

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Oxford Town Hall - February 27, 2013

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 4:15 p.m. Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeffrey Haney and Selectman Dave McKane. Also present: James Hliva, Finance Director.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to review and discuss department budgets with possible action.

Conservation Commission

Andy Ferrillo and Tom Adamski attended the meeting. Wages for the clerk was discussed. There is a contractual and step increase. An increase for trail maintenance was requested. Tom noted that a new gate needs to be put in for the Von Wettburg property. Anticipated work for the outflow of the Von Wettburg pond, work due to storm damage and repair to fencing to keep all terrain vehicles out off the trails was noted. Jim noted that an increase in wages-enforcement officer needs to be put in the budget. He indicated that a correction to the education line item should be made to show the correct figure of \$1,100.

Assessor

Eva Lintzer attended the meeting. She commented that she has a great staff and indicated that she did some research of wages for employees in other towns and found that the wages are higher there. Wage increases for the staff in this department were requested. She was reminded that the assessor, assistant assessor and assessor clerk are all union employees and their contracts will decide the wage increases. Eva talked about the part time employee who works two days. An increase in wages was requested for this position. An increase in contracted services-field work was requested due to anticipated increase in new construction. The mapping line item shows a requested increase. (Invoices come to this department for four different departments. The requested increase is for four departments). Computer maintenance shows requested increase due to increase in contract rate.

Board of Education

Superintendent Tim Connellan, Rosemary Hanson, John Barlow and Paula Guilet attended the meeting.

Board of Education members attended to discuss the capital requests. Those present discussed the following capital item requests:

Quaker Farms School

Roof replacement, 2 boilers to be replaced, hot water boiler to be replaced, redesign entry of vestibule, carpet replacement, drainage work to be done at the second grade playground.

Oxford Center School

Replacement of playground structure, redesign entry of vestibule, replacement of intercom system, camera system.

Great Oak Middle School

Replacement of boiler, asbestos abatement, redesign entry of vestibule, engineering assessment of heating system, replace heaters in classrooms, repair/replace lockers, storage space updates (per Fire Marshal)

Oxford High School

Security access system installation (as in other school buildings), redesign entry of vestibule, installation of a double door near nurse's office, installation of gates to limit access to athletic fields, security camera system.

Discussion ensued about the need for a new the boilers. Boilers that use natural gas were discussed. It is know that gas is not available in the Great Oak Road area. Jim was asked to speak to the local gas company to discuss the matter with them. The possibility of installing a boiler that can use either oil or gas was discussed. Upgrades to school security was discussed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Selectman McKane at 5:55 p.m. This was seconded by First Selectman Temple. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted, subject to approval

Marni Soss

Marni Soss, Clerk

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Margaret A. West
TOWN CLERK