

Town Meeting  
October 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:11 P.M. Jim Hliva moved to waive the reading of the call and eligibility to vote at a town meeting, seconded by Pat Cocchiarella motion carried unanimous. Jim Hliva moved to nominate Joe Calabrese as Moderator, seconded by Pat Cocchiarella. There being no other nominations motion carried unanimous.

Richard Krueger moved, Jeff Luff seconded

**ITEM 1**      Shall the Town of Oxford grant the Connecticut Water Company permanent rights (easement) for the installation, maintenance and repair of water pipes and mains over, under and across land owned by the Town of Oxford and for the purpose of facilitating water to the Oxford Middle School, presently under construction; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 10/9/19?

Discussion: Kevin Condon, Town Attorney explained about the Water Easement This is to bring water to the new middle school. You need to get Easements when you cross over property, in this case the Town of Oxford owns the property and is giving permission to cross over the property for piping to bring water to the middle school.

There being no other comments or questions Herman Schuler moved, seconded by Jim Hliva.

Moderator Calabrese called for a Vote on Item 1. Motion Carried: Unanimous

**ITEM 2**      Shall the Town of Oxford approve a total funding amount of \$1,400,000, to be dispersed with \$400,000 to be taken from Capital and Non- Recurring and \$1,000,000 as a loan from the general Fund that will be *repaid* from the proceeds of a new bonding as secured by the Finance Director; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 10/9/19 and Board of Finance on 9/23/19 and 10/3/19?

Jim Hliva made a motion to amend Item 2 to insert the words after the numbers 1,400,000 for the Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee. The reason is that nowhere does it say what the 1,400,000 is being made for. Seconded by Jeff Luff. Motion to amend passed: Unanimous

Jim Hliva, explained that the Board of Selectman did not want to hold up this project. The 400,000 was approved from Capital and Non- Recurring for the replacement of windows for the Oxford High School but because O&G working with the Selectman's office did the work at no cost to the town the money will now be used for the Great Oak Middle School. The 1,000,000 is a loan from the General Fund so the Committee can start the work now without holding up the project.

George Renzoni, School Facilities Manager stated that project this needs to be done so the students can move in with conditions that will make it easier.

Betsi Hellman 33 Hawley Road asked if we have the 1,400,000 why are we bonding? Jim explained we are bonding for 1,000,000. If we use 1,000,000 that is in the fund balance, we will be very close to the amount that Moody's requires which is 10 percent of the fund balance.

There being no other comments or questions George Renzoni moved, seconded Herman Schuler

Moderator Calabrese called for a Vote on Item 2. Motion Carried: Unanimous

Jim Hliva moved, seconded by Scott Flaherty

**ITEM 3** Shall the Town of Oxford approve the 2018 – 2019 appropriations request for Economic Development for a total amount of \$26,407.13; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 10/2/19 and subject to Board of Finance approval on 10/9/19?

Jim Hliva explained the Economic Development position was not funded in the 2018-2019 budget he left in February this was to cover the salary for part of the year he was Employed.

There being no other comments or questions Herman Schuler moved, Scott Flaherty seconded.

Moderator Calabrese called for a Vote on Item 3. Motion Carried: Unanimous

Jim Hliva moved, seconded by Scott Flaherty

**ITEM 4** Shall the Town of Oxford approve the 2018 – 2019 appropriations request for Insurance Claims for a total amount of \$40,412.09; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 10/2/19 and subject to Board of Finance approval on 10/9/19?

Jim Hliva explained that in August of last year the pump station was hit by lightning and destroyed the generator the insurance company paid to replace the generator. We have the check this is just to authorize the expenditure.

There being no other comments or questions Herman Schuler moved, seconded Scott Flaherty.

Moderator Calabrese called for a vote on Item 4. Motion Carried: Unanimous

Jim Hliva moved, seconded by George Renzoni

**ITEM 5** Shall the Town of Oxford approve the 2018 – 2019 appropriations request for the Library for a total amount of \$50,236.68; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 10/2/19 and subject to Board of Finance approval on 10/9/19?

Jim Hliva explained that this is for additional staff for the Library. This is bookkeeping item to balance out the opening of the new Library.

There being no other comments or questions Herman Schuler moved Paula Guillet seconded.

Moderator Calabrese called for a vote on Item 5. Motion Carried: Unanimous

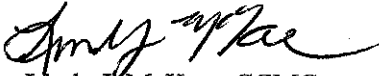
Moderator Calabrese stated the Item 6 did not get Board of Finance approval and is taken off and will not be addressed tonight.

**ITEM 6** Shall the Town of Oxford approve the 2018 – 2019 appropriations request for the Police for a total amount of \$81,015.47; as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 10/2/19 and subject to Board of Finance approval on 10/9/19?

Herman Schuler, moved motion to adjourn seconded

Meeting adjourned 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda J. McKane CCMC  
Assistant Town Clerk

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*Linda J. McKane*  
TOWN CLERK