

**Special Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance
Monday November 7, 2022**

The Special Joint Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Special Joint Meeting was held with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to discuss various requests for the use of ARPA Funds.

Present: First Selectmen George Temple, Selectmen Arnold Jensen, Selectmen David McKane, Chairman Jack Kiley, Sue Arpin, Paula Jensen, Diane Soracco, Jim Hliva (Finance Director) and, Hellen Leung (Grant Writer)

Absent: Kathryn Dennen and Dana Flach from the Board of Finance

1) New Fire Truck

First Selectmen George Temple called on Chief Pelletier to discuss the need for the New Fire Truck

Chief Pelletier discussed the age and condition of the current Rescue Truck, also the amount of rust of the frame. Noting that the vehicle has been very well maintained and taken care of. The truck is now 23 years old. The current truck is past its life. Chief Pelletier stated even with approval of a new vehicle, arrival of a New Fire Truck is 30 months away. Which would make our current truck 25 years old. Chief Pelletier discussed certain essential rescue gear on the truck, such as the Jaws of Life is past its life expectancy. Even if the new truck was not approved, this would need to be replaced along with other gear. Chairman Jack Kiley stated he went and looked at the truck. Stating it has been very well-maintained, it looks great. The rescue truck is the biggest demand for Oxford.

Selectmen George Temple asked the Board of Finance for their thoughts on the need and purchase.

Paula Jensen stated there is much need for it, it's inevitable. Diane Soracco stated she is in favor of the rescue truck.

Chief Pelletier discussed that the current truck's design is for highway miles, they have done a lot of refurbish work on the vehicle.

Discussions continued about what tools are on the truck.

David Jensen stating he supports the purchase. Stating if we wait, the cost will be much higher later. And we will have to replace the smaller Rescue Truck also. That frame is rotting. Chief Peletier stated as the trucks get older, it is harder for insurance when they are inspected. The new salt on the roads are rusting the undercarriage of all vehicles. Jack Kiley discussed the cost and if it's affordable. And different options to finance the new truck. Chairman Jack Kiley went over those options, using Arpa funds, possible bonding, taken from our surplus.

First Selectmen George Temple discussed that the Arpa funds are going to be used for other things. Chairman Jack Kiley stated we understood we were to have \$1 million of the funds to use for projects. The Board of Finance Stated they must have a special meeting to discuss the financing. Decision was made that the First Selectmen George Temple will have a special meeting to discuss the financing. Decision was made that First Selectmen George Temple will hold a meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2002 for final decision. Chairman Jack Kiley stated we will move forward agreeing to getting the truck but we must hold a public hearing to approve the funds. Then it will come back to a Town Meeting

2. Oxford HVAC Grant Application Required Resolution

Helen Leung Discuss the importance of getting this approved to start applying for grants.

Arnold Jensen moved to approve the HVAC Application Required Resolution and authorize the First Selectmen to sign. David McKane seconded. Motion carried.

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

Arnold Jensen moved to approve the CSG Contract, as presented, for assistance with the HVAC/Indoor Air Quality for Great Oak Middle School in the amount of \$8000. David McKane seconded. Motion carried. First Selectmen George Temple moved to bring back Item #2 to the table, for the purpose to include the physical members of the Great Oak Middle School Evaluation & Improvement Committee. First Selectmen George Temple moved to appoint Herman Schuler, George Renzonie, David Wolf, Carl Bouchard, Marcy Fernandez, and Rich Shlide as Oxford Grant Application Committee. Arnold Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

4. Great Oak Elementary School HVAC Replacement & Air Quality Improvement Project

Helen Leung discussed the estimated cost, rebate and net cost to the Town of Oxford. To apply for funding the project must be approved. The superintendent has permission to apply, all conditions must be met before applying.

First Selectmen George Temple stated we do have a letter of intent to secure a rebate. Chairman Jack Kiley discussed the \$9 million in surplus, although \$3 million is restricted. Superintendent Roger Miller discussed the need to move forward sooner rather than later. The superintendent also stated remaining funds need to go towards fixing the bathrooms.

First selectmen George Temple moved to adjourn to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. David McKane seconded.

Chairman Jack Kiley moved to adjourn the meeting for the Board of Finance. Paula Jensen seconded.

Motions carried.

Submitted By

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