

**Town of Newtown Legislative Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2013
Newtown Municipal Center, Newtown, CT**

PRESENT: Jeff Capeci, Mary Ann Jacob, George Ferguson, Paul Lundquist, Bob Merola, Daniel Honan, Neil Chaudhary (via phone), Dan Amaral, Dan Wiedemann, Phil Carroll
ABSENT: Joe Girgasky

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Finance Director Robert Tait, one member of media, Jan Andras (Clerk)

Chairman Capeci called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTER COMMENT: None present

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution

Ms. Jacob moved to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon the resolution entitled "Resolution providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount of \$750,000 For The Planning and Design Of A New Elementary School In Sandy Hook". Said special appropriation is to be funded by a grant in aid from the State of Connecticut. Said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated June 27, 2013 from Robert G. Tait, Financial Director, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30(a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Resolution

Ms. Jacob moved to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon the resolution entitled "Resolution Providing For a Special Appropriation In The Amount of \$500,000 for Artificial Turf Replacement At Treadwell Field As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2013-2014 To 2018-2019, Inclusive)" and Authorizing The Use Of The Parks & Recreation Surcharge Fund to Finance This Appropriation." Said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated June 21, 2013 from Amy E. W. Mangold, Parks and Recreation Director, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

First Selectman Llodra advised that the Special Town Meeting will be set for July 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Jan Andras
Recording Secretary

Attachments

These are draft minutes and as such are subject to correction by the Legislative Council at the next regular meeting. All corrections will be determined in minutes of the meeting at which they were corrected.

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ROBERT G. TAIT
FINANCE DIRECTOR

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
OFFICE OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

June 27, 2013, 2013

Mr. John Kortze, Chair
Board of Finance

Dear John,

I am requesting a special appropriation of \$750,000 to be financed by a grant in aid, under the State of Connecticut's Urban Act Program. This is an initial grant in aid payment meant to cover preconstruction and design professional services for the new Sandy Hook Elementary School up to September 30, 2013.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR PRECONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE NEW SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AN INITIAL GRANT IN AID (TO MUNICIPALITIES), UNDER THE STATE'S URBAN ACT PROGRAM TO FINANCE THIS APPROPRIATION.

I'm asking the Board of Finance to include this action on its June 27, 2013 agenda.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Tait
Finance Director

Cc: BOS; LC

SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ESTIMATED FEE STRUCTURE

Regarding an initial grant in aid to municipalities payment to the **Town of Newtown** from the State of Connecticut **Office of Policy and Management** for estimated costs of the new **Sandy Hook Elementary School** up to September 30, 2013

May 23, 2013
June 13, 2013

Estimated Construction Cost \$33,332,000

FIRM	PERCENT	PRE-CON	DESIGN	CONST DOC	CONST	TOTAL
CMA	0.35%	\$58,331	\$58,331			\$116,662
A/E	8%	\$266,656	\$666,640	\$1,066,624	\$666,640	\$2,666,560
CONSULTANTS	2%	\$66,664	\$133,328	\$266,656	\$199,992	\$666,640
LEGAL	0.25%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$23,330	\$83,330
TOTAL		\$411,651	\$878,299	\$1,353,280	\$889,962	\$3,533,192
CONTINGENCY	10%					\$353,319
TOTAL						\$3,886,511
POTENTIAL REIMB	5%					\$194,326

Fee Spread Based on \$3,533,192	Accelerated Schedule	Standard Schedule
July 2013	\$40,000	\$40,000
August	\$318,000	\$140,000
September	\$374,000	\$180,000
October	\$380,000	\$180,000
November		
December		
January 2014		
February		
March		
April		
May		
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Estimated costs up to September 30 (2013) is 100% of Pre-Con and around 40% of Design (Per the **Newtown Building & Site Commission Chairman**), say \$750,000

Accelerated schedule (up to September) approximates \$750,000

Dear First Selectman Llodra,

I am writing to confirm that a \$750,000 grant-in-aid under the state's Urban Act program will be on the agenda published tomorrow morning for Bond Commission action on June 21. The grant agreement will be with my agency (OPM) and will cover this predevelopment funding plus additional state support for design and construction after July 1. Mike Sullivan, my agency lawyer, will work with whoever you designate to negotiate this agreement. It is my expectation that this agreement will be all that is needed to effectuate all state support for the project, and that it will provide you with the maximum amount of flexibility in implementing the project.

Once our agreement is finalized, I anticipate that any state oversight of the project, processing of progress payments, etc., will be handled by the Department of Administrative Services under Don DeFronzo.

Please be assured that we consider this project to be among our highest priorities, and that both Don and I are available to address any concerns that come up as we move forward.

Take care,

Ben Barnes
Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
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AMY E. W. MANGOLD
DIRECTOR

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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To: John Kortze

Date: June 21, 2013

From: Amy Mangold

RE: Resolution for Special Appropriation for Treadwell artificial turf replacement and High School back field lights.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF REPLACEMENT AT TREADWELL FIELD AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-2014 TO 2018-2019, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PARKS & RECREATION SURCHARGE FUND TO FINANCE THIS APPROPRIATION.

-The artificial turf field was installed in 2005. This turf surface has an 8 year lifespan and warranty. This field is utilized more than any athletic field in town and it has begun to show wear and tear. This project will be funded from the surcharge fund collected for such expenses through the sports groups that use the fields. **There will be no impact on the budget.**

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT HIGH SCHOOL BACK FIELD AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-2014 TO 2018-2019, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PARKS & RECREATION SURCHARGE FUND TO FINANCE THIS APPROPRIATION.

-Newtown Youth Football and cheer currently utilizes Taylor field at Hawley School for practices. The practices run from August to November and run into the evening. Lights are required for these practices. The lights that are currently at Taylor field are only temporary and are rented. Permanent lights at Taylor field do not make sense as the parking and availability of that field is very limited. Hawley School is also in the borough and there are many homes in that area that field lights would disturb. The back high school field is a great fit for NYF practices. The sleds and football equipment is already in place, there is ample parking and it is not a neighborhood setting. Due to the size of the field other groups including the High school would benefit from the larger use time that the lights at this field would provide. Field time is always required by many groups and we do not always have enough. The addition of lights would provide more use and a better practice location for NYF & Cheer. The BOE already approved this project. Lights will be on a separate meter and the users of the lights would pay for that energy time required. **This project will not have an impact on the regular budget.**