

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 P.M.

October 23, 2023

Hearing Room - Oxford Town Hall

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Oxford was held in the Hearing Room at Oxford Town Hall on October 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

First Selectman Temple, Selectman David McKane, Administrative Assistant Kristyn Rosa, and Finance Director James Hliva were present. Selectman Arnold Jensen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. First Selectman Temple called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

First, Selectman Temple introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE \$4,255,000.00 GREAT OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC PROJECT APPROPRIATION AND \$950,000.00 BOND AUTHORIZATION" is hereby adopted.

1. **MOTION:**

Selectman David McKane moved to consider act upon, recommend to the Board of Finance, set a Town Meeting date, and take all actions necessary to authorize the Great Oak Elementary School HVAC Project and bond financing as set forth in a resolution. First Selectman Temple seconded the motion. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to waive the reading of the entitled resolution, including waiving the reading of attachments to the resolution and incorporating the full text of the resolution and attachments into the meeting minutes. First Selectman Temple seconded the motion. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION:

First Selectman stated that the Board of Selectmen beat the discussion of this project up at the last meeting. First Selectman Temple asked Finance Director James Hliva if we would get the \$950,000.00 from the Budget and not use the bond. Mr. Hliva said that is his hope. Mr. Hliva explained that when the Audit for the Great Oak Middle School is completed, we should get \$1,300,000.00 from the State that was held back from the progress payments.

At that point, this money has to be used to pay off debt or items that there are bond authorizations for. Once the money comes in, we can pay off this. First Selectman Temple reiterated that we can pay it out of the budget, and the general fund will be reimbursed \$950,000.00 once the money comes in.

Mr. Hliva explained that if we did have to go out and bond this project, it would affect the mill rate to .05 annually, which is petty cash. First Selectman Temple stated that he doesn't want to go that route, but it is perfectly legal. He also said that we are relying on the state bond and Eversource, and the Town will pay the difference. Selectman McKane agreed and understood the process.

First Selectman Temple explained that a Time Is Of The Essence provision was added to the Air Temp Contract. The contractor initially submitted a contract stating that if the project were not completed on time, the contractor would be charged \$ 1,000.00 a week. First Selectman Temple requested that it be changed to \$500.00 per day. Mr. Jason Daigle from Air Temp understood the First Selectman's reasoning for having separate consideration for this particular provision. First Selectman Temple explained that the Town could lose the Eversource rebate, which the Town wants to avoid risking. Mr. Jason Daigle said that he understood and stated that he also included exact dates in the contract.

First Selectman Temple also explained to Mr. Daigle that if there are any issues or problems that arise, such as a delay in the permitting process or access to the school building. Air Temp is to contact him. He will resolve the issue. First Selectman Temple clearly stated that he does not want any impediments during this project brought on by the Town or the Board of Education. Superintendent Robert Miller noted that the Board of Education supports this project, which is a top priority. He stated that Air Temp has their full cooperation.

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to place item #1, the Great Oak Elementary School HVAC project and bonding financing, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Air Temp Mechanical Services, Inc. contract to a Town meeting which will take place on November 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. First Selectman Temple seconded the motion. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to consider, act upon, recommend to the Board of Finance, set a Town Meeting date, and take all action necessary to authorize the Towner Lane Sewer Force Main Replacement Project and bond financing as set forth in a resolution entitled. First Selectman David McKane seconded the motion. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE \$2,000000.00 TOWNER LANE SEWER FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT APPROPRIATION AND \$2,000000.00 BOND AUTHORIZATION.

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to waive the reading of the entitled resolution, including waiving the reading of attachments to the resolution and incorporating the full text of the resolution and attachments into the meeting minutes. First Selectman Temple seconded the motion. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOTION:

Selectman David McKane moved to place item #2, the Towner Lane Sewer Force Main Replacement Project and bond financing to a Town meeting, which will take place on November 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. First Selectman Temple seconded the motion. All 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was moved by Selectman David McKane, seconded by First Selectman Temple, and unanimously adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristyn Rosa

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