

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

SCHOOL CODE COMPLIANCE PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2013

TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM ONE

- I. Call to Order –Chairperson Nagel called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Members present: Dave Nagel, Chairperson; Myra Cohen, and Marc Finkelstein. Others present: Dr. William Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Lou Jachimowicz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer; Mark Welch, Oak Park Architects; Mark Roming, M.R. Roming Associates; and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Public Participation – None.
- IV. Approval of prior meeting minutes – Mrs. Cohen made a motion that the minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting be approved as presented. Second to the motion was made by Dr. Finkelstein. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Consider and take action on bids for summer 2013 work – The Town opened bids for the abatement work, removal of the risers, and other demolition work in the auditorium, band and chorus rooms at Newington High School. Nine bids were received. The lowest bid was from Millennium Builders, at \$404,400. Millennium has completed two earlier segments of work at the High School for this Committee. Mr. Welch explained the work that is included in the bid. The hazardous materials abatement subcontractor meets the qualifications included in the specifications. Mr. Baron distributed a proposed project budget. Questions were asked about the hazardous materials abatement and monitoring activities. The music areas need to be completed first and the auditorium can come last. Mrs. Cohen made a motion that the Committee recommend to the Newington Town Council that it accept the bid of \$404,400 from Millennium Builders of Rocky Hill for the 2013 Code Compliance work at Newington High School, consisting of hazardous materials abatement and some construction work in the chorus, music and auditorium area of the school as reviewed and approved by the State of Connecticut School Facilities Unit, and that the Town Council also accept the Committee's

final project budget and cost estimate for the 2013 work, as presented. A second to the motion was provided by Dr. Finkelstein. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 YES to 0 NO.

- VI. Athletic fields project status – At the last meeting the Project Building Committee concluded that the work on the athletic fields was not substantially complete, that Connecticut Carpentry was to be given one more opportunity to finish the work, and that they should be directed to finish the work correctly by a particular date. Mr. Baron sent a letter to that effect on October 17, 2012. A meeting with Connecticut Carpentry and M.R. Roming Associates at the soccer field on that date was not productive. Mr. Roming followed up with a letter on October 19th. Connecticut Carpentry completed their operations as of November 1st and submitted a pencil copy of their application for payment to Mr. Roming. Mr. Roming responded in writing on November 6th, stating that he was willing to approving certain items for payment but not others. Connecticut Carpentry verbally stated they did not agree with Mr. Roming’s letter. There has been no further contact from Connecticut Carpentry since that time, and their Application for Payment was not resubmitted. There is a disagreement about the specifications for sections of the walk at the soccer field. If a punch list is distributed to Connecticut Carpentry, then the Town would have to continue to deal with them for the reconstruction of the sections of the walks and addressing the other punch list items. Mr. Baron was directed to consult with the Town Attorney about whether to continue on with Connecticut Carpentry for the completion of this work, to request a timely response, to follow Attorney Boorman’s direction, and to report back to the Committee Chairperson.
- VII. Consider and take action on change order requests – Mr. Baron presented two change orders for approval. Dr. Finkelstein made a motion that the Committee authorize approval of the proposed Change Order for LTC Construction to install the reconfigured walk area to the north of the football field visitor’s bleachers, for the amount of \$6,800. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Cohen. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 YES to 0 NO. Dr. Finkelstein made a motion that the Committee authorize approval of the proposed Change Order for LTC Construction to install a yard drain in the area between the softball field and the lacrosse/field hockey field for the amount of \$4,150. Mrs. Cohen made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3 YES to 0 NO.
- VIII. Any other business pertinent to the Committee – Mr. Baron reported that an opening event was being scheduled for the tennis courts in the summer, once they will be completed. He also mentioned that the Town had received notice from Tilcon’s attorney that Tilcon had not

been paid for the asphalt for the tennis courts. Mr. Roming said that he would contact M&M Tennis Courts.

- IX. Public Participation – None.
- X. Committee response to public participation – None.
- XI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Baron

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Director of Administrative Services