

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, July 2, 2014
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:36 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George R. Temple, Esq., Jeff Haney, David McKane,
J. Pelton, Administrative Assistant

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 6/4/14 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to approve the 6/4/14 Regular Meeting minutes with one correction on page 5; item 14 should read All 2 Ayes. 1 Recusal. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 6/4/14 Regular Meeting minutes as amended. This was seconded by First Selectmen George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. 6/12/14 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to approve the 6/12/14 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Abstention by Jeff Haney. Motion carries.

3. 6/26/14 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to approve the 6/26/14 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – Appoint Gerald Petrucelli

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – Appoint Gerald Petrucelli as Item #1 under Appointments. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Transfer of funds for Fire Truck repairs.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Transfer of Funds for Fire Truck Repairs. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Insurance for the firemen will come up under Audience of Citizens.

APPOINTMENTS

1. **Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – Appoint Gerald Petrucelli**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Gerald Petrucelli, of 143 Meadow Brook Road, to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/16. This was seconded by Dave McKane with the correct address being stated as 143 Meadow Brook Road. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Nancy Farnsworth, 16 Barry Road, Oxford, discussed Town signage. The members of the bicentennial committee in 1998 sold memorabilia and had \$12,000 left and funded various projects including the Pavilion at Jackson Cove. The committee worked on enhancing the Town's Center project. At one time, the events were put up on the Town sign, and were taken down. Then that item went to the Parks and Recreation Department, and it seems as though time stood still since 5/8/14.

First Selectman George Temple stated that this item is on the agenda and we do have a satisfactory solution. We do have an individual to take it on, and the items will be correctly spelled. It makes sense to have one person change the sign so it will be consistent. At one time, some of the churches wanted to put items up on the Town sign, and the Town felt it should be just Town items. We may take this up at a later date, but for now, it will be Town items only. Now that we have Vickie as a State Trooper, people drive slower by the sign, and they will be able to read the sign.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rehabilitation of Crestview Ridge and Governor Malloy's 1st Year, 30 Million Dollar Grant – Discuss with Oxford Housing Authority, Crestview Ridge Building Committee, Fire Chief and Building Inspector**

Discussion: There were some concerns regarding construction done up at Crestview Ridge. The Housing Authority Chairman is not here, but David Keyser is here along with Mrs. O'Neil. First Selectman George Temple would like to meet with Bill Burns on issues with Gordon and the Fire Marshall who are questioning the design. First Selectman Temple wanted to talk to the Director of the Housing Authority, whom was less than cordial. The main concern was the exhaust fans in the kitchen. The Housing Authority did not get back to him until over a month or two, and it is still a concern. The Building Inspector was to review after the first building was completed, and this was not done. There is no excuse for the plans not being approved by the Building Inspector. This is not a code item, it is more a practicality. The firefighters are up there quite often, because the exhaust fans should not be over the sink. First Selectman George Temple advised Gordon to send correspondence to the Housing Authority and the contractor and copy the Director. This needs to be in writing. First Selectman George Temple stated that the attitude makes it seem like someone is trying to avoid something. He would like to know if it is a good design, and did the Town get our monies worth.

First Selectman George Temple will meet with Bill Burns next week, but wants to be sure it is done right and the grant is being administered correctly. Gordon stated no one ever called after the inspection of the gas line outside; he never went into the building. The architect is Silver & Petruccelli, and they are also on the Building Committee, which also consisted of the 3 Board members. The previous contract was signed by OHA and the Town; the town may not have been part of the contract due to different rules by the State. The Board of Selectmen has to be involved in it. Jeff Haney delves into it quite a bit, but really didn't expect to hear from the Building Inspector but will talk to Bill Burns, and go to the next meeting. Jeff Haney questioned what inspections were not done. Gordon stated the plans were changed, and the hot water heaters, and the plumbing were installed and he never got a call to come up and inspect.

There is obviously some joint communication to be done. We will continue to discuss this at the next meeting. Joanne Pelton was asked to make sure this gets done.

2. Proposed Establishing Charter Revision Commission – Discussion

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to establish a Charter Revision Commission and approve the following Charge:

Charge of the Charter Revision Commission 2014

It is the charge of the Charter Revision Commission 2014 to review and update the current Town of Oxford Charter.

This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint the following to the Charter Revision Commission:

Maureen Stachowicz, of 1 Wildflower Drive	(R)
Edward Roman, of 92 Bowers Hill Road	(D)
Lisa Hellauer, of 83 Bowers Hill Road	(D)
Margaret West, of 10 Sioux Drive	(D)

This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Limit the commission to five people; three is a quorum. It needs to have one more Republican on the Commission; and may need a lawyer on it. Dave McKane has one more person that he is awaiting a call back from who is a Republican. The Board of Selectmen need to get together to discuss and review this, or may need a special meeting when everyone is available.

3. Hire Temporary Part-Time Assistant Building Official

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to hire James Baldwin as the Temporary Building Official at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour and a start date of Monday, July 7, 2014. This was seconded by Jeff Haney for discussion.

Discussion: Since this was not advertised or posted, the motion should be amended to include a period of 10 days, from July 7th through July 16th.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to hire James Baldwin as a temporary Building Official for a period of 10 days, beginning July 7, 2014 through July 16, 2014. When the time period expires, we will advertise for it. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to accept James Baldwin as a Temporary Building Official for a period of 10 days, beginning July 7, 2014 through July 16, 2014 as amended. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Hire Youth Conservation Corp Students

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to hire Noah Budris, of 24 Reality Road, and Brendan McClellan, of 47 Greenbriar Road, to the Oxford Youth Students Conservation Corps as part-time employees of the Town of Oxford, with a pay rate of \$8.70 per hour effective immediately. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: these kids do a great job. They have been in the program for quite a few years.

5. ARCADIS Ground Water Monitoring Contract, Quaker Farms School - Approve

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to approve the ARCADIS Ground Water Monitoring Contract for Quaker Farms School and authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: this is the same outfit that has been doing it. Jim Hliva stated it needs eight consecutive clear quarters with the DEP. The scope has not changed. Because it is a school, it needs to continue to be monitored. First Selectman George Temple thought it was four consecutive clear quarters. This year there was 1 barrel of oil for the one-year period. Dave McKane asked if there was someone to do this cheaper. It was noted that not too many companies do this type of work, and it is required to do this by the State. Mr. Hliva stated this is a "not to exceed" \$18,000 contract. Last year we paid \$14,000.

6. Award Technology Maintenance Bid

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to award the Technology Maintenance Bid to Yucatech, Inc., of 32 North Street in Goshen, with a Base Bid of \$9,540.00, a Backup Bid of \$1,200.00, On Site Labor Based on 96 Hours Bid of \$9,600.00 for a total bid of \$20,340.00. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Question was asked how much did we pay. Last year \$16,000 not including supplies. The Contract went out to bid to local vendors, and we did get some feedback for bid specs. It was sent to Mr. Kelly, he reviewed them. We received three bids: JP for \$31,284; Yucatech Inc for \$20,343; and Apex Tech, from Rhode Island was \$28,980. Apex had used 96 hours in their bid, so we wanted to be sure it included the same number of hours. JP stated their contract was for hours between 9 am and 5 pm to be on site. The Backup Bid is for an off-site computer back-up fee. In the first year we had to rebuild a lot of the system, otherwise it is just repairs.

7. Proposed *Fire Commission Ordinance* – Discuss with Possible Action

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to table the repeal of the current *Fire Commission Ordinance*. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This was done by the past administration. It did not work and there was friction between the Fire Commission and the Chiefs. Everyone needs to be on the same

page, and decide what works for everyone. First Selectman Temple wants to meet with the Fire Commission and Chiefs to see if it can be workable. Brian Francione would like to have a meeting after July 14th if that is ok. First Selectman Temple stated it would not be a problem. The old ordinance is still in effect.

8. Purchase of New Fire Truck – Approve and Send to Town Meeting

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to forward the purchase of a new fire truck to a Town Meeting on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:30 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. (Note: The Board of Selectmen approved the purchase of the new Fire Truck on 5/21/14).

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to amend the purchase of a new fire truck not to exceed \$670,000, to a Town Meeting on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:30 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. (Note: The Board of Selectmen approved the purchase of the new Fire Truck on 5/21/14).

9. Approve Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Town of Oxford's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2014, on file in the Town Clerk's Office. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: this is a 400-page document, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Scott Pelletier has read it and it is an update required by the State and FEMA. It is done with a grant, and we do have to put in \$2000 in-kind for Town portion. The Plan has been accepted by the State of CT and FEMA and is waiting for the Town's approval. First Selectman Temple thanked Scott and the committee for this.

10. Anti-Blight Study Committee – Appoint Members

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint the following to the Anti-Blight Study Committee:

Dave Bradt, of 2 Lake Drive
Ellica Sabo, of 22 Newsome Road

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Abstention by Dave McKane. Motion carries.

Discussion: This was tried before but nobody had done anything about it. Ideally people should respect their neighbor and neighborhoods. We would like to have a 5-person committee, and these two have agreed to be on the committee so far. We would like people that are not crazy anti-blight. They need to define the problem, where and why it is a problem, or go with a Blight Ordinance or deal with it another way.

11. Hire Part-Time Parks & Recreation Town Sign Coordinator

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to hire Kenn Maher as the Part-Time Parks & Recreation Town Sign Coordinator at a pay rate of \$20.00 per week and effective 7/7/14. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is what we spoke to Mrs. Farnsworth about and the money is in the budget.

12. Report of First Selectman

Insurance for the Firemen was discussed. First Selectman George Temple stated that we did have an issue with the insurance for the Fire Department and wanted to make sure we are doing it right. Jim Hliva and Scott Pelletier need to have a meeting with proposals from both companies. Let us compare the contracts line by line and come up with a solution. First Selectman Temple does not want to leave the firemen short. If the town is covered First Selectman Temple is ok with it. He does not want to put the Town at risk. It was established that a meeting will be on Tuesday, and J. Hliva will have Peter Poulstan, our consultant attend also. Discussion was held on why Mr. Poulstan was being paid \$1000 per year when he had done it free previously. Mr. Hliva stated we had gotten rid of USI who was paid \$20,000 a year for consultation fees. We need to walk out of the meeting with an insurance policy. It is a \$4000 difference, with more coverage (\$10 million). The firemen have to happy with it; we need coverage because so many things can happen.

We had a ribbon cutting today for an electronic company on Christian Street.

If anyone read the Waterbury Republican, Oxford was ranked 3rd in the State as one of the least distressed town. We were ahead of a lot of towns including Woodbridge. Lyme and Warren beat us out, but it is an honor for Oxford. Waterbury was the most distressed. People in town do not realize what we have here, we take it for granted. First Selectman Temple is personally very proud of Oxford.

Tomorrow there will be a Golf Tournament to benefit the Booster Club at Oxford High School. It is just about sold out. George will be playing with three other Mayors. Everyone is invited to come up for lunch. The monies go towards putting the football players to camp and the Booster Club for drama Club productions. It will be held at the Oxford Greens.

We are in the process of spending time on ordinances and other things for the town. We are also working on a tax treaty with Masonicare Facility, which will be built near the Oxford Greens,

which is a \$630 million project. They do not have to pay taxes. We will do the same thing as with the power plant, which owes the town \$6.5 million.

We are excited with the Economic Development going on in Oxford.

The airport Incentive Zones - have had some problems with zoning with the affordable Housing; the Federal government has a say in everything, it is a stress on us but we have good regulations.

AMENDMENTS

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to transfer funds for Fire Truck Repairs TO: Facility Maintenance of \$4,200.00, account 5325.613 FROM Finance Contingency of \$4,200.00. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This was for 2 boilers and 2 circulating pumps. This was discussed at the June 4, 2014 meeting.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Kathy Johnson, 68 Dorman Road, Oxford, with regard to the Blight topic, she wanted to be sure the Town does not pick on anyone who doesn't have money to fix up their homes.

First Selectman Temple stated that we would be very careful. We don't want to impose on someone who can't do work or can't afford it. He gave an example of someone in town that cleans out houses as his business and puts the items in his yard. We do have a program that can clean up blight through Lisa Logan which gives the homeowner money, and puts a lien on the house until the town gets paid back.

Kathy Johnson also stated that it was good to hear that we are going to collect a lot of money from the Power Plant, but inquired if the taxpayers will see a mill decrease. If she were First Selectwoman she would lower the mill rate in the town. First Selectman Temple agreed it is always good for business also to lower the mill rate.

Jeff Haney saw Chris VanKamenik, the All American Receiver at UCONN field. He represented Oxford and scored 2 of the 3 touchdowns. The score was 27 to 0 until the 4th quarter, and he scored the 1st touchdown with a 72-yard pass, and then scored 2 more touchdowns. The final score was 29 – 20. He did a fantastic job. First Selectman Temple wanted to invite him to the next meeting.

Mr. Gramigna, 8 Perkins Road wanted the Board of Selectmen to consider giving free passes to the Jackson Cove to the firemen. This will need to be brought to the Parks and Recreation Dept. The Board of Selectmen will talk to Debbie Gatto to see if they can do it for active firemen in the Town of Oxford.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF MILFORD, CT
Margaret A. West
TOWN CLERK