Minutes

Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 7:30 PM

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

Absent: Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 7/20/22 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 7/20/22 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

2. 7/27/22 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 7/27/22 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$35,072.42, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 7/19/22 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the tax refunds, totaling \$60,756.41, as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 8/15/22 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

2. TaxServ Capital Services, LLC Second Extension Agreement – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Second Extension of Agreement for Professional Services by and between the Town of Oxford and TaxServ Capital Services, LLC and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this company does tax collecting for back taxes, which the tax payer pays for the service of, not the town.

3. Community Support Committee's Application for Oxford High School Booster Club's Concession Stand Upgrade

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Community Support Committee's Application for Oxford High School Booster Club's Concession Stand Upgrade, in the amount of \$6,891.25, as presented and recommended by the Community Support Committee's letter received on 8/15/22. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Glen Schumitz, Community Support Committee Chairman, stated that this is a good investment for concessions, and to generate some revenue. The income-expense ratio for the booster club is very close in dollar amount, and anything over gets given back to the kids, there is no profit.

4. Community Support Committee's Application for Town of Oxford's Beautification of Riverside at 133 Coppermine Road

No Action

5. Hire Parks & Recreation AM Part-Time Assistant

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire JoMyra Martinez, as the Parks & Recreation AM Part-Time Assistant at a pay rate of \$18.40 per hour and a start date of Monday, August 22, 2022. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this is a part time position and is definitely needed. It was stated that this a very qualified hire, in which all are very satisfied with as well.

6. FY 2021 – 2022 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the FY 2021 - 2022 transfer requests (Attachment A) as presented by the Finance Director. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

7. **FY 2022 – 2023 Transfer Requests**

No Action At This Time

8. Finance Clerk Job Description – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the job description for the Assistant Finance Clerk, as presented. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this position is very necessary due to the growth of the town and things evolving. Also, a new cloud-based software, a requisition system, will be implemented which will significantly help cutting down in year-end work and regulate budget spending. Hiring an assistant finance clerk will also relieve some of the weight of the accounting clerk as well as the finance director to focus on other tasks necessary, considering that they also manage human resources as well as finances.

MOTION:

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

9. Building Permit Refund Procedure – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following policy regarding refunds for building permits:

Building permits will be refunded if approved by the Board of Selectmen subject to the following:

- 1. The Town shall retain 25% of the building permit to cover administrative cost and plan reviews with a minimum amount retained by the Town of \$85.00.
- 2. If the request for a refund is from a contractor, a letter will be required from the homeowner stating that they did not pay the contractor for the building permit or made any payments to the contractor for which they were not reimbursed when the project was canceled.

Examples:

- Building permit of \$85.00 or less NO REFUND
- Building permit for \$200.00 A refund would be issued for \$115.00 (\$200.00 less the \$85.00 retained by the Town)
- Building permit of \$1,000.00 The refund would be 75% of the permit or \$750.00.

ALL REFUNDS MUST BE REQUESTED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE APPLICATION OF THE BUILDING PERMIT

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion was had that this process takes a lot of time, so now there will be charges.

10. Plumbing Permit Refund Request

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the Plumbing Permit refund request from Gary Franco's Plumbing, LLC for 23 Tilquist Road in the amount of \$34.12 (\$45.50 original permit cost minus 25% administrative fees). This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman George Temple stated that obviously this request was made before the motion of Item #9 was put to action, so in fairness it must be done.

11. Report of First Selectman

- Cheer for Oxford- This will be September 3, 2022
 - o This will be a Pep Rally, put forth by the combination of the Town and the Board of Education
 - The Oxford Cheerleaders will be performing an original cheer for Oxford
 - o There will be fireworks, games, fundraisers, Booster Club will be present selling Oxford items-T-shirts etc. The Quaker Farms fire department will be doing their fried dough, there will be a PTO dunk tank, bounce house, as well as assorted food trucks and pony rides.
 - We will be celebrating the kids going back to school and for the town to just have a little party and some fun
- Officer Hooper is currently on duty now.
 - o He is doing very well and is very well liked. He is an Oxford resident and is settling in well
- There is some Trouble with the Police Cars
 - o The header is warped on one of them, since April, so the town will not be stopping pay on the lease-and it is suspected that this is going on two others as well. Unfortunately, the part can also no be acquired from Dodge, and may need to be an aftermarket part, which could be problematic with the warranty but this will be fought for as this is a problem that should not be happening. The town is not short on cars, there are plenty but this is still an issue that should not have to be dealt with.

Covid

There was a recent meeting with Dr. Browne and the heads of departments were all present to discuss whether it is time to relax, but it was advised to hold off just yet and keep things as they are and see how things go in September and the fall first. Dr. Browne said that the new strain doesn't seem to want to kill, but more so just spread, as viruses do to keep surviving. So, despite wanting to open the front doors and let our guard down, we are advised to wait a bit more.

• Police will still be following the buses

O School will be back in session, and unfortunately, we have no choice but to have the police continue to follow the buses. In the short time this was done last year, three people were caught passing buses, which is a fine of \$450.00 on top of the repercussions from insurance companies, so unfortunately this must continue to be monitored.

ATVs & Dirt Bikes on The Road

o Still having a continued issue with his matter. Ideas on how to put a stop to it are in the works. Seizing of vehicles is being considered. There has been already one accident, which was the fault of a kid. These are not supposed to be on the road and someone is going to get hurt or worse. Other towns have done this, hate to do it but they need to stay off the road and find elsewhere to ride.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Paula Guillet-175 Good Hill Rd

Stated that ATVs have always had a presence in Oxford, with no problems. She commented that she feels the real issue stems from the lack of respect these days with the kids, and agrees that them being on the road needs to absolutely be addressed, but she feels it is unfair to be seizing vehicles, that a fine or ticket should be considered. Seizing is too far. There are a few bad apples for sure but many are fine.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon-Lee Scott Hicks Clerk, Board of Selectman

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Attachment A

To: Board of Finance

Vote Comments August 17, 2022

From: Finance Director

item #		Department	Account Number	Account	;	Amount
1	TO:	Building	5230-511-38	Asst Bldg, Official	\$	1,582.14
•	TO:	Building	5230-515-39	Wages Clerk	\$	481.23
	FROM:	Building	5230-549	Computer Equipment	\$	110.00
	FROM:	Building	5230-811	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	953,95
	FROM:	Building	5230-690	Mileage	\$	500,00
	FROM:	Building	5230-525	Books	\$	436.00
	FROM:	Building	5230-585	Dues	\$	63,42
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
2	TO:	Conservation (WWC	5265-517-41	Wages Clerk	\$	1,132.91
2	FROM:	Conservation IWWC	5265-517-40	Wages Enforcement	\$	1,132.91
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
3	TO: FROM:	Conservation IWWC Conservation IWWC	5265-672 5265-570-111	Legal Fees Engineering	\$ \$	614.91 614.91
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
4	TO: TO: FROM:	Dog Warden Dog Warden Finance	5285-513-62 5285-513-63 5320-560-5320	Wages Warden Wages Asst Warden Contingency	\$ \$ \$	8,999.64 1,110.00 10,109.65
	Motion Seconded					

To: Board of Finance

From: Finance Director

Re:2021-2022 Transfer requests

Item#		Department	Account Number	Account	,	Amount
5	TO:	Dog Warden	5285-625	Propane	\$	473.82
	FROM:	Dog Warden	5285-595	Electricity	\$	473.82
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
6	TO: FROM:	Economic Development Economic Development	5290-690 5290-511-17	Mileage Wages Director	\$ \$	620.91 620.91
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
7	TO:	Elderly	5295-511-45	Director	\$	484.16
	TO:	Elderly	5295-515-46	Secretary	\$	669.45
	TO:	Elderly	5295-517-90	Clerk	\$	42.42
	FROM:	Elderly	5295-643	Benefits	\$	1,196.03
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
8	TO:	Elderly	5295-595	Electricity	\$	194.11
	TO:	Elderly	5295-625	Heating	\$	788.32
	TO:	Elderly	5295-775	Telephone	\$	557.54
	TO:	Elderly	5295-900	Alarm System	\$	192.98
	TO:	Elderly	5295-905	Cable TV	\$	170.63
	TO:	Elderly	5295-798	Waste removal	\$	289.80
	TO:	Elderly	5295-799	Water	\$	50.23
	FROM:	Elderly	5295-635	HVAC	\$	498.24
	FROM:	Elderly	5295-626	Propane	\$	48.23
	FROM:	Elderly	5295-736	Snow Removal	\$	1,454.84
	FROM:	Elderly	5295-613	Facility Maint	\$	242.30

Motion Seconded Vote

Comments

From: Finance Director

Item#		Department	Account Number	Account	Amount
9	TO:	Fire Department	5325-551	Computer Maintenance	\$ 134.61
	FROM:	Fire Department	5325-643	Benefits	\$ 134.61
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
10	TO: FROM:	Fire Department Fire Department	5325-570-136 5325-770	Cont. Serv background Ck Supplies Office	\$ 108.00 \$ 108.00
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
11	TO:	Fire Department	5325-605	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 4,643.06
	FROM:	Fire Department	5325-590	Education	\$ 2,588.93
	FROM:	Fire Department	5325-604	Equipment Expensed	\$ 1,210.97 \$ 259.59 \$ 335.00 \$ 100.00
	FROM:	Fire Department	5325-685	Supplies Departmental	\$ 259.59
	FROM:	Fire Department	5325-710	Physical Exams	\$ 335.00
	FROM:	Fire Department	5325-715	Postage	
	FROM:	Fire Department	5325-799	Water	\$ 148.57
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
12	TO: FROM:	Fire Department Fire Department	5325-613 5325-603	Facility Maintenance Equipment Depreciable	\$ 6,385.76 \$ 6,385.76
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments				

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Item # 13	TO: FROM: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Department Fire Department Fire Department Fire Department Fire Department	Account Number 5325-625 5325-612 5325-595 5325-552	Account Heating Oil Facility Improvement Electricity Computer software	\$ \$ \$ \$	Amount 5,609.93 1,768.67 3,318.48 522.78
14	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Fire Department Fire Department	5325-729 5325-643	Programs Regular Benefits	\$	10.02 10.02
15	TO: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Fire Department Fire Department Fire Department	5325-775 5325-525 5325-585	Telephone Books Dues	\$ \$	890.06 757.65 132.41
16	TO: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Fire Department Fire Department Fire Department	5325-798 5325-550 5325-585	Waste Removal Computer Hardware Dues	\$ \$ \$	1,941.12 1,585.29 355.83

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Item.# 17	TO: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Department Fire Department Fire Department Fire Department	Account Number 5325-905 5325-614 5325-643	Account Cable Internet Facility Maintenance Benefits	Am \$ \$ \$	ount 2,065.31 1,021.23 1,044.08
18	TO: TO: FROM: FROM: FROM: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Fire Department Finance	5325-811 5325-812 5325-552 5325-585 5325-603 5325-643 5325-770 5320-560-5320	Vehicle Maintenance Vehicle Repairs Computer Software Dues Equipment Depreciable Benefits Supplies Office Contingency	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	667.00 12,632.90 21.98 6.76 90.30 13.09 1,32 13,433.35
19	TO: TO: TO: FROM:	Fire Department Fire Department Fire Department Finance	5325-513-50 5325-513-51 5325-517-52 5320-560-5320	Wages Chief Wages Deputy Wages Clerk Contingency	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	1,324.02 1,833.06 3,337.40 6,494.48

Motion Seconded Vote

Comments

From: Finance Director

Item # 20	то:	Department Fire Marshal	Account Number 5330-552	Account Computer Software	\$	351.00
	TO:	Fire Marshal	5330-555	Conferences	\$	335.00
	TO:	Fire Marshal	5330-604	Equipment Expensed	\$	293.04 131.74
	TO:	Fire Marshal	5330-769	Supplies Departmental	\$	69.90
	TO:	Fire Marshal	5330-770	Supplies Office	\$ e-	704.21
	TO:	Fire Marshal	5330-775	Telephone Uniforms	\$: e:	704.21 72.06
	TO:	Fire Marshal	5330-785	Books	\$ \$	72.06 1,956.95
	FROM:	Fire Marshal	5330-525	DOOKS	Φ	1,300.30
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
21	TO: FROM:	Library Library	5390-625 5390-595	Heat Propane Electricity	\$ \$	1,328.69 1,328.69
·	Motion Seconded Vote Comments	,				
22	TO: FROM:	Library Library	5390-736 5390-775	Snow Removal Telephone	\$ \$	83.68 83.68
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
23	TO: FROM:	Library Library	5390-798 5390-595	Waste Removal Electricity	\$ \$	144.00 144.00
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments			,		

From: Finance Director

Item # 24	TO: TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Department Parks Parks Parks	Account Number 5425-595 5425-775 5425-798	Account Electricity Telephone Waste Removal	\$ \$ \$	Amount 1,313:20 448:22 1,761:42
25	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Planning and Zoning Planning and Zoning	5430-515-43 5430-598	Wages Secretary Engineering	\$	570.82 570.82
26	TO: FROM: TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Planning and Zoning Planning and Zoning Planning and Zoning Planning and Zoning	5430-672 5430-598 5430-670 5430-598	Legal Fees Engineering Legal Notice Engineering	\$ \$ \$	1,482.50 1,482.50 23.03 23.03
27	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works	5455-511-88 5455-515-65	Wages Secretary Wages Utility Men	\$	1,353.74 1,353.74
28	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works	5455-511-61 5455-515-65	Wages Foreman Wages Utility Men	\$	2,223.32 2,223.32

From: Finance Director

Item#		Department	Account Number	Account	. 4	Amount
29	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works	5455-511-64-13 5455-515-65	Wages Driveway Wages Utility Men	\$ \$	202.12 202.12
30	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works	5457-550 5457-685	Computer Hardware Maintenance Materials	\$ \$	163.63 163.63
31	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works	5457-551 5457-685	Computer Software Maintenance Materials	\$ \$	684.60 684.60
32	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works	5457-614 5457-613	Facility Supplies Facility Maintenance	\$ \$	574.08 574.08
33	TO: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works Public Works	5457-775 5457-595 5457-613	Telephone Electricity Facility Maintenance	\$ \$ \$	3,496.98 3,033.15 463.85

From: Finance Director

Item #		Department	Account Number	Account	Amount
34	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Public Works Public Works	5457-570-139 5457-570-148	Cont. Serv Security Cont. Serv Storm Water	\$ 3,013.36 \$ 3,013.36
35	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Recycling Recycling	5464-570-341 5464-570-303	Cont. Serv Tires Cont. Serv Bulky Waste	\$ 700.00 \$ 700.00
36	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Recycling Recycling	5464-570-342 5464-570-303	Cont. Serv Single Stream Cont. Serv Bulky Waste	\$ 554.18 \$ 554.18
37	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Recycling Recycling	5464-570-310 5464-570-303	Cont. Serv Disposal Cont. Serv Bulky Waste	\$ 13,855.56 \$ 13,855.56
38	TO: TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Selectmen Selectmen Finance	5480-513-13 5480-513-14 5320-560-5320	Wages Selectmen Wages Selectmen Contingency	\$ 3,993.78 \$ 1,361.95 \$ 5,355.73

From: Finance Director

Item #		Department	Account Number	Account	An	nount
39	TO: FROM:	Street Lights Finance	5492-788 5320-560-5320	Street Lights Contingency	\$ \$	707.71 707.71
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
40	TO: FROM:	Tax Collector Tax Collector	5505-517-23 5505-551	Wages Clerk Computer Sys Maint	\$: \$	1,013.46 1,013.46
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
41	TO: FROM:	Town Clerk Finance	5530-660 5320-560-5320	Land Records Record Contingency	\$ \$	1,135.02 1,135.02
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
42	TO: FROM:	Town Clerk Town Clerk	5530-670 5530-687	Legal Notice Books	\$ \$	37.17 37.17
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
43	TO: FROM:	Town Attorney finance	5535-672-207 5320-560-5320	Legal Serv Assessor Contingency	\$ \$	39,402.55 39,402.55
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					

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Item #		Department	Account Number	Account	Amount
44	TO: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Town Attorney finance	5535-672-207 5320-560-5320	Outside legal Service Contingency	\$ 9,318.23 \$ 9,318.23
45	TO: FROM: FROM: FROM: FROM: FROM: Seconded Vote Comments	Selectmen Selectmen Selectmen Selectmen Selectmen	5480-511-161 5480-570-129 5480-585 5480-690 5480-535 5480-643	Wages Grant Writer Cont. Serv Professional Education Mileage Civic Activities Benefits	\$ 3,740.18 \$ 1,000.00 \$ 500.00 \$ 500.00 \$ 516.00 \$ 1,224.18
46	TO: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded Vote Comments	Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall	5545-625 5545-595 5545-517-127	Heating Electricity Wages Custodial	\$ 4,045.63 \$ 1,346.44 \$ 2,699.19
47	TO: FROM: FROM: Motion Seconded	W.P.C.A. W.P.C.A. W.P.C.A.	5580-605 5580-603 5580-511-74	Equipment Maintenance Equipment Depreciable Wages Line Maintenance	\$ 125.66 \$ 102.77 \$ 22.89

To: Board of Finance

From: Finance Director

Re:2021-2022 Transfer requests

Item #		Department	Account Number	Account	A	Amount
48	TO: FROM:	W.P.C.A. W.P.C.A.	5580-620 5580-685	Fuel for Pump Station Maintenance Materials	\$ \$	199.20 199.20
	Motion Seconded Vote Comments					
49	TO: FROM:	W.P.C.A. finance	5580-517-76 5320-560-5320	Wages Construction Inspe Contingency	\$ \$	4,186.88 4,186.88
	Motion		•			

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