

Minutes

Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting.

Wednesday, June 1, 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, Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman

Absent: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 5/15/22 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to approve the 5/15/22 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 aye. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Lot 4 & 17 Woodruff Hill Industrial Park Sale/Option Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

First Selectmen George Temple moved to amend the agenda to add just Lot 17 Woodruff Hill Industrial Park Sale/Option Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign as Item #7 and move Report of First Selectman to item #8. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Town of Oxford Space & ARPA Funding Advisory Committee Appointments

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to appoint Rich Franzino to the Town of Oxford Space & ARPA Funding Advisory Committee with terms to commence immediately. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that Rich Franzino will do a great job, and that the committee should be able to be going and, on the schedule, next week.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to add the name Rich Krueger, of 31 Wedge Hill Rd, to the Town of Oxford Space & ARPA Funding Advisory Committee with terms to commence immediately. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Rich Krueger worked on the middle school committee, and is a very hard worker. He is a smart innovative guy, just the person to add to this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$5,034.41, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 5/26/22 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

2. Tax Collector's Suspense List

No action required by the Board of Selectmen

3. Community Support Committee's Application for Riverside Fire House Kitchen Upgrade – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for Riverside Fire House Kitchen Upgrade in the amount of \$6,384.47 as presented and approved by the Community Support Committee at their meeting held on 5/16/22. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to table this matter at this time. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

4. Amend Ordinance § 37.052 Benefit

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to amend the Town Ordinance Tax Abatement for Certain Emergency Services Volunteers Section 37.052 to reflect the following:

§ 37.052 BENEFIT.

Each eligible resident shall be entitled to up to, but not to exceed, a ~~\$1,000~~ **\$2,000.00** reduction in property taxes otherwise due from that resident for the fiscal year following the certification date. The tax abatement under this subchapter shall be applied first as against any real property taxes owing to the town and then against any motor vehicle taxes owing to the town. In the event that the tax to which the abatement is applied is paid in installments, then the exemption shall be applied 50% to each installment. The Tax Collector of the town shall maintain a record of all taxes abated in accordance with this subchapter.

(Ord. passed 5-17-2001)

This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to a Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion entailed that in the past if a volunteer did not have taxable property, the town would provide them a check for the taxable abatement. There is nothing in ordinance stating for them to do this, it was a past practice, which the town will honor this year, but it will be the last year. This will be sent to a Town Meeting, only to change the amount.

5. FY 2021 – 2022 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to approve the FY 2021 – 2022 transfer requests (Attachment A) as presented by the Finance Director in his letter dated 5/26/22. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 ayes. Motion carries,

DISCUSSION:

Jim Hliva, the Finance Director reviewed the requests.

6. FY 2022 – 2023 Holiday Schedule

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to approve the following FY 2022 – 2023 Holiday Schedule:

<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>Monday, July 4, 2022</i>
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>Monday, September 5, 2022</i>
<i>Columbus Day</i>	<i>Monday, October 11, 2022</i>
<i>Veteran's Day</i>	<i>Friday, November 11, 2022</i>
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 23, 2022 – ½ Day</i> <i>Thursday, November 24, 2022</i> <i>Friday, November 25, 2022</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>(Saturday, December 24, 2022)</i>	<i>Friday, December 23, 2022</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i> <i>(Sunday, December 25, 2022)</i>	<i>Monday, December 26, 2022</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i> <i>(Sunday, January 1, 2023)</i>	<i>Monday, January 2, 2023</i>
<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	<i>Monday, January 16, 2023</i>
<i>President's Day</i>	<i>Monday, February 20, 2023</i>

Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 2023

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2023

This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

7. Lot 17 Woodruff Hill Industrial Park Sale/Option Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve Lot 17 Woodruff Hill Industrial Park Real Estate Agreements as presented and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to Town Meeting June 15, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this is a less desirable lot, being sold to Mark Oskowski, 589 Investments LLC, that it will take him about 5-6 years to get it ready due to blasting and excavation needed. Between a minimum and maximum price, this was bought for the maximum full price. Mark Oskowski is a respected economic developer in this town, he is a hustler and gets things done.

8. Report of First Selectman

- Memorial Day Parade
 - Had a great turnout! Special thanks to Jeff Luff's for the use of his golf cart! They passed out candy all day, and even had the SROs in the parade marching with the kids, and riding the new ATV. Was appropriate to have them marching for the public to see them. They are excellent cops; they do a great job and there was no resistance when the decision was made to put them on full time. When it comes to the welfare of kids, we are all on the same page.
- Have a US Government Surplus up at the School
 - If there is an active shooter ever at the school, and hopefully there never will be, but if there is within seconds we can get more armed officers on site
 - Despite security measures already in place, and even though the measures are reexamined often already, we will be taking another look at them again. This is something we take seriously.
- Prom was also this past weekend
 - There were no incidents, the organizers and the kids in our town were great.
- Girls Softball played Laurelton Hall today and won! Now they are on to the quarter finals for states.
 - The Boys Baseball team won as well
- Graduation & Graduation parties are coming up

- o The biggest concern is drinking, of all ages, we ask everyone to use good common sense.
- Examining Park Road Bridge
 - o We got a report and estimate of two million dollars to fix the bridge
 - o It is an old and well used bridge, and in pretty bad condition, mortar is coming out, rocks are deteriorating, it is definitely a liability so, we shall be examining that.
 - o Work is still going on at Dutton Rd. bridge.
 - o It is definitely time to be examining all these old bridges, Seth Den is another one as well.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Marsha Franko-35 Dutton Rd, said that the workers on Dutton Rd are friendly, nice people, let them through no problem, and informed them, thankfully, at the beginning that this would be a long project, about 12-18 months. They have currently finished one side.

Edwin Hellauer, Assistant Chief of Riverside Fire Company, citizen of 81 Bowers Hill Rd, commented about the ATVs in the area around the town being reckless and disobeying traffic laws. Mr Hellauer stated that he had stopped two young teens, male and female, coming from Aggie Park and passed a school bus, with its lights on. Not only were they caught but they were rude and extremely nasty in their response and words. On the weekend all you hear are the roar of bikes and ATVs, and before it was fine, even during Covid shutdown, they obeyed traffic laws and were more respectful but now things are out of hand.

First Selectman George Temple said they will be speaking to the police to see what options are and what can be done about this.

EXECUTION SESSION

First Selectman George Temple stated they will schedule a special meeting for this.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,


Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
George A. Temple
TOWN CLERK

Attachment A

To: Board of Finance

May 26, 2022

From: Finance Director

Re: 2021-2022 Transfer requests

Item #		Department	Account Number	Account		Amount
1	TO:	Assessor	5215-515-24	Assessor Clerk	\$	8,302.05
	FROM:	Assessor	5215-513-24	Asst Assessor	\$	8,302.05
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
2	TO:	Assessor	5215-551	Computer Maintenance	\$	775.00
	TO:	Assessor	5215-513-23	Contract printing	\$	1,102.00
	FROM:	Assessor	5215-570-133	Field Work	\$	1,877.00
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
3	TO:	IWWC / Conservaion	5265-517-41	Wages Clerk	\$	281.10
	FROM:	IWWC / Conservaion	5265-517-40	Wages Enforcement	\$	281.10
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
4	TO:	Selectmen	5480-585	Dues	\$	1,175.00
	FROM:	Selectmen	5480-533	Business Development	\$	175.00
	FROM:	Selectmen	5480-555	Conferences	\$	1,000.00
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					

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Re:2021-2022 Transfer requests

Item #		Department	Account Number	Account		Amount
5	TO:	Town hall	5545-550	Computer Hardware	\$	1,058.13
	FROM:	Finance	5320-560-5320	Contingency	\$	1,058.13
	Motion					
	Seconded					
	Vote					
	Comments					
6	TO:	Town hall	5545-789	Website Admin	\$	2,176.88
	FROM:	Finance	5320-560-5320	Contingency	\$	2,176.88
	Motion					
	Seconded					
	Vote					
	Comments					
7	TO:	Town Counsel	5535-672-207	Legal Fees Assessor	\$	39,402.55
	FROM:	Finance	5320-560-5320	Contingency	\$	39,402.55
	Motion					
	Seconded					
	Vote					
	Comments					
8	TO:	Planning and Zoning	5430-600	Equipment	\$	178.56
	FROM:	Planning and Zoning	5430-598	Engineering	\$	178.56
	Motion					
	Seconded					
	Vote					
	Comments					

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Item #		Department	Account Number	Account		Amount
9	TO:	Planning and Zoning	5430-555	Conference and Meetings	\$	325.00
	FROM:	Planning and Zoning	5430-670	Legal Notice	\$	325.00
Motion						
Seconded						
Vote						
Comments						
10	TO:	Planning and Zoning	5430521-1000	Overtime	\$	382.50
	FROM:	Planning and Zoning	5430-670	Legal Notice	\$	382.50
Motion						
Seconded						
Vote						
Comments						
11	TO:	Selectmen	5480-513-13	Wages Selectmen	\$	1,345.00
	TO:	Selectmen	5480-513-14	Wages Selectmen	\$	4,036.00
	FROM:	Selectmen	5320-560-5320	Contingency	\$	5,381.00
Motion						
Seconded						
Vote						
Comments						
12	TO:	Tax Collector	5505-521-1000	Overtime	\$	98.91
	FROM:	Tax Collector	5505-517-77	Wages Seasonal	\$	98.91
Motion						
Seconded						
Vote						
Comments						

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13	TO:	Tax Collector	5505-517-23	Wages Clerk	\$	1,083.22
	FROM:	Tax Collector	5505-555	Conferences	\$	325.00
	FROM:	Tax Collector	5505-517-77	Wages Seasonal	\$	213.22
	FROM:	Tax Collector	5505-770	Supplies	\$	545.00

Motion
Seconded
Vote
Comments

14	TO:	Tax Collector	5505-690	Mileage	\$	176.52
	FROM:	Tax Collector	5505-517-77	Wages Seasonal	\$	176.52

Motion
Seconded
Vote
Comments