

Town Meeting
July 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George R Temple. (FSGT) Town Clerk Margaret West read the call and return of posting.

First Selectman Temple commented that this is 40 Acres; we don't know who owns it so it has to go through the proper legal procedure, called quiet title. This is a court process and while it is hard to predict the legal fees, he assured the meeting that if they start to get too high he would bring it before the Town Meeting again. This land borders the High School and Rock House Hill Sanctuary. This is already budgeted and is at no cost to the taxpayer.

Wayne Johnson commented that this would be a great addition; it would add to the Rock House Hill Sanctuary and benefit the High School as well. Land preservation is always a good idea.

FSGT asked for nominations for Moderator: Dave Stocker nominated August Palmer, seconded. There being no other nominations FSGT called for a vote.

Nomination Carried: Unanimous

Moderator Palmer read the eligibility to vote at a town meeting, per Oxford Town Charter.

Mike Herde, Good Hill Rd moved Item 1, seconded.

ITEM 1 Part 1. Shall the Town of Oxford approve \$7,500.00 to be taken from the Town's Land Acquisition Fund for the purpose of surveying and documenting approximately 40 acres of property west of and abutting the Von Wettberg Preserve in order for it to be claimed by the Town; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 6/19/13 and the Board of Finance on 6/24/13?

Discussion: Lila Ferrillo BOF chairman asked that the item be read again, the moderator read the item.

FSGT commented that the only issue is that if the Attorney fees get too high he will bring it back to the Town Meeting. He further commented that this is a good thing for The Town of Oxford and supports this.

Lila Ferrillo commented that this is good for tax purposes because if someone does own it we will get the taxes on it. She further commented that she is in support of this action.

Peter Petrochko 370 Quaker Farms Rd commented that in colonial days the farmer only was concerned with the useable property. This is a good thing for the plants and animals that are in this habitat.

Mike Herde commented that 150 years ago surveys were done differently. This is good for the town, free piece of property.

There being no other comments or question the moderator called for a vote:

Motion Carried: Unanimous

Lila Ferrillo moved to adjourn, seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted
Margaret A West
Margaret A West, CCMC
Oxford Town Clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Margaret A West
TOWN CLERK