



TOWN OF OXFORD

S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall
486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478-1298

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

3:00 PM – Virtual Board of Selectmen Special Meeting/Hangout Meets

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Special Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 3:05 PM.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Heather Haney, Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman

Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. STEAP Grant funding – Correct Previous Motion, Approve and Forward to Town Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to rescind the previous motion made at the 7/23/20 Special Meeting regarding the STEAP Grant Funding Resolution. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Kathleen O'Neil, Grant Writer/Administrator, explained that the previously stated Water Pump Station needs to be changed to the Sanitary Sewerage Pump Station.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the STEAP Grant Funding Resolution, in the amount of \$128,205.00 for the Sanitary Sewerage Pump Station at Woodruff Hill, and that the First Selectman George R. Temple is authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contract and documents necessary to obtain said 2020 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Kathleen O'Neil, Grant Writer/Administrator, gave approval on the wording of the Motion.

2. Middle School Project Vendor – Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the following vendors and funding amounts for the new Great Oak Middle School Project as presented and requested by the Assistant Superintendent in his email dated 8/11/20 with funding to be taken from the Great Oak Middle School funding approved in October 2019:

- RnB enterprises, of 115 Hurley Road, to provide 2 SMART Interactive Classroom Displays moved from old Oxford Center School to the new Middle School in the amount of \$7,717.66
- RnB Enterprises, of 115 Hurley Road, to take down all Smartboards and projectors/brackets including piping in each room, detach cables and vacate cables from view in each room in the amount of \$1,172.00
- RnB Enterprises, of 115 Hurley Road, to extend electric up to 15’ allowing for Interactive Display to have power and to be active in two locations in the amount of \$6,490.00
- Lauretano Sign Group, of One Tremco Drive in Terryville, for signage in the amount of \$9,856.06

This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Herman Schuler, School Building Committee, explained that he believes the companies are on the State bid list. He also explained vendor work to be performed and discussed signage. Herman Schuler answered questions regarding the electricity. The money has already been approved by the Board of Finance.

3. Fire Department’s Engine 31 – Award Bid and Authorize First Selectman to Sign Contract

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to award the bid for Engine 31 Fire Truck to Firematic Supply Co., Inc. of East Yaphank, NY, which is in agreement with the approval of the Pierce bid in the amount of \$914,471.00; as presented and recommended by the Board of Chiefs in their letter dated 7/13/20. This was seconded by Selectman Heather Haney. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and to Town Meeting. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Scott Pelletier, Oxford Fire Chief, listed the upgrades and price increases to the new fire truck. The equipment will provide cohesiveness to the Oxford Fire Department. Questions from the Selectmen were answered. The bid must be approved and the truck purchased this year even though it will be paid next year. James Hliva, Finance Director, confirmed that the expense will be in next year’s budget.

4. UPSEU Memorandum of Agreement for One Year Contract Extension – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

Selectman Heather Haney recused herself from this matter.

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to hereby provide funding for and to otherwise accept and approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the United Public Service Employees Union and the Town of Oxford, such that the Memorandum of Agreement is incorporated into and constitutes the applicable collective bargaining agreement. The Board further authorizes the First Selectman to sign said bargaining agreement on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. This was seconded by First Selectman George Temple. All 2 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: James Hliva, Finance Director, stated that there is a 2% increase in wages and a 1% increase that employees will pay for medical insurance as per the supervisors' contract that was just settled. Questions from the Selectmen were answered.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Arnold Jensen. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mary LoPresti', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mary LoPresti
Clerk, Board of Selectmen