

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, November 19 , 2014
7:30 PM - Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 11/5/14 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 11/5/14 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Web Site Committee Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Web Site Committee Appointments as Item # 3 under Appointments. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Charter Revision Commission 2014 Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Charter Revision Commission 2014 Appointments as Item # 4 under Appointments. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

3. Anti-Blight Committee Appointment

MOTION:

David McKane moved to amend the agenda to add Anti-Blight Committee Appointment as Item # 5 under Appointments. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Additional Appropriation for the Senior Center Flooring

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add additional appropriation for Senior Center Flooring – Discuss with Possible Action. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Oxford Center Fire Company 2015 Fire Chief – Re-Appoint Scott Pelletier

MOTION:

David McKane moved to appoint Scott J. Pelletier as the 2015 Fire Chief of Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company as presented in their letter dated 11/11/14. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: He has done an excellent job all these years; he is a great appointment.

2. Safety & Health Committee – Appoint Member

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Gordon Gramolini to the Safety & Health Committee with a term to commence immediately. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: We all know Gordon Gramolini, and feel this is a very good appointment.

3. Web Site Committee Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint David Yish, of 40 Moose Hill Road, to the Web Site Committee with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/15. Seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Mr. Yish is well known on the Board of Education, and we are anxious to get the Website Committee straightened out.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Paula Guillet, of 175 Good Hill Road, to the Web Site Committee with a term to commence immediately and expire on 12/31/16. This was

seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes, 1 Abstention by David McKane. Motion carries.

Discussion: Paula Guillet is also a Board of Education member, and we are anxious to get this going.

4. Charter Revision Commission 2014 Appointments

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Mark Gross, of 511 Quaker Farms Road, and Laura Condon, of 30 Laura Lane, both to the Charter Revision Commission 2014 with terms to commence immediately. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Mark Gross is a retired attorney, and Laura Condon is a Democrat and First Selectman Temple has known both of them for a long time. Both of these will be a very good addition to the Commission.

5. Anti-Blight Committee Appointment

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Robbi Costigan, of 300 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, to the Anti-Blight Committee with a term to commence immediately. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes, 1 Opposed by David McKane. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to appoint Jessica Pennell, of 17 Redwood Drive, to the Anti-Blight Committee with a term to commence immediately. Seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes, 1 Opposed by David McKane. Motion carries

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple approves these appointments and feels both will do a good job. David McKane opposes the Blight Committee and feels we will end up in court and will cost the Town a lot of money.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Brian Francione, 15 Silano Drive, discussed the Fire Commission, and their work in putting together an ordinance for the health and safety of the residents in Town. They have offered to hold meetings with the Board of Selectmen and have not had any response. He made his plea to have the Board of Selectmen give their input and support. He stated this has nothing to do with minimizing the officers, but more a scope of work clarification. First Selectman George Temple's position is the Fire Commission doesn't interfere with the operational aspects of the

Fire Departments and the Chiefs, and he will not put the Fire Departments at odds with each other, and that they will be united with each other. He will not support anything that interferes with this goal. The Fire Departments do a great job, and we need to aid them, and be their advocate and work with them, but not interfere with the operations of the Oxford Fire Department.

First Selectman George Temple will meet with the Board of Fire Chiefs to discuss this. The Fire Commission asked why the Board of Commissioners can't be invited to this meeting. First Selectman Temple stated that they are invited, it is a public meeting.

Ed Terwilliger, 3 Hickory Lane, questioned First Selectman Temple about his pistol permit. Mr. Terwilliger had sent in the paperwork on 8/25/14, and the paperwork was approved on 10/28/14. He had checked with the Town Hall on 11/5/14, and was told it had not been received yet. He had checked several other times on the status, and was told it has not been approved by First Selectman George Temple. He asked First Selectman George Temple what was going on, and how many permits does he sign at any given time. First Selectman Temple stated he reviews 14-25 permits at any given time. First Selectman Temple stated to Mr. Terwilliger to be at his office at 11:30 A.M. tomorrow, and he will review and sign it.

Nil Guillet, 2 Douglas Drive, discussed the curbing that was placed on the last section of Commerce Drive, and stated he has never seen anything done like that before, and wanted to know why it was changed from the six inch curbing that was placed on the other sections. First Selectman Temple stated he would go and check it out. David McKane stated that whatever was done was approved by the Town Engineer. Nil Guillet wants to know why it was done that way, and who is responsible. It was suggested to Mr. Guillet to check with the Planning & Zoning Office. The next item Nil Guillet questioned was the block wall on O'Neil Road, and if there was an engineer that signed off on it. The wall is 48" high and goes along a public highway, and it doesn't follow the grade. First Selectman Temple has no problem having the Town Engineer take a look at it, but stated the people were happy when the wall was put up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stipend for Website Administrator – Discuss with Possible Action

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated that the Website Committee will be put together, and that he would recommend to the new Commission that Margaret West get a stipend for the additional work involved for the Town Clerk.

2. Ambulance Funds Request

MOTION:

David McKane moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve an additional funds appropriation, in the amount of \$32,916, in order for the Oxford Ambulance Association to purchase a new ambulance as previously approved and as they requested in their letter dated 10/6/14. This was seconded by Jeff Haney.

Discussion: Jim Hliva recommends that this item go back out to bid. Francis Teodosio, represents the Oxford Ambulance Association and discussed that the bids and specifications were for a specific type of ambulance and companies did bid on that specific type of ambulance. He asked the Board of Selectmen not to send this out for another bid, and that Oxford needs this ambulance and don't waste time having it go back out to bid. First Selectman Temple agrees with the Finance Director and that it should go out to bid, and that the new ambulance should be in the name of the Town of Oxford. First Selectman Temple stated that the RFP represents the spirit of the bidding, and that he doesn't like the idea of one vendor. First Selectman Temple would like a new RFP put together within the next two weeks, and will bring it to Jerry Schwab, and if he agrees, will send it out. If not, he will have to give a reason. Francis Teodosio stated again it is not a vendor, it is a type of ambulance.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple made a motion to table this matter. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 2 Ayes, 1 opposed by David McKane. Motion carries.

3. FY 2014-2015 Transfer Requests

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the FY 2014 – 2015 transfer requests as presented by the Finance Director on 10/31/14. (Attachment A) This was seconded by David McKane for discussion.

Discussion: A discussion was held regarding Items #4, #5, #6, and #7 of the FY 2014-2015 transfer requests. Jim Hliva stated these are line items and he will come back next month with the accounts where the funds will be taken from instead of from Finance Contingency.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to table Items #4, #5, #6, #7, for discussion at the next meeting. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve Items #1, #2, #3 of the FY 2014-2015 transfer requests as presented by the Finance Director on 10/31/14. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

4. Annual Town Report – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to accept the 2013 – 2014 Annual Town Report as presented. This report will be made available on the Town's municipal website and in the office of the Town Clerk by January 15, 2015. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Region 5 Blanket Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the following Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Region 5 Blanket Resolution and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that George R. Temple, as First Selectman of Oxford Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Oxford Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including

but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

6. **Approve Use of Town Hall Exterior Grounds and Parking Lots for Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company 75th Anniversary Celebration**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the use of the Town Hall exterior grounds and parking lots on May 29, 30 and 31, 2015 for Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company's 75th Anniversary celebratory parade and carnival; as requested in their letter dated 11/12/14. This was seconded by David McKane. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: There will be a parade and carnival around the Oxford Center Fire House, with a parade being held on Saturday, May 30, 2015. First Selectman George Temple stated he didn't mind people parking at the Town Hall, but not on the grass. The Oxford Center Fire Department will also be asking the Board of Education for use of Oxford Center School grounds. David McKane congratulated the Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Dept. for 75 years.

7. **STEAP Grant Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

MOTION:

David McKane moved to approve the following STEAP Grant Resolution and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford during Wednesday, November 19, 2014 meeting approves and adopts the following resolution:

1. Authorizes submission of the grant application for the 2015 STEAP program and is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the State Assistance imposed by Connecticut General Statutes 4-6g.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Oxford in the amount of \$500,000 for Phase 2 of Agnes Schiavi Tetlak Park (Aggie's Park), is hereby approved and that the Oxford First Selectman, George R. Temple is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, to provide such information, to execute and Assistance Agreement with the representative of the Town of Oxford.

This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Kathleen O'Neil stated that each year it gives municipalities grants, and the Town decided to try to finish the second phase of Aggie Park, and are now hoping to get funding for this second phase. First Selectman George Temple stated that Oxford desperately needs fields for the kids, and we are planning on having two girls' softball fields, and an all-purpose field. We will need to be thinking about irrigation and maintenance of these fields.

8. ICE Grant Resolution – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

David McKane recused himself from this item.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE) Program Grant Resolution and authorize the First Selectman to sign:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford on November 19, 2014 and does endorse the Town's participation in the Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE) Program provided in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66m.

It authorizes First Selectman George R. Temple to execute and file such application with the Office of Policy and Management for the purchase of a suck truck and paver machine and to provide such information, to execute such other documents as may be required to execute an Assistance Agreement with the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes, 1 recusal by David McKane. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple discussed this with Kathleen O'Neil, Grant Writer, and the Town may have to contribute to it. This is to clean the catch basins, which currently the Town spends \$20,000 to clean the catch basins and \$35,000 for road sweeping. First Selectman Temple did talk to the Mayors of Derby, Seymour and Beacon Falls and all feel it is a great idea, but would need all the towns to work together and to come up with an agreement. This could be something very new and exciting. Discussion was held on an in-line paver, which is a high ticket item, and the other towns are in favor of this since it could save all of the towns a lot of money. Training would need to be done, and the maintenance for this item would cost about \$6000 per year. This item will not be submitted this year, and would need to be discussed with the other towns. David McKane, as a citizen in the audience, stated that the maintenance cost would be more, and even if the Town gets a grant, it would take a lot of time to get the work done. This grant would be for a Roller and Vacuum Truck for now, and Kathleen O'Neil will share with the Board of Selectmen once she gets the specs. Kathleen O'Neil advised to remove the word "suck truck" in the resolution above and replace it with "vacuum truck."

David McKane returned to the meeting.

9. **Additional Appropriation for the Senior Center Flooring**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve an additional appropriation of \$6,000.00 for a sealant to be placed on the Senior Center Flooring CONTINGENT UPON the need for such sealant which will be reviewed and determined once the current flooring is removed. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Abstention by David McKane. Motion carries. This will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Jeff Haney discussed that the flooring item was approved for \$21,000 at the Town meeting, but in a Legal Notice it was stated “not to exceed \$15,000”, and now it may exceed this amount. Jeff Haney does not feel it will exceed this amount, but until the floor is opened up, and they see what is there, then we will be able to determine what is needed. Jeff Haney feels it is very, very unlikely that a sealant will be needed. Testing was done in the corners for moisture. The start date for the project is January 5, 2015, and they will do a full moisture test after the first week. This item is coming from the Board of Finance to make this item correct. The bids came in and it was verbally approved for \$15,000. Dave McKane questioned the amount of \$6000, when it should not cost more than \$2800, and he would like to know the correct amount.

9. **Report of First Selectman**

First Selectman George Temple sent a letter to the Voices regarding the Seymour/Oxford Football Game, and that he was very proud of the sportsmanship of both towns, and how the Seymour Cheerleaders held up signs for Nina Poeta. First Selectman Temple will wear the Seymour football jersey at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Oxford schools ranked among the best in the State. Oxford was rated 9 out of 10 for cost per pupil ratio, and we have a very cost effective education.

First Selectman George Temple went to Athens, New York, to visit their power plant. When he left that plant, there was nothing that scared him about having a power plant here in Oxford. It was not noisy, and you could not hear any noise coming from the plant from the parking lot. Inside, they gave you earplugs, but you didn't need them, because you can carry on a conversation with each other at a regular tone of voice. First Selectman Temple also spoke with the Mayor from a town in New Jersey, who is in the process of putting a power plant there, and they were in competition with 20 other sites, and nobody there complained about a power plant since it started. Tax monies mean a lot, so the people don't mind. First Selectman George Temple stated that property values cannot be verified, and there is no data whatsoever on property values lowering because of the Power Plant from Athens, New York.

First Selectman George Temple did meet with the people from the Power Plant and discussed taxes. There will be another meeting on December 10, 2014, which will be a negotiation session. They will be the biggest tax payer in Oxford. There will be a

hearing at the High School on January 15th and everyone is invited, from 7pm-10pm. The project has been approved, and they will discuss the expansion for the project.

First Selectman Temple is preparing a list of questions and answers that can be put on the website regarding the Power Plant. If there are other questions, people can raise these questions on January 15th at the High School.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Nil Guillet, 2 Douglas Drive, asked about signs being placed on Riggs Street regarding “no truck traffic”, and when construction of the power plant, will there be a route given for trucks. It was stated that the State gives out these signs. The signs on Towner Lane were put up by the State. Nil Guillet also questioned the configuration of the Town buildings along Rt. 67 were all supposed to have red brick, and what happened to the Dog Pound Building? It does not have red brick. The Board of Selectmen stated it was not in the budget, and also the Dog Pound cannot be seen from Rt. 67.

John Downs, 666 Roosevelt Drive, wanted clarification that First Selectman George Temple will be at the next Fire Commission Meeting, and why not the entire Board of Selectman. First Selectman George Temple stated it would need a special quorum, and that he will keep the other Selectmen apprised of the events of the meeting.

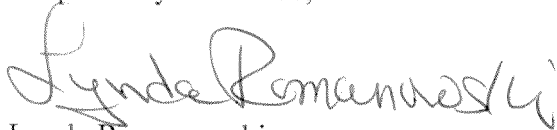
David Stocker, 144 Punkup Road, commented on the “no thru trucks” signs and that if a truck has a stop in Oxford, they can go anywhere, and they cannot be stopped.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

David McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 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 OXFORD, CT
Margaret H. West
TOWN CLERK

To: Board of Selectmen

October 31, 2014

From: Finance Director

Re:2014-2015 Transfer requests

tem #	Department	Account	Account Number	Amount
1	TO: WPCA FROM: Finance	Engineering Finance Contingency	5580-598 5320-560-5320	\$ 5,000.00 \$ 5,000.00
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
2	TO: Ambulance FROM: Ambulance	Training Equipment Expensed	5210-590 5210-604	\$ 2,000.00 \$ 2,000.00
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
3	TO: Fire FROM: Finance	Vehicle Upgrades Finance Contingency	5325-813 5320-560-5320	\$ 2,396.20 \$ 2,396.20
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				
4	TO: See attached list FROM: Finance	Wages Finance Contingency	See Attached list 5320-560-5320	\$ 13,051.00 \$ 13,051.00
Motion Seconded Vote Comments				

11/3/14

To: Board of Selectmen

October 31, 2014

From: Finance Director

Re:2014-2015 Transfer requests

tem #		Department	Account	Account Number		Amount
5	TO:	See attached list	Wages	See Attached list	\$	13,616.00
	FROM:	Finance	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$	13,616.00

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6	TO:	See attached list	Wages	See Attached list	\$	16,679.00
	FROM:	Finance	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$	16,679.00

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7	TO:	See attached list	Wages	See Attached list	\$	26,093.00
	FROM:	Finance	Finance Contingency	5320-560-5320	\$	26,093.00

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