Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 7:30 PM - Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by First Selectman George Temple, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:

First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Scott Flaherty,

Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Selectman Jeff Haney

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 1/11/18 Special Meeting

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 1/11/18 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

2. 1/17/18 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve the 1/17/18 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Hire Parks & Recreation Lifeguard

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Parks & Recreation Lifeguard as Item #4 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #5. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Opiate Crisis Steering Committee Appointment

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to appoint Jerry McGuire, of 299 Governor's Hill Road, to the Opiate Crisis Steering Committee. This was seconded by Scott Flaherty. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

Discussion: There is no limit as to the number of committee members. Jerry McGuire is very well versed with emergency medical services and will fit in very well. First Selectman Temple stated that this committee is very important to him and any information he can get, he has been grabbing. Sgt. Dan Semosky stated that this crisis has been very quiet over the last month, which is very good. Jerry was thanked for willing to serve on this committee.

2. Oxford Center Fire Company 2018 Fire Police Appointments

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to appoint Tom Giacchi, Scott Guion and John Deer all as the 2018 Fire Police for the Oxford Center Volunteer Fire Company as presented and recommended in their letter dated 1/14/18. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple stated that the town cannot do any better than these three and they are very conscientious and very good.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Work's Engineer Request for Fuel Storage Tanks Survey

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to remove this matter from the table. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to approve an appropriation, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 to be taken from Capital and Non-Recurring, to hire an engineer to prepare a survey for the proposed new fuel storage tanks at Public Works. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

Discussion: This is needed in order to take the tanks out from underground and be placed above ground. Brian Nesteriak will be the engineer.

2. Re-establish Animal Control Officer to Full-Time

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to re-establish the Animal Control Officer position back to full-time status and to maintain Jeffrey Haney, Sr. as the Animal Control Officer at \$46,371.00 per year for a 40 hour week. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

Discussion: The previous person's salary was \$36,000 for a 35 hour work week, and the increase of 3% per year for the last two years would make this \$46,371.00 for a 40 hour week. First Selectman George Temple stated that Jeff Haney has been doing the job for two years and he is certified. Jeff Haney is very conscientious and built the shelter. It cost \$80,000 to build the shelter and \$45,000 was thru donations, and the other \$35,000 was a grant, and they did a beautiful job.

3. Hire Michael Dyki as an Oxford Police Officer

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to hire Tfc. Michael Dyki, of Milford, as an Oxford Police Officer effective March 1, 2018 and a pay rate of \$30.78 per hour CONTINGENT UPON the passage of all exams and training as set forth by the CT Police Officers Standards and Training and upon the recommendation of the Resident State Trooper Supervisor, with a one year probationary period. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

Discussion: First Selectman George Temple supports this, and Tfc. Michael Dyki has been here since 2004 and knows Oxford and has a great reputation.

4. Hire Parks & Recreation Lifeguard

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to hire Matthew Hughes, of Monroe, as a Parks & Recreation Lifeguard effective Monday, February 12, 2018 at a pay rate of \$10.60 per hour; as presented and requested by the Parks & Recreation Director in her letter dated 2/6/18. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Parks & Recreation Director interviewed him and was impressed. He will be the lifeguard at the open swim at the high school.

5. Report of First Selectman

- 1. First Selectman Temple stated that he had received an application from Quarry Walk for the residential section for their project. There will be an opportunity for people to discuss this, and there will be a press release sent out and possibly a robo call. First Selectman Temple knows there is a lot of interest in this.
- 2. First Selectman Temple received an application for a Monster Truck Training Camp to be placed by the Power Plant. This will create a lot of noise that can be heard 15 miles away. This item may need some town input.

Executive Session

1. Sharnick v. D'Archangelo, et al. – Discuss with Possible Action

This was rescheduled for a Special Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 4:00 P.M.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Todd Romagna had dropped off a packet for an application for the Community Support Committee project. This was reviewed at three meetings and was not sure if this qualified for it. He thought it might be part of the Board of Education budget. It was for uniforms for the cheerleaders. The committee did receive a letter from the Athletic Director and he was fine with it, but the committee did not receive the financial request form back from the Board of Education. Todd wanted to clarify the charges and make it more of a community based application and needed direction from the Board of Selectman. First Selectman Temple explained that it was not to enhance the budget of the Park & Recreation or the Board of Education. When there are special projects and projects that benefit the entire town, these are the kinds of things that this is for and we should do. First Selectman Temple stated it needs to go through the Board of Education first and if there is no supporting documentation, then it is not complete. First Selectman Temple stated that the committee needs to go back to the Board of

Education and ask them to provide the information. First Selectman Temple gave some examples of how this money could be spent, i.e. if the Community Conservation Core that does the hiking trails needed something, that would benefit the town; or if a team needs money for a State Championship for instance, they are representing the Town. Todd stated he did get three other applications but they have not been reviewed before tonight's meeting. First Selectman Temple stated that he was thinking of lights at Posypanko Park, since a lot of children are involved in baseball. This will be put on record that we cannot consider it since it is incomplete. The application will be returned to the committee.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION:

Scott Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Romanowski

Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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