

**Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
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 R. Temple, Esq., Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Kathy Johnson, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 1/20/16 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 1/20/16 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Oxford Library Building Project Engineering Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Oxford Library Building Project Engineering Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign as Item #7 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #8. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Oxford Library Building Project - Architectural Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Oxford Library Building Project, hire Peter Gisolfi Associates for the purpose of designing the Oxford Library. The bid is \$216,000 – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign the contract as Item #8

and move Report of First Selectman to Item #9. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. United Way Presentation with Possible Action

Jack Walsh, Executive Director of the United Way, discussed the various services that are available through the United Way agencies. All of the money raised here stays here. 211 Information and Referral Services is one of the places the United Way funds. The people in Oxford use every one of the agencies. The two main functions of the United Way are to raise money in the community and give the money to support services for people in the community. United Way is working to fight hunger in the Valley. Oxford shares resources in the Oxford/Seymour Food Bank. First Selectman George Temple suggested Mr. Walsh speak with Joanne Jelenik from Oxford who works with people with unusual problems and is involved with the seniors here in Oxford. Joanne Pelton will give Mr. Walsh her contact information. Dawn Higginson from the Library suggested that Mr. Walsh could hold talks at the Library to spread the word about United Way and their services. Bill Miller, an Oxford resident and is involved with the United Way for over 20 years, stated that United Way needs our support as far as giving. There have been a lot of companies that have moved out of the area, and hopefully we can tap into the economic development here in Oxford. People sometimes do not know where to get the services or help they need. Jack Kiley stated that Mr. Walsh is an asset to the United Way and has done an incredible job.

2. Police Department Purchases – Discuss with Possible Action

2016 Ford AWD Interceptor Discussion:

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 to be taken from Equity Fund Surplus, to purchase a 2016 Ford AWD Interceptor Utility Patrol cruiser as requested by the Resident State Trooper. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: Jack Kiley stated this was not in the budget and was purchased before it was approved. First Selectman George Temple stated that it was a mistake and they usually get 1 new police car each year. His understanding is that they need it and we have to keep the equipment updated. The Board of Selectman will send it on to the Board of Finance.

5 Police Patrol Lap Tops Discussion:

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$14,225.00 to be taken from Equity Fund Surplus, to purchase five (5) new police patrol lap top computers (Telreco CF31 Toughbook's) with vehicle mounting trays as requested by the Resident State Trooper. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: These are needed to be compatible with the dashboard cameras. This upgrades the hardware in the police cruisers with the cameras. First Selectman George Temple supports it 100%. Jeff Haney stated we need to complete the system. This will be passed on to the Board of Finance.

12 Taser Units Discussion:

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$27,724.60 to be taken from Equity Fund Surplus, to purchase twelve (12) taser units to outfit the police officers with two spare units and covers the units, software, training, two required cartridges and battery packs for each officer; as requested by the Resident State Trooper. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple has wanted to do this for years. The State Police has them, and it gives us a non-lethal alternative. This is a very valuable tool for the Police to have.

12 Body Cam Units Discussion:

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$67,019.11 to be taken from Equity Fund Surplus, to purchase twelve (12) body cam units which covers the units, software and training for each officer; as requested by the Resident State Trooper. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: This is for the protection of the officers, the public, and the town. We are upgrading our Police department, and First Selectman Temple supports it 100%.

3. Surveillance Equipment for Lily Park and Ryan's Court – Award Bid

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to award the Surveillance Equipment Bid for Lily Park and Ryan's Court to Setronics Corp., of 5 Executive Park Drive, Billerica, Massachusetts, in an amount not to exceed \$17,834.00 to be taken from LoCIP, for six (6) cloud based, solar powered cameras with the ability to read license plates. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. (Note: four cameras will be placed at Lily Park and two cameras will be placed at Ryan's Court) This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance

Discussion: First Selectman Temple is concerned about the safety of our children and families at the park. The video camera will be a deterrent and will be solar powered. We had an incident at the tennis courts with vandalism. We want to protect all of the children, moms, and dads that use the park. The residents can use the facility and feel safe. Jeff Haney stated that when the park was being built he found broken bottles on the pavement before the park was even built.

4. Tetlak Park Contingency Provision

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to set a Town Meeting for Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 7:00 PM for the additional \$403,531.00 for the Aggie Park Fields Project with the provision that any expenditure from the contingency, in the amount of 76,400.00, must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance prior expenditure. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This money we are asking for is required for us to get \$500,000 from the State for these projects, which includes two softball fields and an all-purpose field. This will give an opportunity to balance the facilities for the girls and the boys. This is phase 1 of the project, and there will be other fields, to make Aggie Park a recreation center for Oxford.

5. Oxford Ambulance Association Fly Car Funding Request

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve funding, in an amount not to exceed \$23,525.00 to be taken from Equity Fund Surplus, in order to purchase a Chevy Equinox Fly Car for the Oxford Ambulance Association as they requested in their letter dated 1/28/16. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple would like to move to table this until we can discuss what the finances are with the Oxford Ambulance Association and whether or not they should be paying for this. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. 2 No's by Jeff Haney and Kathy Johnson. Motion fails.

Discussion – Jeff Haney stated that what he understands is that the car they presently have, the frame is rotted and they are down to one vehicle. In talking to Jack Kiley, there may be another way to get a cheaper car. Jeff Haney was going to approve it tonight and thought this is going to replace that car so he did not think it was a big deal. Kathy Johnson stated we have approved a lot of money tonight to move forward especially a police car that was not supposed to get done. We pride ourselves that the Board of Selectmen feels that the safety of the town comes first. The Ambulance Association is already paying for part of the ambulance and they are being asked to pay for that, and she does not see why we can't move this forward. She feels there is a little discrimination here. Jeff Haney feels there is no discrimination going on. First Selectman Temple stated there is a lot going on regarding finances with the Oxford Ambulance Association, i.e., how much it is costing the Town, their relationship with the town, and how much their salaries are. First Selectman Temple would like to take a look at the finances, and see if this is something the Town should in fact support in light of the fact that a lot of people are being paid a lot of money. Jeff Haney would agree to that but would like to have a timeline on this. First Selectman Temple stated one month.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to table this item for one month so the Board of Selectmen can do our due diligence to look at the finances and the credibility of buying this new car. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 No by Kathy Johnson. Motion Carries.

6. Oxford High School Diamond Project Phase 2 Funding Request

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve funding, in an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00 to be taken from Equity Fund Surplus, for Phase 2 of the Oxford High School Diamond Project which will include two (2) scoreboards (equipment and installation) and security camera's; as requested by the Oxford High School Diamond Committee Chairman in his email dated 1/29/16. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion: This is a further enhancement on behalf of the Board of Education and the Oxford High School Diamond Project and this will make that facility where it should be and up to the standards under the league. The first two projects were mainly for security and this is for the Diamond facility and is subject to the approval of the Board of Finance.

7. Oxford Library Building Project Engineering Contract – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Oxford Library Building Project Engineering Contract from B&B Engineering, of 39 New Haven Road in Seymour, as presented, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Brian Nesteriak is the town engineer, his rates are in line with the town contract, and will do the cite work and be the construction supervisor. His proposal is not to exceed \$48,000 over the project. Town Council has reviewed it. First Selectman Temple stated Brian Nesteriak does an excellent job and he was very much involved in the field at the high school and did a terrific job on that. Jeff Haney stated it should have gone out to bid; in the interest of time he will approve this, but would really like to see these engineering projects go out to bid, and to follow the process. First Selectman Temple stated that he is the town engineer and we do not have to go out to bid if we are using the town engineer. We did not do anything wrong. Jeff Haney stated he has been working at land development for years, and he would like to see it go out to bid.

8. Oxford Library Building Project - Contract for Peter Gisolfi Associates – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to discuss and approve Peter Gisolfi Associates for the purpose of designing the Oxford Library. Peter Gisolfi Associates bid is \$216,000 and authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Initially we went out to bid, and Gisolfi Associates was the lowest bid. Phase 2 is this piece which includes a credit of \$29,000 that we have paid. They are really good to work with and are experts in designing libraries. The contract has been reviewed by Town Council. All of the changes have been incorporated into the contract. George Mitchell stated he was able to negotiate the price down to \$216,000 from \$260,000. This is a three month project to get it designed, do the specs, and to start working with the Board of Finance to get the construction started.

9. **Purchase of a Cab and Chassis for the Public Works Department**

MOTION

Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add the purchase of a cab and chassis to mount to the body of 2008 Ford F350 4 wheel drive truck. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Wayne Watt stated this is to move forward to replace the 2006 vehicle since the frame is bent and we need to replace it. This is not an emergency, and will not exceed \$28,000. This is to do due diligence to find the right price and go through proper procedures to replace the vehicle that has been incapacitated. This vehicle is used for two purposes which will be for the Assistant Foreman and the mechanic's truck. It will be going home at night with the Assistant Foreman, since sometimes during the middle of night we do respond to calls. We are on call 24 hours of the day. During the day it will be used by the mechanic. Mr. Watt stated that he can discuss those procedures anytime with First Selectman George Temple. Also, he noted that all vehicles will have GPS systems in them. Jack Kiley stated it is good to have the GPS system, so we know where that truck is at all times. It will save the town a lot of money because the vehicle will not be used for personal use.

10. **Report of First Selectman**

1. First Selectman Temple stated that he has gone to banquets for the kids, one for the high school football team and the other for the AYF football and cheer squad. It gave rise to an effort on the part of First Selectman Temple and Seymour's First Selectman Miller to have a Thanksgiving football game between Oxford and Seymour. The coaches want it and if the league goes along with it, it will be a good time. It is a natural rivalry and is a good rivalry. There is a lot of sportsmanship and would be a great tradition. We will keep everyone advised on this.
2. A week from tomorrow we will have the referendum on for the Power Plant tax agreement, so please get out and vote. When it is decided it will take care of some major problems that we have. Go out on the 11th of February to vote.
3. There are some things going on with some litigation issues but is not at liberty to discuss at this time.

AMENDMENTS

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

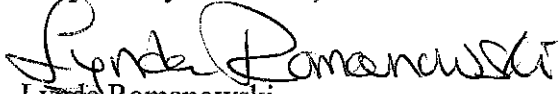
Tanya Carver, Moose Hill Road, Oxford, stated in regards to the Oxford-Seymour game, she went to Seymour High school, and she would love to see it played in Oxford first. In regards to all the police cameras, thank you very much for that. One of the concerns was safety in the area of the schools and the new library, and with the Oxford Town Center going in, the police will need to be more proactive. Thank you.

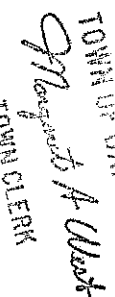
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Kathy Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M. 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

TOWN CLERK