

Town Meeting
September 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple. Margaret A West, Town Clerk read the call and return of posting. Joanne Pelton moved to nominate Augie Palmer as Moderator, seconded. There being no other nominations FSGT closed nominations. Mr. Palmer read the eligibility to vote at a town meeting.

Selectman David McKane moved, seconded:

ITEM 1 Shall the Town of Oxford approve the conveyance of 4,834 square feet of Town of Oxford property located on Hawkins Road, identified as Assessors Map 13, Block 53, Lot 9 and found in Vol. 68, Page 158 and as depicted on the A-2 Survey Map Showing Conveyance of Land 8 Hawkins Road prepared by Codespoti & Associated of Orange, Connecticut, dated 1/10/13 to John and Laurie Fernandes of 8 Hawkins Road for the amount of \$2,950.00; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 8/14/13 and the Board of Finance on 8/26/13?

Discussion: FSGT explained that this in no way will affect Posypanko Park. It is a sloping piece and will only help with Planning & Zoning to make the Fernandes piece conforming. The Board of Selectman felt this was a good agreement for all parties.

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

Motion carried: Unanimous

Scott Pelletier moved, seconded:

ITEM 2 Shall the Town of Oxford approve an appropriation, in an amount not to exceed \$129,272.00 to be taken from the General Fund and placed in account 1-5235-730-7077, for the purchase of a truck with plow and sander (\$106,272.00) and a pick up truck (\$23,500) both for the Public Works Department; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 8/14/13 and the Board of Finance on 8/26/13?

Discussion: FSGT explained that this was coming from the Oil Remediation money and has no ta payer impact. These items are desperately needed, He further explained after riding this winter with public works this is a step in the right direction.

Public works director Wayne Watt thanked his fellow emergency service persons for their support.

There being no other questions or comments the Moderator called for a vote.

Motion carried: Unanimous

Scott Pelletier moved, seconded:

ITEM 3 Shall the Town of Oxford approve an appropriation, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 to be taken from LoCIP funds, for the Quaker Farms Firehouse Kitchen Renovations and the Town is authorized to borrow \$30,000.00 from the General Fund and to apply for, accept and expend Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) funds for the Quaker Farms Firehouse Kitchen Renovations. In addition, the Capital Improvement Plan of the Town of Oxford is hereby amended to include the Quaker Farms Firehouse Kitchen Renovations in the amount of \$30,000.00; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 9/4/13?

Discussion: FSGT explained that he and the BOS are totally in support of this project. This has been in the works for over 4 years. The current kitchen is very tiny. This fire house is a potential emergency shelter and having an updated kitchen will help. These firemen deserve this after all the service they do for our town, it is the least we can do for them.

Joe Dempsey life member explained he was an active member when they added the 2 bays at no cost to the town because **the firemen stepped up and helped**. He further commented that they deserve this.

There being no other comments or questions the moderator called for a vote.

Motion carried: Unanimous

Scott Pelletier moved, seconded:

- ITEM 4** Shall the Town of Oxford approve an appropriation, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to be taken from LoCIP funds, for the Oxford Animal Shelter Renovation and the Town is authorized to borrow \$50,000.00 from the General Fund and to apply for, accept and expend Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) funds for the Oxford Animal Shelter Renovation. In addition, the Capital Improvement Plan of the Town of Oxford is hereby amended to include the Oxford Animal Shelter Renovation in the amount of \$50,000.00; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 9/4/13?

Discussion: FSGT commented that this project is in dire need whether you are an animal lover or not. Our Selectman Jeff Haney has been working very hard on this project and has gotten it down to the cheapest possible dollar. He is also donating his time. This will have no taxpayer impact, it will come from state LoCip funds. At this time FSGT asked SJH if he wanted to comment, Jeff said he felt he talked enough about this project over the last couple of weeks and would just like to add that half the project is being funded from donations from the Animal Control. (\$40,000). They are great people and he hopes to complete the project by December.

There being no other comments or questions the moderator called for a vote.

Amendment carried: Unanimous

David Stocker moved, seconded.

- ITEM 5** Shall the Town of Oxford approve the Agreement between the Town of Oxford and the Oxford Housing Authority for the transfer of property identified as Lot 1 of the Twin Brooks Subdivision and as shown on Assessors Map 19, Block 28, Lot 10; as reviewed and approved by Town Counsel, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign said Agreement as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 9/4/13?

Selectman David McKane moved to amend the motion to add that a map be filed in the Town clerk's office, seconded by FSGT.

FSGT commented that this was the Twin Brooks property on Rt 67 and Christian St AKA old High School property. This is for more elderly housing and we are applying for a 5 million grant. This is to take care of our seniors.

The moderator then called for a vote on the amendment:

Motion carried: Unanimous

Discussion on the main motion w/amendment:

Selectman McKane explained that the BOS worked with Town counsel to make sure that the town was protected. If the project isn't completed in 3 years then the land will go back to the town.

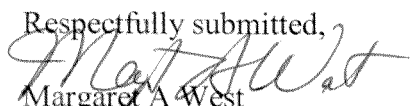
FSGT explained that the procedure would be a town meeting like this one. There being no other comments or questions the moderator called for a vote.


Motion carried: Unanimous

Scott Pelletier moved to adjourn, seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret A. West
Oxford Town Clerk

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