. Bridge on Park Road: First Selectman George Temple inspected the bridge with Dave Nafis, Town Engineer. He said the bridge is structurally sound. Public Works will resurface the bridge and place jersey barriers on both sides, as well as signage and flashing lights. First Selectman George Temple stated he was relieved that the people who went off the bridge are alive. He commended the Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance crew and Public Works on their rescue efforts. This incident had a happy ending.
3. First Day of School: Next week is the first day of school. Convocation will be held on Monday. There have been major security improvements made for the 2019-2020 school year, including the hiring of two (2) ASO's (retired officers). The ASO's will be armed, have vests and police cars from the Town. Each school will have an ASO, and the police cars will be parked in front of the schools. For the first time in Oxford's history, there will be four (4) armed ASO's in the schools. First Selectman

George Temple stated that he is very impressed with the new superintendent of schools. He also shared that the Town recently received a \$900,000 grant for school security which was obtained by Town Grant Writer/Administrator Kathleen O'Neil. First Selectman George Temple would like to have one (1) central location for school security. He also shared that four (4) solar operated stop sign have been installed in Town to address road safety issues.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Selectman Scott Flaherty asked the Board if it would consider using tablets instead of notebooks for the Board meetings to reduce paper waste. They cost approximately \$250.00 each. He stated that he believes it would be a good investment for the town, and would help in keeping "green". First Selectman George Temple said he would consider it.

Executive Session

1. Discuss, with Possible Action, Personnel Matter

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 PM. Those invited into the Executive Session were: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Scott Flaherty and Selectman Arnold Jensen. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

The Executive Session was exited at 9:02 PM. No motion was made.

First Selectman George Temple stated to let the record show that a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Heather Haney was agreed upon.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Heather Haney and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. 2 Ayes. 1 Abstain. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Scott Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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