

# **MINUTES**

## **Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2013**  
**7:30 PM - Town Hall**

First Selectman George R. Temple opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: First Selectman George R. Temple, Jeff Haney, Dave McKane, Joanne M. Pelton, administrative assistant.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

#### **1. 9/18/13 Regular Meeting**

##### **MOTION:**

Dave McKane moved to approve the 9/18/13 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

### **AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

None

### **APPOINTMENTS**

None

### **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

Bill Guillotte, 77 Shelton Road said he wanted to make sure there was an Audience of Citizens on the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Extend IT Contract for One Additional Year – Approve**

No action was taken. Discussion: Selectmen said put this out to bid.

#### **2. Designate a Veteran's Service Contact Person**

##### **MOTION:**

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

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to designate Inlands/Wetlands Enforcement Officer Andy Ferrillo as the Veterans' Service Contact Person per Public Act 13-34 "AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES AND TOWNS TO DESIGNATE A VETERANS' SERVICE CONTACT PERSON" effective October 1, 2013. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries. Discussion: First Selectman George Temple said Andy is an ex-Marine and will be perfect as the contact person.

**3. Oxford Cultural Arts 2014 Gallery of Art Showcase Exhibit – Approve Use of Town Hall**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the use of the Town Hall Meeting Room and grounds, including parking lots and gazebo, on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the Oxford Cultural Arts 2014 Gallery of Art Showcase Exhibit; as requested in their letter dated 9/11/13. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries. Discussion: All three selectmen said they were 100 percent in favor. First Selectman George Temple said he had really enjoyed the art show and that the Oxford Cultural Arts puts on a great show and they are terrific people.

**4. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

**MOTION:**

Dave McKane moved to approve the following Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation and to authorize the First Selectman to sign:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease;

**WHEREAS** pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

**WHEREAS** when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

**WHEREAS** of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United States, African Americans have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer, between 34 percent and 70 percent higher than the other groups;

**WHEREAS** approximately 530 deaths will occur in Connecticut in 2013;

**WHEREAS** the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020;

**WHEREAS** the United States Congress passed the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

**WHEREAS** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Oxford and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

**WHEREAS** the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Oxford support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

**WHEREAS** the good health and well-being of the residents of Oxford are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as First Selectman of the Town of Oxford, I do hereby designate the month of November 2013 as **PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the Town of Oxford, Connecticut.

This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries. Discussion: Dave McKane said this is in everyone's mind due to the fact that both Patty Palmer and Carl Serus (two town hall employees) died of this cancer and that it hit home right here in Town Hall. First Selectman George Temple said he lost his best friend with this type of cancer and also reminded everyone that October is breast cancer awareness month and that it is important to support these efforts.

**5. Fundraisers for Oxford Animal Shelter Dog Fund – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the following fundraisers for the Oxford Animal Shelter Dog Fund as they requested in their letter dated 9/24/13:

- Sunday, November 9, 2013 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pet Photos (and children) with Santa to be held at the Oxford Animal Shelter
- Friday, January 17, 2014 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

This was seconded by Dave McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries. Discussion: First Selectman George Temple said the town whole heartedly supports the shelter and Dave McKane said he has attended both of these events and that they have been fun.

**6. Water Pollution Control Authority Emergency Appropriation – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the emergency appropriation, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000, (\$20,000 for the control panel repair and \$28,000 to rebuild two pumps) to be taken from the General Fund Surplus for the Water Pollution Control Authority to repair the control panel (\$20,000) and for the rebuilding of the two pumps (\$28,000) for the Towner Lane Pump Station as they requested and presented in their letter dated 9/27/13. This was seconded by Dave McKane . All (3) Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to with draw the above motion. This was seconded by Dave McKane. All (3) Ayes

**MOTION:**

Jeff Haney moved to approve the emergency appropriation, in the amount not to exceed \$48,000 (\$17,800 for the control panel repair and \$28,000 to rebuild two pumps) to be taken from Fund Surplus for the Water Pollution Control Authority to repair the control panel for the Towner Lane Pump Station and for the rebuilding of two pumps as requested and presented in their letter dated 9/27/13. This was seconded by Dave McKane All (3) Ayes. Motion carries. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and then to a Town Meeting for approval. Discussion: Scott Halstead of the WPCE said the panel is over 23 years old and is only working at 50 percent. He said Town Engineer Jim Galligan has recommended it be replaced. He also said the pumps need to be rebuilt, as they were 11 years ago and are also 23 years old. Dave McKane said money was put aside in the capital plan for this project but were removed. Scott said this project must be done for the health and safety of the public. First Selectman George Temple recommended Scott go out to bid for the items.

**7. Request Department of Transportation to Designate Route 34 a Scenic Highway – Discuss with Possible Action**

No action was taken. Discussion: First Selectman George Temple said he has spoken to the Mayor of Derby and the First Selectman from Seymour about this, but that it is preliminary and that he would put it before a town meeting before any action was taken. Dave McKane said there is about a mile of Route 34 in the town and he thinks it is a good idea to make it a scenic road. He said the town should contact State Rep. Dave Labriola in this matter.

**8. Report of First Selectman**

First Selectman George Temple said the state is going to repave Christian Street and the town will contribute 10 percent of the \$2.3 million project. He said he has been in constant contact with the state regarding Route 188 and that it will be paved in the spring of 2014. Dave McKane said it has been many years since that road has been repaved. The first selectman thanked the local girl scouts for cleaning up around the gazebo and bridge and for planting mums. The first selectman reminded people it was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that the ground-breaking for the pound was tomorrow (Oct. 3 at 10 a.m.) and invited the public to attend and also thanked Jeff Haney and members of the Animal Shelter Committee for all their hard work.

### AMENDMENTS

None

### AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Roger O'Toole, 1 Shannon Court said Route 67 would become more congested with tractor trailer trucks if Route 34 is made a scenic road. Bill Guillotte, 77 Shelton Road said he was concerned with accidents on Route 67 and wanted to know how many have occurred. Selectmen said they will have Sgt. Dan Semosky prepare a report for the next meeting. Guillotte told the selectmen that he had asked the police for a ride when his car broke down, but was turned down. First Selectman George Temple suggested Mr. Guillotte contact the Senior Center to sign up for the Community Car Pool. First Selectman George Temple clarified what incentives are involved with the new Airport Zone. He said the individual business will pay 20 percent in taxes to the town and the remaining 80 percent will be reimbursed by the state.

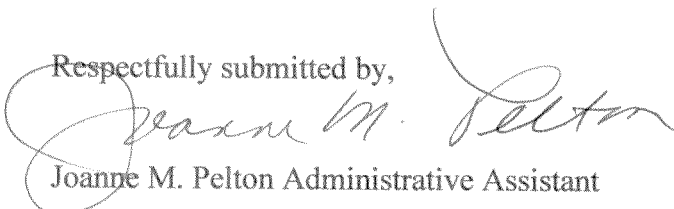
As a citizen, First Selectman George Temple said he plans to address the issue over a pile of dirt at the new high school fields. He said he wants it on the agenda of the next board of selectman's meeting on Oct. 16 and wants Todd Romagna and the entire fields committee at the meeting. He said nobody in town made a deal for dirt.


### ADJOURNMENT

#### MOTION:

Dave McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. This was seconded by Jeff Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Joanne M. Pelton Administrative Assistant

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TOWN OF STAFFORD, CT  
  
TOWN CLERK