

Board of Selectmen's

Special Meeting

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

This is a Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Board of Finance and Oxford Schools Upgrade Committee. First Selectman George Temple called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Jack Kiley called the Board of Finance meeting to order. Amy Cote stated the Board of Education has a quorum and the meeting is called to order. The Oxford Schools Upgrade Committee did not have a quorum, and this is more informational for this committee. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Kathy Johnson, Jack Kiley, Sue Arpin, Dana Flach, Robert DeBisschop, Ana Ortiz, Amy Cote, David Yish, Stephen Brown, Paula Guillet, Susan O'Brien

First Selectmen George Temple announced this is a Special Meeting, so there is no Audience of Citizens but the committee members can make comments at any time.

1. Update on Center School study and future plans

Discussion:

Amy Cote discussed that a facilities subcommittee has hired Silver/Petrucelli & Associates to do the study, and a contract has been signed and they have started doing work on the study. We do have a facilities study which is within the 10 year requirement. It is a State mandated requirement that this be done every 10 years. Since the last facilities study was done there are numerous changes that have taken place i.e. state laws have changed, enrollment has changed, conditions of the buildings have changed. The Ed. Spec. has not been written since we need more information.

Jack Kiley discussed that the fact that it is taking so long, holds the money up for the town, since we have to bond for the school. First Selectman George Temple is concerned it will cost us more and reimbursement rates keep going down. The Board of Education discussed that the facilities study will be used to do the Ed. Specs. This study also looks at everything including safety of the schools, all of the pros and cons to build or improve the current school, what is going on in the town including affordable housing, and compiles all of this with up-to-date information.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the previous facilities study, the value of the new study being done, and the changes and events that are happening today. First Selectman Temple stated that there is a site that was looked at for a new school by the Great Oak Middle School, and Quaker Farms School. Safety issues were discussed. A timeline was given by the Board of Education that the preliminary draft of the facilities study will be done by the end of February, and the final study given by March. The Ed. Specs. will be done by May. By the end of May, everything will be given to the Committee and they will do the work to put it together. The committee could work on a templet for an RFP, then take the information the study gives them and then come back to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

First Selectman George Temple stated the Oxford Schools Upgrade Committee did an excellent job on the roof at the school. First Selectman Temple stated that the committee can put the RFP out, appoint Bryan Nesteriak, Town Engineer, and then it will go out to bid.

Another Special meeting will be set up after receiving the preliminary facilities study sometime the beginning of March. A date will need to be determined.

2. Update on upgrades at the track at the high school.

Discussion:


The Board of Education stated that there was money in the Capital Plan to pay for the upgrades at the track at the high school and doesn't know if it was not approved, or cut out of the budget. Costs estimates for the items needed to hold a track meet in Oxford are roughly \$30,000-\$35,000 to have everything done to the track field for all the events. A discussion was held whether it was a capital expenditure, or if it should be put into the Operating Budget. The Board of Finance stated that equipment that has a life of 5+ years is allocated as capital expenses. Jeff Haney stated that all the equipment is there, all that needs to be done is the ground work, and setting it up, and pads for the events. The Board of Education has to put in a request and present it to the Board of Selectmen relating it to the track and field and storage, and also put it into the Capital budget in case it does not get approved. This needs to be done as soon as possible. It then will go to the Board of Finance after approval of the Board of Selectmen. Jack Kiley stated it could be put into Capital non-reoccurring which is for projects.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. This was seconded by Kathy Johnson. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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