

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 8, 2013**

In the absence of Town Moderator Russell C. Rheault, the meeting was called to order by Deputy Town Moderator Albert J. Grudzinskas, Jr. at 7:02 o'clock in the afternoon in the Oxford High School. The Moderator announced that a quorum had been attained. There were One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) voters and Fifteen (15) non-voters present.

CLARIFICATION: GENERAL BY-LAWS, CHAPTER 2, TOWN MEETINGS, SECTION 3, as amended.

Section 3. At any town meeting, one hundred (100) registered voters shall constitute a quorum, provided, however, that once the meeting has been called to order there shall be no minimum quorum required to conduct the business of the Town. A quorum of seventy-five (75) registered voters shall be required to reconvene any adjourned session of any such meeting.

The audience was advised of the fire evacuation routes. The NJROTC presented the colors and the Moderator led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the departed townspeople and for those that lost their lives in the Boston Marathon bombing.

The Moderator introduced the various boards and officials and announced several parliamentary procedures that he would adhere to in the conduct of the meeting.

The Warrant and Return of Service was read by Town Clerk Lori A. Kelley and the reading of the Articles was omitted until such time that each Article was to be acted upon. The voters were in accord with this suggestion.

NOTE: Written reports presented to the Town Meeting will appear in the minutes exactly as submitted.

Article 1. REPORTS – NONE

Article 2. RESERVE FUND

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) be transferred from Free Cash and appropriated for a Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2014.

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 3. STABILIZATION FUND

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) be transferred from Free Cash and appropriated to the Stabilization Fund, said action to take effect forthwith upon adoption.

Requirement of a 2/3 vote, which was declared by the Moderator.

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 4. OPEB LIABILITY TRUST FUND

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) be transferred from Free Cash and appropriated to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund, said action to take effect forthwith upon adoption.

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 5. CAPITAL OUTLAY

(1) Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$43,550.00) be transferred from the FY 2013 Finance Committee Reserve Fund and appropriated for a Police Cruiser, said action to take effect forthwith upon adoption.

A Unanimous Vote.

(2) Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) be transferred from the appropriation for "Purchase a Module for the Govern System to Valuate Properties" voted as item 2 of Article 3 of the October 17, 2001 Special Town Meeting and appropriate said amount for Tax Map/GIS Updates, said action to take effect forthwith upon adoption.

A Unanimous Vote.

(3) Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of

- One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$138,700.00) be transferred from the FEMA Reimbursement Fund and;
- Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$11,800.00) be transferred from the DPW Insurance Reimbursement Less than \$20,000 Fund and;
- Forty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$40,500.00) be transferred from the FY 2013 Finance Committee Reserve Fund and

That the total of One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Dollars (\$191,000) be appropriated for Rehabilitation of the Huguenot Road Culvert, said action to take effect forthwith upon adoption.

A Unanimous Vote.

(4) Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) be transferred from the FY 2013 Finance Committee Reserve Fund and appropriated for constructing and equipping a Concession Stand/Bathroom Building at Ruel Field, said action to take effect forthwith upon adoption.

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 6. FIRE/EMS FY 2013 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and appropriated to the Fire/EMS Fiscal Year 2013 Operational Budget, said action to take effect forthwith upon adoption.

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 7. STABILIZATION FUND FOR HIGH SCHOOL DEBT TO FY 2014 DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000.00) be transferred from the Stabilization Fund for the High School Debt and appropriated to the Fiscal Year 2014 Debt Service Account.

Requirement of a 2/3 vote, which was declared by the Moderator. A Unanimous Vote.

Article 8. BUDGET FY 2014

The Moderator explained the procedure for voting on the Town Departmental Budgets under Article 8 of the warrant. The procedure was used to expedite the action of the Fiscal Year (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) Budget, which was read and the following items were held:

General Government	
Town Manager	207,462
Land Management	30,377
Public Safety	
EMS/Fire/CD	372,683
Animal Control	15,000
Public Works	
DPW	1,750,839
Human Services	
Council on Aging	55,537
Employee Benefits	
Retirement & Insurance	6,435,720
Sewer Enterprise	
Sewer Enterprise	0
Community Center	
Community Center Enterprise	0
Water Enterprise	
Water Enterprise	0
Education	
School General	15,322,288

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the amounts of money set forth in the Finance Committee recommendation column of the printed budget, except for the amounts of money for those items which have been set aside for discussion, be raised by taxation and appropriated for the several purposes therein itemized, each item marked with an asterisk being considered a separate appropriation.

A Unanimous Vote.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Moderator	200
Selectmen	70,876
*Town Manager	*
Finance Committee	675
Finance Department	1,352,754
Legal Services	90,000
Personnel Board	2,530
Town Clerk	162,377
*Land Management	*
Memorial Hall	98,587
Facilities Maintenance	544,294
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	1,950,036
*EMS/Fire/CD	*
Sealer of Weights	4,415
*Animal Control	*
PUBLIC WORKS	
*DPW	*
Municipal Utilities	519,005
HUMAN SERVICES	
*Council on Aging	*
Veteran's Services	106,971
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Library	427,494
Historical Commission	600
Celebrations	37,200
DEBT SERVICE	
Debt Financing	1,017,424
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
*Retirement & Insurance	*
SEWER	
*Sewer Enterprise	*
COMMUNITY CENTER	
*Community Center Enterprise	*
WATER	
*Water Enterprise	*
EDUCATION	

*School General	*
School Bus Transportation	1,119,003
School Community Services	25,000
Medicaid Billing	7,500
SWCRVSD (Bay Path)	1,075,804
SWCRVSD (Bay Path-Debt)	56,810

Said amounts of money so voted are total amounts for each department approved by the Finance Committee.

TOWN MANAGER

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-two Dollars (\$207,462.00) for the FY2014 Town Manager Budget.

Carried.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-seven Dollars (\$30,377.00) be raised by taxation and that the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) be transferred from the Building Inspector Offset Receipts Account and that the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) be transferred from the Board of Health Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and that the total amount of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-seven Dollars (\$170,377.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 Land Management Budget.

A Unanimous Vote.

EMS/FIRE/CD:

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$372,683.00) be raised by taxation and that the sum of Six Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000.00) be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and that the total amount of Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$997,683.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 EMS/FIRE/CD Budget.

A Unanimous Vote.

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be raised by taxation and that Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600.00) be transferred from the Dog Fund Revolving Account and that Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) be transferred from the Cat Fund Revolving Account and that the total amount of Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$26,600.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 Animal Control Budget.

Carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$1,750,839.00) be raised by taxation and that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be transferred from the Conservation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and that the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) be transferred from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund and that the total amount of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$1,766,839.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 DPW Budget.

Carried.

COUNCIL ON AGING:
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-seven Dollars (\$55,537.00) be raised by taxation and that the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) be transferred from the Oxford Home for the Aged People Trust Fund and that the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) be transferred from the WRTA Reserved for Appropriation Account and that the total amount of Eighty-six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$86,537.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 Council on Aging Budget.

A Unanimous Vote.

RETIREMENT & INSURANCE:
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Six Million Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$6,435,720.00) be raised by taxation and that the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$118,666.00) be transferred from the Retirement Trust Fund Account and that the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) be transferred from the OPEB Liability Trust Fund and that the total amount of Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$6,754,386.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 Employee Benefits Budget.

Carried.

SEWER ENTERPRISE:
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Sixty-one Dollars (\$259,061.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 Sewer Enterprise Operational Budget said appropriation to be offset by receipts from Sewer betterments and Sewer user fees.

A Unanimous Vote.

COMMUNITY CENTER ENTERPRISE:

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$292,430.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 Community Center Enterprise Operational Budget, said appropriation to be offset by receipts from Community Center users.

A Unanimous Vote.

WATER ENTERPRISE:

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of One Million Four Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars (\$1,485,667.00) be appropriated for the FY2014 Water Enterprise Operational Budget, said appropriation to be offset by Water Enterprise receipts.

Carried.

SCHOOL GENERAL

A motion was moved and seconded:

That the sum of Fifteen Million Three Hundred Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars (\$15,322,288.00) be raised by taxation and appropriated for the FY2014 School General Account.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

An amendment was moved and seconded:

That \$15,524,714, a level service budget, be appropriated for the Oxford Public School Operating Budget.

Not recommended by the Finance Committee.

A lengthy discussion ensued relative to: whether the amendment was outside of the scope of the article since the amount is an increase of \$200,000 over the Finance Committee recommendation column, which is posted on the town's website and therefore, whether voters were properly warned, and what the repercussions would be for entering a new fiscal year with an unbalanced budget.

Town Counsel Mark Reich advised that matters pertaining to the scope of the article are determined by the Moderator.

After further discussion, the Moderator announced that having considered the notice given to the people of the proposed budget, he declared the motion to amend out of order, being too large an increase.

Discussion continued on the main motion.

A motion was moved and seconded:

To move the question

Voted: To move the question.

Carried.

The Moderator called for a vote on the main motion.

Voted: That the sum of Fifteen Million Three Hundred Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars (\$15,322,288.00) be raised by taxation and appropriated for the FY2014 School General Account.

Carried.

**BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2014
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

	APPROPRIATION	TRANSFERRED FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OR OFFSET RECEIPTS	RAISED BY TAXATION
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Moderator	200		200
Selectmen	70,876		70,876
Town Manager	207,462		207,462
Finance Committee	675		675
Finance Department	1,352,754		1,352,754
Legal Services	90,000		90,000
Personnel Board	2,530		2,530
Town Clerk	162,377		162,377
Land Management	170,377	140,000	30,377
Memorial Hall	98,587		98,587
Facilities Maintenance	544,294		544,294
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,700,132		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		140,000	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			2,560,132
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	1,950,036		1,950,036
EMS/Fire/CD	997,683	625,000	372,683
Sealer of Weights	4,415		4,415
Animal Control	26,600	11,600	15,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,978,734		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		636,600	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY			2,342,134
PUBLIC WORKS			
DPW	1,766,839	16,000	1,750,839
Municipal Utilities	519,005		519,005
PUBLIC WORKS	2,285,844		

LESS APPLIED INCOME		16,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS			2,269,844
HUMAN SERVICES			
Council on Aging	86,537	31,000	55,537
Veteran's Services	106,971		106,971
HUMAN SERVICES	193,508		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		31,000	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES			162,508
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Library	427,494		427,494
Historical Commission	600		600
Celebrations	37,200		37,200
CULTURE AND RECREATION	465,294		
LESS APPLIED INCOME			
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION			465,294
DEBT SERVICE			
Debt Financing	1,017,424		1,017,424
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,017,424		1,017,424
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
Retirement & Insurance	6,754,386	318,666	6,435,720
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,754,386		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		318,666	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			6,435,720
SEWER			
Sewer Enterprise	259,061	259,061	0
SEWER ENTERPRISE	259,061		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		259,061	
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE			0
COMMUNITY CENTER			
Community Center Enterprise	292,430	292,430	0
COMMUNITY CENTER ENTERPRISE	292,430		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		292,430	
TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ENTERPRISE			0
WATER			
Water Enterprise	1,485,667	1,485,667	0
WATER ENTERPRISE	1,485,667		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		1,485,667	
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE			0

EDUCATION			
School General	15,322,288		15,322,288
School Bus Transportation	1,119,003		1,119,003
School Community Services	25,000		25,000
Medicaid Billing	7,500		7,500
SWCRVSD (Bay Path)	1,075,804		1,075,804
SWCRVSD (Bay Path-Debt)	56,810		56,810
TOTAL EDUCATION	17,606,405		17,606,405
GRAND TOTAL	36,038,885		
LESS APPLIED INCOME		3,179,424	
NET RAISED BY TAXATION			32,859,461

Article 9. SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the salary and compensation of the school committee members be fixed at the following amounts for the Fiscal Year 2014:

Chairman of the School Committee	\$ 750.00
Four other members @ \$650 each for a total of	\$2,600.00

Carried.

Article 10. SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the salary and compensation of the elected officials of the Town be fixed at the following amounts for the Fiscal Year 2014:

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	\$1,100.00
Four other Selectmen @ \$1,000 each for a total of	\$4,000.00
Town Moderator	\$ 200.00

Carried.

Article 11. BORROWING – INTER-FUND ADVANCE

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to temporarily borrow a note or notes or to make an inter-fund advance from available funds in anticipation of revenue from taxation, bonds, or grants, and to repay said sums within the current fiscal cycle.

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 12. RESERVE FUND – ACCRUED LIABILITIES COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 13D to establish a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due any employee or full-time officer upon the termination of the employee's or full-time officer's employment, and further to designate the Finance Director to authorize payments from the fund.

Carried.

Article 13. STATE HIGHWAY AID FY 2014 CHAPTER 90 APPORTIONMENT

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: That the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$757,715.00) be appropriated from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Highway Aid (Fiscal Year 2014 Chapter 90 Apportionment) Account to meet the State's share of the cost for Town road maintenance and repair, such amount to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Carried.

Article 14. REVOLVING FUND – REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CATS

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to which shall be credited all fees and receipts paid to the Town pursuant to the "Regulations Pertaining to Cats." Said funds may be expended by the Board of Selectmen for costs incurred for cat licensing as required by said By-Law, enforcement of said By-Law and other expenses incurred in accordance with said By-Law. The total amount which may be expended from said fund in Fiscal Year 2014 is Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 15. REVOLVING FUND – WIRING INSPECTOR

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to which shall be credited all fees and receipts paid to the Town pursuant to Chapter Twenty-One of the Town of Oxford General By-Laws "Wiring Inspectors." Said funds may be expended by the Board of Selectmen for costs incurred for wiring inspections as required by said By-Law, enforcement of said By-Law and other expenses incurred in accordance with said By-Law. The total amount which may be expended from said fund in Fiscal Year 2014 is Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00).

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 16. REVOLVING FUND – PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to which shall be credited all fees and receipts paid to the Town pursuant to Chapter Sixteen of the Town of Oxford General By-Laws “Board of Health.” Said funds may be expended by the Board of Selectmen for costs incurred for plumbing inspections as required by said By-Law, enforcement of said By-Law and other expenses incurred in accordance with said By-Law. The total amount which may be expended from said fund in Fiscal Year 2014 is Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00).

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 17. REVOLVING FUND – GAS INSPECTOR

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To authorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to which shall be credited all fees and receipts paid to the Town pursuant to Chapter Sixteen of the Town of Oxford General By-Laws “Board of Health.” Said funds may be expended by the Board of Selectmen for costs incurred for gas inspections as required by said By-Law, enforcement of said By-Law and other expenses incurred in accordance with said By-Law. The total amount which may be expended from said fund in Fiscal Year 2014 is Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 18. AMEND MAY 4, 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 6, ITEM 7

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Report of the Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of CHAPTER 9 of the Town Charter and CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR of the General By-Laws, the Planning Board has considered a proposal to see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken on item 7 of Article 6 of the May 4, 2011 Annual Town Meeting by adding the design and construction of a gravity sewer from the Leicester Street Sewage Pumping Station into the scope of the work funded by the \$375,000 borrowing, or act thereon, as described in Article 18 on the Warrant for the May 8, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, and voted to recommend favorable action on said article.

Richard A. Escolas, Jr., Chairman
Oxford Planning Board

Voted: To amend the vote taken on item 7 of Article 6 of the May 4, 2011 Annual Town Meeting by adding the design and construction of a gravity sewer from the Leicester Street Sewage Pumping Station into the scope of the work funded by the \$375,000 borrowing.

Carried.

Article 19. EASEMENTS – COMINS ROAD BRIDGE

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board.
Recommended by the Planning Board.

Report of the Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of CHAPTER 9 of the Town Charter and CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR of the General By-Laws, the Planning Board has considered a proposal to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain permanent and temporary easements described as follows for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way for roadway, bridge, and utility improvements at the Comins Road bridge over the French River and to transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money as funding for such acquisition and costs related thereto; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article; or act thereon, as described in Article 19 on the Warrant for the May 8, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, and voted to recommend favorable action on said article.

Richard A. Escolas, Jr., Chairman
Oxford Planning Board

Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain permanent and temporary easements described as follows for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way for roadway, bridge, and utility improvements at the Comins Road bridge over the French River and to transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money as funding for such acquisition and costs related thereto; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article.

Easement Identifier	Easement Type	Parcel Owner	Square Footage
BWS-1	Permanent	JDFB, LLC	657±
BWS-2	Permanent	John E. O' Bryant & Pamela O' Bryant	271±
BWS-3	Permanent	Robert J. Jones, Kathleen M. Jones, and Johnathan R. Jones	620±
BWS-4	Permanent	Textile Realty, Inc.	1,664±
DS-1	Permanent	JDFB, LLC	31±
DS-2	Permanent	John E. O' Bryant & Pamela O' Bryant	879±
GRD-1	Permanent	Robert J. Jones, Kathleen M. Jones, and Johnathan R. Jones	56±
GR-1	Permanent	Robert J. Jones, Kathleen M. Jones, and Johnathan R. Jones	138±

TE-1	Temporary	Robert J. Jones, Kathleen M. Jones, and Johnathan R. Jones	2,099±
TE-2	Temporary	Textile Realty, Inc.	1,993±
TE-4	Temporary	JDFB, LLC	13±
TE-5	Temporary	John E. O' Bryant & Pamela O' Bryant	87±

A Unanimous Vote.

**Article 20. PETITION GENERAL COURT – TOWN'S INCORPORATION DATE
JULY 8, 1713**

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to declare July 8, 1713 as the Town of Oxford's official incorporation date; provided that the General Court may only make clerical or editorial changes of form to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and further provided that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

A Unanimous Vote.

**Article 21. GENERAL BY-LAWS - CHAPTER FORTY DOG RESTRAINT AND
REGULATION**

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To amend the Oxford General By-Laws by deleting the existing CHAPTER FORTY DOG RESTRAINT AND REGULATION and inserting the following in order to make the chapter comply with recent changes in Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws:

**CHAPTER FORTY
DOG RESTRAINT AND REGULATION**

Section 1. Administration

The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint an Animal Control Officer who shall be responsible for the enforcement of this By-Law and the Massachusetts General Laws relating to the regulation of animals.

Section 2. Definitions

The following words and phrases as used in the By-Law, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meanings:

“At Large” shall refer to a dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, owned or kept in the Town of Oxford, which is somewhere other than the premises of its owner or keeper or the premises of another person with the knowledge and express permission of such person, unless

such dog is (1) attached to and restrained by a suitable restraining device and is under the care and custody of a person competent to restrain it so that it shall not be a threat to public safety, or (2) engaged in hunting, or training, and is supervised by a person competent to restrain it so that it shall not be a threat to public safety. The mere muzzling of a dog shall not prevent it from being deemed at large.

“Hearing Authority” shall, for purposes of this By-Law and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, section 157, mean the Board of Selectmen.

“Keeper” shall mean person, other than the owner, harboring or having in his possession any dog.

“Person” shall include corporations, societies, associations and partnerships.

Section 3. Prohibition

No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog to be at large in the Town of Oxford. No owner of a dog or other domestic animal shall be allowed to bring the animal to any public gathering, sponsored by the Town, of 50 or more people without first securing a permit from the Town Animal Control Officer, except as necessary for the health or safety of any such individual.

Section 4. Impoundment

5. Authority of the Animal Control Officer

The animal control officer shall apprehend any dog found by him to be at large and impound such dog in a suitable place or order the owner or keeper thereof to restrain it.

6. Notice to Owner or Keeper

The animal control officer shall immediately notify the owner or keeper of any dog impounded by him under the provisions of this By-Law if such owner or keeper is known by him; if such owner or keeper is not known by him, no notice shall be required.

7. Redemption of Impounded Dogs

The owner or keeper of any dog impounded under the provisions of the By-Law may redeem such dog provided he first (a) reimburses the animal control officer for his expenses at the rate of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for each day, or portion thereof, that he has confined such dog, and (b) procures from the Town Clerk a license and tag for any such dog that is not licensed.

8. Disposition of Unredeemed Dogs

Any dog which has been impounded under the provisions of this By-Law and has not been redeemed by its owner or keeper within seven days shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 151A of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

Section 5. Field Trials

No person shall conduct a Field Trial involving dogs in the Town of Oxford without first procuring a permit therefore from the animal control officer. Any such permit shall contain such limitations as the animal control officer shall deem reasonably necessary to prevent such dogs from being a threat to public safety.

Section 6. Fees, Collection and Turnover

The animal control officer shall keep an account of all money received by him under the provisions of this By-Law and shall forthwith pay over such money to the Town Treasurer. The animal control officer shall monthly file with the Town Accountant a statement of all fees collected during the preceding month.

Section 7. Enforcement

1. Indictment

The animal control officer shall have the authority to seek complaints in the District Court for violations thereof. The animal control officer shall investigate complaints of alleged violations of this By-Law. Any person violating Section 3 shall be assessed a penalty of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Any person violating the provisions of Section 5 of this By-Law shall be liable to a fine of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each offense.

2. Non-Criminal Disposition

In addition to the other methods of enforcement available herein or under the General Laws, the provisions of this By-Law may also be enforced, by the animal control officer, by non-criminal complaint pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D and Chapter 140, Section 173A. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense. The fine for violation of this By-Law shall be as follows: no fine for the first offense in a calendar year; Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the second offense committed within a calendar year; Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for the third offense committed within a calendar year; and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the fourth and each subsequent offense committed within a calendar year. The fine for violation of Section 5 shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each offense.

Section 8. Nuisance and Dangerous Dogs

Any person may make a written complaint to the selectmen that any dog owned or kept within the Town of Oxford is a Nuisance Dog or a Dangerous Dog, as those terms are defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 157. The Board of Selectmen shall investigate or cause to be investigated such complaint, including an examination under oath of the complainant at a public hearing in the municipality to determine whether the dog is a Nuisance Dog or a Dangerous Dog, and shall make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 157. Violations of such orders shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Sections 157 and 157A, which, upon conviction, may include: for a first offense, a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 60 days in a jail or house of correction, or both, and for a second or subsequent offense by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days in a jail or house of correction.

A Unanimous Vote.

Article 22. GENERAL BY-LAWS - CHAPTER SEVENTY-TWO – JUNK DEALERS

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted: To amend the Oxford General By-Laws by adding the following new CHAPTER SEVENTY-TWO:

**CHAPTER SEVENTY-TWO
JUNK DEALERS**

Section 1. General

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 54, the Board of Selectmen is the licensing authority of suitable persons to be collectors of, dealers in or keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles, hereinafter referred to as "junk dealers."

Section 2. License Application

The Board of Selectmen shall establish rules and regulations regarding the submission requirements and procedures for the consideration of applications for junk dealer licenses and shall have the authority to include in the license conditions and restrictions in addition to those contained in this chapter. Licenses shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140 Sections 202 and 203.

Section 3. Designation of Location & Display of License

The holder of a junk dealers license shall not carry on his business in any place other than that designated on his license, unless consent to his relocation is granted by the Board of Selectmen and an amended license is issued designating the new address. Licenses shall be displayed in plain sight at the place of business designated on the license.

Section 4. Retention of Articles

All articles or property deposited with or sold to a junk dealer must be retained by the junk dealer at his place of business for a period of at least 30 days before sale or transfer to another location unless the junk dealer has received written permission from the Oxford Police Chief or his designee, but in no case shall the time of retention be less than 48 hours. If the Police Chief has reasonable grounds to believe that a particular item is associated with criminal conduct and so notifies the junk dealer in writing, the junk dealer shall hold the item until released by the Police Chief or his designee. During the time of retention, the junk dealer shall cause the retained item(s) to be held in substantially the same form as obtained and separate from other items.

Section 5. Record Book and Reports

The holder of a junk dealers license shall cause to be kept in the place of business a book in which shall be legibly recorded in the English language and at the time of receiving articles, an account and description, including all distinguishing marks, of article(s) received including the amount paid for the article(s), the time and date of such transaction, a transaction number, and the name and address of the person from whom the article(s) was received, as well as a copy of that person's photo identification. Each week, the junk dealer shall furnish a correct record of such transaction information to the Police Chief.

Section 6. Examination of Articles

The holder of a junk dealers license shall, as a condition of such license, allow the Police Chief or his designee reasonable access at reasonable times to view and inspect articles kept or stored at the place of business and all books and records relating thereto.

Section 7. Violations and Penalties

The Police Chief shall have authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Any person found in violation of the terms of his junk dealers license or any person engaged in the business of junk dealing without a valid license shall be subject to a fine of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00). The provisions of this By-Law may be enforced by non-criminal disposition

pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 21D or other means available in law or equity. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 8. Suspension or Revocation of License

The holder of a junk dealers license who is determined by the Board of Selectmen or Police Chief or his designee, to be in violation of this By-Law or rules and regulations issued by the Board of Selectmen under Section 2 herein, shall be notified, by certified mail or hand delivery, of the hearing regarding the violation and intended action by the Board of Selectmen to revoke or suspend the license. Such notice shall include the time, date and location of the hearing and a description of the violation.

Section 9. Severability

The provisions of this chapter are severable, and if any of the provisions are held unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of said court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

Carried.

Article 23. STREET ACCEPTANCE – DEER HILL ROAD

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board.
Recommended by the Planning Board.

Report of the Planning Board

In accordance with the provisions of CHAPTER 9 of the Town Charter and CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR of the General By-Laws, the Planning Board has considered a proposal to see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Deer Hill Road which is located off Prospect Street near the Auburn Town Line as shown as a proposed road on an approved subdivision plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan of Deer Hill Subdivision prepared for George Gemme Prospect Street Oxford, Massachusetts” that is recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 848, Plan 15 as laid out as a public way by the Board of Selectmen on April 23, 2013, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept roadway easement and associated drainage easements, or act thereon. (A plan and description for the roadway easement and drainage easements are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk), as described in Article 23 on the Warrant for the May 8, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, and voted to recommend favorable action on said article.

Richard A. Escolas, Jr., Chairman
Oxford Planning Board

Voted: To accept as a public way Deer Hill Road which is located off Prospect Street near the Auburn Town Line as shown as a proposed road on an approved subdivision plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan of Deer Hill Subdivision prepared for George Gemme Prospect Street Oxford, Massachusetts” that is recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 848, Plan 15 as laid out as a public way by the Board of Selectmen on April 23, 2013, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept roadway easement and associated drainage easements. (A plan and description for the roadway easement and drainage easements are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.)

Carried.

Article 24. PETITION - RESOLUTION TO PETITION CONGRESS - CORPORATIONS

The Finance Committee had no recommendation.

Voted: WHEREAS, for the past three decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has erroneously transformed the Bill of Rights into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate the people's laws, and has compromised the integrity of our democratic process by striking down legislation aimed at mitigating the disproportionate influence of money in policy making; and,

WHEREAS, the expenditure of unlimited money in elections threatens to overwhelm our individual voices in the democratic process and to facilitate the undue influence of well-financed special interests in government; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution was adopted and ratified to protect the free speech and other rights of people, not corporations and other artificial entities; and,

WHEREAS, corporations can and do make important contributions to our society using unique advantages that government has granted them, corporations are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established, and are subject to regulation as the people, through their elected representatives, may deem reasonable; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of the Court's decisions in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and others will be felt at the local, state, and federal level as big campaign donors seek to dominate policy making; and,

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct clear threats to our democracy and our republican form of self-government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the citizens of Oxford Massachusetts, petition the U.S. Congress to pass and send to the states an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would affirm that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and that Congress, and state and local governments may place limits on political contributions and expenditures from any source.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to every member of the Massachusetts congressional delegation as well as the state representative(s) and state senator(s) representing the town of Oxford.

Carried.

Article 25. PETITION – BRIDGE AT HUGUENOT & LOWES BROOK

Given the vote in Article 5, this article is no longer necessary.

A motion was moved and seconded:

That the meeting be dissolved.

It was so voted. The meeting dissolved at 8:49 p.m.


Town Clerk--Oxford, Massachusetts CMMC