

Board of Selectmen's
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by First Selectman George Temple, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Kathy Johnson, Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 10/4/17 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the 10/4/17 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENTS

Jeff Haney moved to *table* the appointments set for tonight for a later date including Lake Housatonic Authority Appointment, and the Oxford Center Fire Company 2018 Fire Chief Appointment. These will be rescheduled for the next meeting. This is being done per requirement of the *Town Charter Article 8, Section 8-2 (A)*. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion *tabled*.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Oxford Library Project's Installation of High Speed Wiring and Phone System – Ratify Approval of Company and Contract and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to ratify the approval made by the First Selectman to approve Infinite Technology Consulting, LLC, of Oxford, for the installation of the computer wiring, phone system and television wiring for the new library and to approve the contract and authorize the First Selectman to sign; as presented and recommended by the Oxford Library Planning and Building Committee Chairman in his letter dated 10/16/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This we have to do in order to continue with the project.

2. Proposed Oxford Community Support Application for Funds – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the Proposed Oxford Community Support Committee's Application for Funds, Funding Guidelines and Evaluation Sheets as presented and as reviewed and approved by Town Counsel. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Jeff Haney has read the Town Counsel's notes and is good with this. Todd Romagna from the Oxford Community Support Committee clarified the committee's charge which is to review potential candidates and send recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. All of the completed application forms will be submitted and filed in Town Hall. First Selectman Temple stated that he would like to keep all of the applications to compare them each year and see how we are spending the money that we are receiving from the Power Plant. Forms will go through the front office, be time stamped received, reviewed, discussed, and be placed in a file in the Selectman's office. This covers a broad spectrum, and First Selectman Temple wants everyone treated fairly. Todd Romagna stated the committee will do a financial report at the end of every year. He suggested that the committee could use help on getting the word out that this is available. This funding is available for anything to do with our community. Todd Romagna believes he can put this form in a PDF file and have it posted. Jeff Haney asked a question on Page 2 of the form, item #1 "...and may not be expanded for any other purpose without the prior written approval of the Oxford Community Support Committee." By the terms of the agreement, it should be both the Oxford Community Support Committee **"and the Board of Selectmen."** Todd Romagna will make the addition. Thank you very much!

3. Installation of HVAC Zone System at Senior Center – Approve

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to approve the installation of a new HVAC zone for the billiard room and craft room at the Senior Center and to authorize BP Heating & Cooling, LLC, of Oxford, to perform the work, in an amount not to exceed \$2,785.00; all as presented and requested by the Director of Services in her letter received on 10/18/17. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple questioned why this was not part of the Capital Improvement budget. Only one estimate was submitted. Jeff Haney stated that this bid included adding control valves into the manifold. First Selectman Temple stated there is no big hurry on this, and can wait until we get more information.

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to Table Item #3. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion *tabled*.

4. Request for Eames Drive Private Road to Town Road

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to forward this matter to the Land Use Engineer and Town Counsel for their review and recommendations and to report their findings to the Board of Selectmen. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson for discussion.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple stated he will not accept a road that doesn't meet Town standards, and the town does not own 10 feet on both sides of this road. The Board of Selectmen can take a look at the road. They have a lot to do to bring it up to town standards. The road has to have proper easements, proper width, a proper grade, and everything has to be done prior to coming to the Board of Selectman.

All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

5. Report of First Selectman

1. The campaign season is coming to an end. There is an important vote on the school referendum, and it will say a lot about the town and our commitment to Education. This is not a vote of confidence for the Board of Education; it is a vote for our kids. First Selectman Temple is in favor of the new school. The campaign has been a clean campaign, and First Selectman Temple gives credit to both of his opponents. First Selectman Temple appreciates Kathy Johnson's support over the past two years and it showed unity and a common purpose.

2. First Selectman Temple had a meeting with owners of businesses and commercial interests which went very well regarding economic development. Now that Hartford has agreed on the budget, Oxford is more attractive and taxes will remain low and stable. This is a very positive thing. We also received an inquiry from RBC Bearings who want to put in a new facility here. There are 18 building lots at E-Commerce Road, and that whole area will be developed well.

3. First Selectman Temple went out on Monday to Deerwood Road and was impressed with the view of the Power Plant from there.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Romanowski

Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Jeffrey A. West
TOWN CLERK