

**Board of Selectmen's
Special Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
4:00 PM - Town Hall

First Selectman Temple opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Arnold Jensen, Selectman Dave McKane, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman Kristyn Rosa, Grant Writer, Helen Leung , Finance Director, Jim Hliiva

1. New Fire Rescue Truck – Discussion with Possible Action

MOTION:

First Selectman George Temple moved to approve the purchase of the new Rescue 44 in the amount not to exceed \$1,784,500.00 according to the letter dated September 29, 2022, submitted by the Chiefs and in accordance with the specification on the proposal dated 9/16/2022 from Firematic Supply Company, Inc. The money will be taken as a yearly lease of \$291,000.00 for seven years beginning in the year 2026. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. Motion Carries. All 3 Ayes. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Discussion:

First Selectman George Temple stated that we had beaten this to death. This truck is way overpriced, but we need it. The truck we currently have is 23 years old. The max life is 25 years, and we have a lead time of two years. First Selectman Temple suggested that if we are going to purchase a new truck, we should do it on a yearly lease.

Finance Director Jim Hliiva explained that we bought a new pumper two years ago. That pumper will be paid for in July 2025. With that lead time of 30 months that Chief Pelletier gave us, this new truck will not be here until July 2025, so the first lease payment that we will have to make will not be until July 2026. In previous discussions, there was a concern that if we finance this truck, the mil rate will increase by a mil. Hliiva explained that the net increase in the lease would be 105,704, not even a tenth of a mil, which would not be a budget breaker. We are just replacing one lease with another. He also confirmed that this truck is in the Capital Plan and therefore does not have to go to Town Meeting. This item will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

2. **Oxford HVAC Grant Application Required Resolutions – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign**

MOTION:

Selectman Jensen moved to approve the following Oxford HVAC Grant Application Required Resolutions and to authorize the First Selectman to sign:

- a. RESOLVED, that the Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee (GOMSEI) is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Improvement project.
- b. RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Improvement project.
- c. RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen authorizes the Town of Oxford Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Improvement project.

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. Motion Carries. All 3 Ayes.

Discussion:

First Selectman Temple asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

3. **Great Oak Middle School Evaluation & Improvement Committee's Request to Approve Contract for Assistance with HVAC/Indoor Air Quality Grant for Great Oak Elementary School**

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve the CSG Contract, as presented, for assistance with HVAC/Indoor Air Quality Grant for Great Oak Elementary School and to authorize the First Selectman to sign; as presented and requested by the Great Oak Middle School Evaluation & Improvement Committee. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. Motion Carries. All 3 Ayes.

Discussion:

First Selectman Temple stated that he was pleased with CSG's work on the new middle school, they did a great job, and he supports this.

4. **Great Oak Elementary School HVAC Replacement & Air Quality Improvement Project – Grant Application Required Resolutions – Approve and Adopt**

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to approve and adopt the following Great Oak Elementary School HVAC Replacement & Air Quality Improvement Project – Grant Application Required Resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen establish Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee (GOMSEI) as the building committee for Great Oak Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen approve and authorize the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the HVAC Replacement and Air Quality Improvement Project at Great Oak Elementary School.

This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. Motion Carries. All 3 Ayes.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple explained that the old Great Oak Middle School Evaluation and Improvement Committee (GOMSEI) will now be the building committee for the Great Oak Elementary School. He also stated that we are authorizing the preparation of the schematics. This will be part of the RFP, which we will later authorize. The request for proposal will be sent to all contractors in accordance with the State bidding specifications.

5. **Great Oak Elementary School HVAC Replacement & Air Quality Improvement Project – Approval and Authorization of Local Funding**

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen made a motion to approve and authorize the funding for the Great Oak Elementary HVAC Replacement & Air Quality Improvement project net of rebates and grants be taken from the Available General Fund Balance with the anticipation that a Bond would be authorized before February 1, 2023. After the Bond is authorized, the General Fund Authorization would be returned to the Available General Fund Balance. The Grant Writer explains the project cost in her letter dated 11/04/2022.

Estimated project cost	4,335,000.00
Eversource Rebate	600,000.00
HVAC Grant 42%	1,568,700.00
Estimated Net Project Cost:	2,166,300.00

This was seconded by: Selectman David McKane. Motion Carries. All 3 Ayes.

Discussion: First Selectman Temple asked if anyone had any questions. No questions or comments. This item will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Arnold Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 PM. This was seconded by Selectman David McKane. Motion Carries. All 3 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Rosa

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Christina A. West
TOWN CLERK