

## MINUTES

### OXFORD REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

S. B. Church Memorial Town Hall

Present:

**Members;** Thomas Kelly, Miriam Strong, Colleen Lowell, David Haversat, Anthony Montanaro, Victor Catalano, John Kiley, Douglas Ekland, Peter Karpovich, Paul Drimmer, Alan Goldstone, and Carol Zuella.

**Guests;** Larry Ellis, Louis Zeolla, Blake Denham, Osvaldo Machado, Harry Zuella, Michael Angelini, Joseph Dempsey, John Lavin and August Palmer.

The April meeting of the Oxford Republican Town Committee was called to order by Thomas Kelly, Chairman, at 7:32 p.m. Chairman Kelly requested that everyone introduce themselves to all guests that were present. The Executive Committee met prior to the Town Committee meeting to interview candidates for the three vacancies that have become available on the Town Committee. Chairman Kelly presented the report of the committee. **The Executive Committee recommended Michael Angelini, John Lavin, and Larry Ellis for the available positions.** This was seconded by Victor Catalano. There were no nominations from the floor. All Ayes (12). The new Town Committee members are Michael Angelini, John Lavin and Larry Ellis—Congratulations.

Chairman Kelly presented a list of candidates for the positions of Alternates to the Town Committee. He suggested that we vote on each candidate individually. For the position of Alternate to the Town Committee

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| • Andrew Ferrillo  | Seconded by Miriam Strong     | All Ayes (15) |
| • Blake Denham     | Seconded by David Haversat    | All Ayes (15) |
| • Charles Toothill | Seconded by David Haversat    | All Ayes (15) |
| • David Yish       | Seconded by John Lavin        | All Ayes (15) |
| • Donald Barry     | Seconded by Anthony Montanaro | All Ayes (15) |
| • Harry Zuella     | Seconded by Miriam Strong     | All Ayes (15) |
| • Jill Karpovich   | Seconded by Miriam Strong     | All Ayes (15) |
| • Lila Ferrillo    | Seconded by Miriam Strong     | All Ayes (15) |
| • Louis Zeolla     | Seconded by David Haversat    | All Ayes (15) |
| • Ronald Wiesniak  | Seconded by Anthony Montanaro | All Ayes (15) |



Augie Palmer reminded everyone that this should be a zero increase budget. The present administration is taking credit for everything that was accomplished in the past four years. A letter writing group must be established.

Eminent Domain remains in a holding pattern. Letters should be written to First Selectman Drayton-Rogers and to the newspapers. Support from the Land Trust has fallen through. Larry Ellis commented that this is the same scenario as Shelton. Land next to the high school was purchased by a developer. Shelton took the land after a lengthy court battle.

Peter Karpovich explained that Haynes Materials has received their final extension for their gravel removal operation on Route 67. Their permit expires in June of 08.

Augie Palmer replied that Haynes is applying for a second permit for Echo Valley which will combine with their operation on 67 and will allow them to continue their mining operation.

Alan Goldstone questioned whether delegates have heard anything about the conventions. He should receive something from the candidate explaining the procedure for the convention.

John Kiley commented that every Town Committee member should purchase a ticket for a fund raiser regardless of whether they attend or not.

**Chairman Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** This was seconded by John Kiley. All Ayes (15). The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol A. Zuella*

Secretary