

Approved Meeting Minutes

Middle School Building Committee Meeting

June 16, 2014 – 8:15 am

BOE Conference Room, 3rd Floor Annex Building

5 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT

Committee Members in Attendance:

Miriam Brody, Michael Brandt, Lou Coppola, Sr., Gary Johns (committee chairman), David Mikos, Bruce Morris, Joseph Porto, Michelle Spader (committee secretary), Dyann Vissicchio (committee vice-chair)

Absent: Goldie Adele, Walter Nester, Jr.

Others in Attendance: Kristine Carling, Dr. Robert Cronin, Phil Diana, Sydney Smith of DTC, Jeff Donofrio, Phil Piazza, and Joe Costa.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Johns at 8:15 am.

June 9, 2014 meeting minutes approval was tabled to the June 23, 2014 meeting.

Old Business:

Final preparations were discussed for the committees GOTV effort. Dave Mikos, Lou Coppola and Michelle Spader will be on the green reminding people to vote during the concert. Spader was also asking the committee if they or anyone they know would be willing to make calls to remind people to come out to vote.

Johns explained that the police department is going to designate all of Linsley Street for voter parking and the small parking area between the library and the police department will also have signs for voter parking.

New Business:

Three members of the committee did not have the 'Voting Reminder' flyer in their copy of the Citizen. A few others said it was in their paper. Most received their copies of the flyers in the Advisor and the Courier.

Correspondence:

There was a new mill rate question posed to the committee. The individual seems to be basing their question on the numbers mentioned in Gary Amato's Advisor ad. Mike Brandt will respond back that the town has not put out any calculations therefore we cannot speak to the numbers she saw advertised. Brandt told the committee all the other emails presented to the committee have been responded to.

Spader said that people were asking her what would happen if the referendum fails and she wants to be able to provide them with the facts so that people realize that voting it down will not mean that money won't have to be spent on costly repairs. Phil Diane explained that the roof will absolutely have to be replaced at a cost of roughly \$4.5 million. Once any interior fixes are made, systems such as electrical and fire, will all have to be brought up to code. Dr. Cronin added that NEASC wants periodic reports on the progress we have made, and since a building committee was established to come up with a solution for the deficiencies the school has not had any further actions taken against it. However, if this

referendum fails the Board of Education will have to decide how to proceed and NEASC will be taking a close look at our next steps.

BL Companies presented their invoice dated April 25, 2014 for the Phase 1 Environmental Planning, Testing and Implementation work in the amount of \$15,940.00. Joe Costa explained that the testing was done to their satisfaction and Attorney Donofrio confirmed that the amount billed was the amount agreed upon when BL Companies was determined to be the lowest qualified bidder.

Motion to accept the invoice was made by Bruce Morris and seconded by Michael Brandt. Motion unanimously passed.

Subcommittee reports:

Marketing –

Dyann Vissicchio asked Dr. Cronin to do an all-call this evening as well as tomorrow to remind people to come and vote in the referendum on June 17, 2014. Vissicchio will also ask the PTA presidents to send out email blasts to remind their members to vote. Vissicchio urged all committee members to text or call everyone in their contact lists to remind them to vote. Spader asked Sydney Smith what scheduled posts were remaining to be released on the Facebook page. Smith said there was one more event reminder scheduled to be shared.

Dave Mikos announced that the Spring Brawl was well attended and they made announcements during the festivities reminding people to vote as well as provided flyers and displayed signage at the event.

Donofrio asked Joe Costa if he was ready to proceed with the project once it was determined that we had favorable results at the polls, since the EDO49 application is due to the state of Connecticut on June 30, 2014. Costa explained that there would be 9 working days until the June 30 deadline. Costa said Perkins Eastman would be working with Dr. Cronin and Kristine Carling as well as the town clerk's office to provide the outstanding documentation that is required to be submitted with the EDO49.

After the EDO49 is submitted Perkins Eastman will be focusing on the design development phase, with an October 1, 2014 deadline. This will be the period when the floor plans will be firmed up. The construction manager should also be hired by the mid to late August. In order to hire a construction manager, the committee will have to undergo the same RFP/RFQ process that was previously undertaken when going out to bid for the architect.

Costa explained that an application will be filed to consider this project a "renovate as new" construction in order to be considered for the higher reimbursement rate. Donofrio said the committee will probably not know what the rate of reimbursement will be until the spring. We cannot go out to bid until the superintendent gets a letter from the state department of education stating our project has been approved. We will likely go out to bid in May 2015 for the trade contracts.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 23, 2014.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:50 am by Bruce Morris and seconded by Michael Brandt. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Spader
Committee Secretary