

Minutes

Board of Selectmen's

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Virtual Meeting/Hangout Meets/In Person

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:33 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman David McKane, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman Kristyn Rosa

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 4/20/22 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 4/20/22 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. Selectman David McKane abstains. 2 ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Fire Department's Capital Request for New Chief's Vehicle

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Fire Department's Capital Request for New Chief's Vehicle as Item #8. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

2. Hire Youth Conservation Corp Member

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Youth Conservation Corp Member as Item #9 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #10. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Cultural Arts Commission Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint John Wilkins to the Cultural Arts Commission with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/24. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Richard Franzino, Cultural Arts Commission member, stated that John Wilkins is a great guy. First Selectman George Temple also added that he comes highly recommended.

2. Northwest Connecticut Public Safety Communication Center Appointment

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Scott Pelletier as the Oxford Representative for the Northwest Connecticut Public Safety Communication Center with a term to commence immediately and expire 12/31/24. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Scott Pelletier explained that this is the corporate work for the Northwest Connecticut Public Safety Communication Center, which is the regional dispatch center. Our former representative stepped aside, so he has been considering joining since. This helps give a good layout of what is going on. It is a once-a-year meeting in November.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$3,312.37, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 5/2/22 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

2. Appoint Treasurer

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to appoint Andrew Ferrillo as the Treasurer effective 5/5/22. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. (Note: Vincent Palutis resigned as Treasurer effective 5/5/22)

DISCUSSION:

It was stated that as of today, that the town lost the services of Vincent Palutis as he is moving out of state. This position is an elected position, and it audits the tax department every week. Mr. Ferrillo is smart and is a good person to appoint to this position.

3. Real Estate Contract for Lot 18 – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign and Forward to Town Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Real Estate Contract for Lot 18 between the Town of Oxford and Christopher Hope and Lauren Pettinella, in the amount of \$148,000.00, to authorize the First Selectman to sign said contract and to forward this matter to a Town Meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

It was explained that this was an inquiry from an Oxford citizen. This person will be getting married and this will be their home. In conclusion of the details of this property, it is a good fair deal to the town. Proceeds will be going to the Open Space Fund.

4. Disband Civil Preparedness Council

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to disband the Civil Preparedness Council as we now have Emergency Management Operations. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. (Note: This was discussed with and approved by the Emergency Operations Manager)

5. Disband Community Development Action Plan Agency

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to disband the Community Development Action Plan Agency as we now have the Community Support Committee. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

6. Disband Disability Commission

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to disband the Disability Commission as this is now overseen by the state and federal government. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

7. Disband Housatonic Valley Association Groundwater Action Committee

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to disband the Housatonic Valley Association Groundwater Action Committee. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries. (Note: This committee has not met in over 15 years)

8. Fire Department's Capital Request for New Chief's Vehicle

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Fire Department's Capital Request, in the amount of \$68,500.00, for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Fire Chief and to forward this matter to the Board of Finance and to Town Meeting. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to *table* the matter at this time. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

9. Hire Youth Conservation Corp Member

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Jake Palarino as a Youth Conservation Corp Member with a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour and a start date of May 5, 2022. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.
(Note: Minimum wage will increase to \$14.00 per hour as of July 1, 2022)

10. Report of First Selectman

- Tomorrow is the National Day of Prayer
 - Tomorrow, May 5, 2022, there will be a small ceremony at the Gazebo at Town Hall if anyone would like to meet and pray together.
- Memorial Day is coming up
 - We are still getting some bands together; we will know those details soon.
 - Contact the American Legion if you would like to march.
- Budget Referendum
 - This will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2022 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 - The work that the Board of Finance and the recommendations made by the Board of Selectman are appreciated
- Carpet in the Meeting Room
 - Much thanks again to Kristyn Rosa, Administrative assistant to the First Selectman, for her work on getting the Town Hall carpeted. She even went office to office helping move furniture and office items even though it is not in her job description. She really did a great job. Personally, the carpet pattern is much liked
 - Town Hall also now has a working generator, which will be a great aid if there is a large power outage.
 - More things are planned to be updated as well, such as the front doors and windows.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

- Kathy Johnson, 68 Dorman Road, wanted to speak on her support of Scott Pelletier and the firemen on their request for a new vehicle. She asked, as a citizen, and for the safety of the town to expedite this issue for them; she feels it is very important.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
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Clerk, Board of Selectman

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
TOWN CLERK