

## **MINUTES**

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

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

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

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeffrey Haney and Selectman Dave McKane. Also Present: Joanne Pelton and Attorney Kevin Condon.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

#### **1. 12/19/12 Special Meeting**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to approve the 12/19/12 Special Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **1. Board of Ethics, Paul Schreiber – Clarify Term**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to clarify the appointment of Paul Schreiber, of 648 Quaker Farms Road, to the Board of Ethics Committee will have a term to commence on 1/1/13 and expire on 12/31/16. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

#### **2. Parks & Recreation Commission – Re-Appoint Jim Leach and Kenn Maher**

Selectman McKane moved to re-appoint Jim Leach, of 7 Greenbriar Road, and Kenn Maher, of 10 Knorr Road, both to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms to commence 1/1/13 and expire on 12/31/15. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

#### **3. Library Board of Directors – ReAppoint Mary Ellen Joncyk**

##### **MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to re-appoint Mary Ellen Jonczyk, of 2 Hickory Lane, to the Library Board of Directors with a term to commence on 1/1/13 and expire on 12/31/16. This was seconded by . All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**4. Oxford Animal Shelter Committee – Joan Truax**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to appoint Joan Truax, of 43 Hunters Mountain Road, to the Oxford Animal Shelter Committee. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**5. Oxford Animal Shelter Committee - Karen Fisher**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to appoint Karen Fisher, of 163 Bowers Hill Road, to the Oxford Animal Shelter Committee. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**6. ReAppoint - Cori Wlasuk, Assistant Animal Control Officer  
James Wlasuk- Assistant Animal Control Officer / Kennel Maintenance  
Susan Wlasuk- Assistant Animal Control Officer  
Domenic DiPaolo, Assistant Animal Control Officer**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to re-appoint the following:

Cori Wlasuk, of 48 Rimmon Hill Road, in Beacon Falls, as Assistant Animal Control Officer

James Wlasuk, of 77 Captain Wooster Road, as a Volunteer Assistant As-Needed/Kennel Maintenance

Sue Wlasuk, of 77 Captain Wooster Road, as a Volunteer Assistant As-Needed

Domenic DiPaola, of 157 Chestnut Tree Hill Road, as a Volunteer Assistant As-Needed

This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Parks & Recreation Student Art Contest Winners Presentation**

Debbie Gatto attended the meeting and noted that this is the second year the contest has been held. The theme was "Thoughts of Oxford". Each winner received a Certificate of Award and will receive a gift certificate to Koenig Art Emporium. The winners included: Madeline Kondic, Julia Tong, Bella Serke, Kate Wickenheisser, Gabriela Dimauro, Ella

Caron, Rebecca Senior and Morgan Bulison. (Any winner who was not present will be awarded her certificates at the next regular Board meeting).

**2. Oxford Ambulance – Request Allocation for New Ambulance and First Responder Vehicle**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to **table** this matter. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**3. Vehicle Purchase Request – Public Works Foreman**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to **table** this matter. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**4. Establish Quaker Farms Roof Replacement Project Committee, Approve Charge and Appoint Members**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to **table** this matter. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**5. Twin Brooks Subdivision Plan and Upper Portion Property Transfer to Oxford Housing Authority – Approve**

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to approve the subdivision of the Twin Brooks' property, identified on Tax Assessors map as Map 19, Block 28, Lot 23 and Map 19, Block 28, Lot 10, and to approve the transfer of the upper portion of this property to the Oxford Housing Authority for the construction of 80 new affordable senior housing units, as depicted in the subdivision map prepared by Town Engineer James Galligan; as presented and requested by the Grant Writer in her letter dated 12/20/12. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. Discussion: First Selectman Temple indicated that he met with Attorney Condon to discuss this matter and there are open issues that need to be addressed. He added that the relationship between the Town and the Oxford Housing Authority needs attention. Selectman McKane commented that this must be separate from Crestview Ridge and this was agreed upon. Selectman McKane made no comment as to whether or not he supports the project. He also commented that the group to assess the needs of the schools may find that this property is a good location for a school.

**MOTION:**

Selectman Haney moved to table the matter. This was seconded by Selectman McKane. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

**6. Report of First Selectman**

First Selectman Temple commented that the Town received a complement on the Newtown High School blog for the green and white ribbon for the fire house and we were thanked for it.

Due to recent tragic events, the Town is looking at the security in the schools and police have been present in the schools recently. The Selectmen will meet with Superintendent Connellan next week to discuss the matter. The Daisies have made green and white ribbons that can be pinned on a garment and are being sold for \$1 each. Proceeds from the sale will cover the cost for one or more Newtown Daisies to attend camp in the summer.

He commented that a donation was made to the animal shelter in the amount of \$250. The donation came from a man in Beacon Falls who heard that the parents of a girl who was killed in Newtown had notified the public that she would have wanted donations to be put toward the care of animals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

Selectman McKane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Haney. All (3) Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted, subject to approval

*Marni Soss*

Marni Soss, Board of Selectmen Clerk

13 JAN -8 PM 1:25  
TOWN OF NEWTON, CT  
*Margaret A. West*  
TOWN CLERK