

Minutes

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Wednesday October 4, 2023

First Selectman George Temple called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In Attendance: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman David McKane, and Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa.

Acceptance of Minutes

1. 9/20/23 Regular Meeting

Motion:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the 9/20/23 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Amendments to Agenda

1. Hire Part-Time Custodian

Motion:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Part-Time Custodian. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

2. Hire Part-Time Control Officer

Motion:

First Selectman George Temple moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Part-Time Animal Control Officer. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments

None

New Business

1. Hire Library Clerk

Motion:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Anna Biewald as the Library Board Clerk with a pay rate of \$17.56 per hour and effective as of September 18, 2023. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion:

The First Selectman Temple explained that the previous clerk resigned. Ms. Biewald is recommended by the Director of Municipal Library/Media Operations.

2. Hire Full-Time Animal Control Officer

Motion:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Adrienne Croce as a Full-Time Animal Control Officer with a pay rate of \$23.00 and a start date of Tuesday, October 10, 2023. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion:

First Selectman George Temple supports this hire. Ms. Croce previously held this position. First Selectman Temple received many calls supporting Ms. Croce and she is very good with dogs and other animals.

Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa pointed out that Ms. Croce keeps her well informed.

First Selectman George Temple pointed out Ms. Croce has done a good job so far. She is a professional; she is a very good choice.

Selectman Arnold Jensen had concerns of how the position would be paid for. First Selectman Temple stated this position will be funded through Finance Contingency. He further explained that the position is needed and he is very impressed by her.

Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa pointed out when we had the bad rain storm and areas started to flood, she was willing to jump in the river to retrieve a dog.

3. Hire Municipal Agent

Motion:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Sandra Arburr as the Municipal Agent with an annual salary of \$11,000.00 and a start date of Monday, October 9, 2023. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Selectman David McKane questioned if Mrs. Arburr would be doing two jobs. First Selectman Temple stated she would be performing both duties (Senior Services Director and Municipal Agent) which is typical in the state. It was explained that the previous Municipal Agent resigned and Mrs. Arburr has experience in the field. This position works with seniors, veterans and residents who need help with resources. First Selectman Temple fully supports this hire.

4. Hire Part-Time Custodian

Motion:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Luke Steponaitis as a Part-Time Custodian with a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour and a start date of Tuesday, October 10, 2023. This was seconded by Selectman David. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion:

First Selectman George Temple explained that the previous custodian resigned and he fully supports this hire.

5. Hire Part-Time Custodian

Motion:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Brendon Tymon as a Part-Time Custodian with a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour and a start date of Tuesday, October 10, 2023. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion:

First Selectman George Temple stated that Mr. Tymon currently works at Public Works and he fully supports this hire.

6. Hire Part-Time Animal Control Officer

Motion:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hire Jason McLain as a Part-Time Animal Control Officer As-Needed at a pay rate of \$25.00 per hour with a start date of Tuesday, October 10, 2023. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion:

First Selectman George Temple said this is an as-needed position. He supports this hire.

7. Report of First Selectman

- Today, First Selectman Temple met with Rabbi Shmaya Hecht who is the Director of Chabad Jewish Center in Oxford. He explained that they talked about the possibility of placing a menorah at Town Hall. They also discussed the possibility of the town participating in the ARK coalition which stands for Acts of Random Kindness. An ARK is a charity box where coins are inserted daily. When the ARK is full it can be given to anyone or anything deserving, you decide.
- On Saturday, October 7, 2023 a Blood Drive is being held at the senior center from 8:00 AM through 1:00 PM. Walk-Ins are welcome but you can also register through the American Red Cross website.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The town will be selling yard signs stating Oxford Supports Breast Cancer Awareness. They cost \$20.00 each and all proceeds will go to Seymour Pink. The signs will be available to purchase at the Receptionist office and the First Selectman's office at Town Hall.

Audience of Citizens:

Rich Kopf, of 85 Perkins Road, was concerned about flooding that is ruining his driveway. He stated that a catch basin is needed. He moved here two months ago and the flood water is ruining his driveway. He went on to say about 25% of the water is coming from his neighbor's property.

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First Selectman George Temple explained that the town needs to find where the water is coming from. He will make a visit to inspect the property.

Mr. Kopf showed the Board a video of what happens when it rains and stated that the house was built last year.

First Selectman George Temple explained that a catch basin is no problem. However, if it is coming from your neighbor's property the town cannot get involved. He reiterated he will visit the property and look at the area.

Adjournment:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Kathleen Sundstrom
Clerk

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TOWN CLERK

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