

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING, OXFORD TOWN HALL  
OCTOBER 17, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Jack Kiley; Tom Kelly; Sue Arpin; Robert DeBisschop; Lila Ferrillo; Dana Flach.

Also present: First Selectman George Temple; Selectman Kathy Johnson.

The Special Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jack Kiley. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose for this Special Meeting was to address the following issues:

- 3) Approve Appropriation of \$71,107.50 for School Security measures (2016-2017 fiscal year with funding from LoCIP. Town Meeting approval required.) Tabled at August 26, 2016 meeting.**

First Selectman George Temple spoke to the security measures being proposed for all of the schools. He talked about a film that can go over the windows so the windows cannot be shot out. Sergeant Semosky did a demonstration at Schreiber's Farm regarding the integrity of this window utilizing this film. The film is part of the bid package. Mr. Kelly commented that money was allocated three years ago for this package, and asked what has happened to those funds. Mr. Temple suggested that Mr. Kelly speak to the Board of Education. Mr. Temple asked that the money be appropriated to the School Safety Committee, which consists of Sergeant Semosky, First Selectman Temple and Superintendent Ana Ortiz. Mr. Temple is agreeable going forward with John Barlow, who has presented the proposal. Mr. Temple showed the BOF members metal signs which have been prepared to warn the public that premises are under video surveillance.

Mr. Kiley said he believes this money has been previously appropriated to the Board of Education under a capital item. Mr. Kiley asked how many schools are under consideration for these security items. Ms. Arpin said it was the high school, Quaker Farms and Great Oak. Center School is included for the filming of the windows

Mr. Kelly said he has an issue with the lack of coordination. The Board of Education is not interested in pursuing the project; they don't show up for discussion.

Mr. Kelly made the Motion to approve the appropriation of \$71,107.50 for the purposes of providing school security measures by the School Safety Committee, not to exceed \$71,107.50. Ms. Ferrillo seconded the Motion.

Mr. Kiley said he would like to make this a Capital Non-Recurring item, forcing the BOE to come to each meeting to for each segment of the project until the BOF knows that the project is proceeding. Ms. Ferrillo agreed with this concept. Each time money is requested to be

expended, a spec needs to go out and the BOE needs to come before the BOF for explanation of same.

Mr. Kelly said would then amend his Motion: to approve the appropriation of \$71,207.50 for the purposes of providing school security measures, to be funded from LoCIP into Capital Non-Recurring to be managed by the School Safety Committee as presented.

Mr. DeBisschop wants to know what happened to the other money. Mr. Kelly said if it was in the budget at the end of the fiscal year and not used, it would roll back in. A vote is taken.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Tom Kelly		
Jack Kiley		
Bob DeBisschop		
Lila Ferrillo		
Dana Flach		
Sue Arpin		

All in favor; Motion passes. This item will go to a Town meeting.

**4) Request from Tetlak Park Committee to use contingency for sod and bleachers (denied and sent back to Selectmen who reapproved)**

Ms. Ferrillo asked why this item is coming back to the Board of Finance when BOF had already denied it. Mr. Temple said he did not know BOF had voted and rejected it. The item had never been presented to the Board of Selectmen initially. The Committee came to the BOF first. Before the Committee members appeared, the Board of Finance had an in-depth discussion regarding this item

Glen Schumitz, Chairman of the Tetlak Park Committee, Bryan Nesteriak, Clerk of the Works, and Debbie Gatto, committee liaison, appeared to present the request.

Mr. Schumitz presented an appropriation for bleachers and sod. He gave Mr. Kiley an invoice from the contractor, Vaz Quality Works, for seeding. Mr. Kelly reiterated that the topsoil and seeding were included in the original contract. Sod is an additional \$30,000 for sod. Mr. Schumitz talked about original bids for sod which were exorbitant. Mr. Kiley asked if Mr. Schumitz knew how much has been spent to date. An invoice was recently approved for \$320,000.00. Invoice was approved that evening for \$185,725.00. Bryan Nesteriak confirmed that there have been no extras and he does not anticipate any extras other than if the water quality system test comes back. The well is at 500 feet/one gallon per minute. It was never intended to provide full-on irrigation. Ms. Ferrillo asked how the sod or seed will be watered/maintained. There is an option to dig down another 100 feet or frack the well but there will probably be no more than one gallon per minute. Mr. Kelly asked what was the cost of the first well in the

contract; Mr. Nesteriak said the cost was \$12,000.00. Mr. Kelly's suggestion is to put in another well for \$12,000 as opposed to \$30,000.00 for sod. Ms. Ferrillo agreed with the suggestion. Mr. Nesteriak said to do another well would probably only provide another one gallon per minute. For full irrigation he needs at least ten (10) gallons per minute.

Mr. Schumitz explained that as a Committee, it was decided to not ask for an additional quarter million dollars for irrigation.

Mr. Kiley asked if there was a guarantee on the sod. Mr. Schumitz said the contractor has to maintain the field for three months after planting. Mr. Nesteriak said they hold a retainage for one year.

An in-depth, lengthy discussion continued among the Board of Finance member, Selectman Kathy Johnson, Bryan Nesteriak and Glen Schumitz.

Contractor will be ready to seed or sod by November 15, 2016. Project should be done by December, 2016. Field drainage, slopes are roughed out, fencing, driveway are all being done now. Approximately \$505,000 has been spent so far. Mr. Kiley asked if there was any more to go.

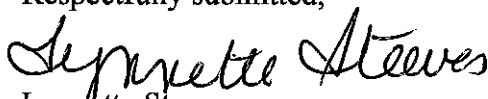
Mr. DeBisschop made a Motion to deny the request for \$30,000; Ms. Arpin seconded the Motion. A vote was taken.


<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Tom Kelly		
Bob DeBisschop		
Lila Ferrillo		
Dana Flach		
Sue Arpin		

All in favor; Motion passes. Request is denied.

There being no further discussion, Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ferrillo, and seconded by Ms. Flach. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynnette Steeves  
Clerk

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