

TOWN OF NEWINGTON  
SCHOOL CODE COMPLIANCE PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2012

TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM L100

- I. Call to Order –Chairperson Nagel called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Members present: Dave Nagel, Chairperson; Myra Cohen, Maureen Klett, Nancy Petronio, and Marc Finkelstein. Others present: Peter Boorman, Town Attorney; Lou Jachimowicz, Chief Finance and Operations Officer; Mark Roming, M.R. Roming Associates; Stephen Woods, Mayor, John Salomone, Town Manager, Clarke Castelle, Town Councilor, William Collins, Superintendent of Schools.
- III. Public Participation – None.
- IV. Approval of prior meeting minutes – Marc Finkelstein made a motion that the minutes of the Committee’s August 6, 2012 meeting be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cohen. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Finkelstein moved that the School Code Compliance Committee adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation with respect to the tennis court bids. Session to include the Town Attorney, Mr. Roming, Mr. Jachimowicz, Mr. Castelle, Mr. Woods, Dr. Collins, and Mr. Salomone. The motion was seconded by Maureen Klett. The motion passed unanimously. The committee went into Executive Session at 5:17 p.m.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

- V. Consider Taking Action on Tennis Court Bids – The project is over budget if the apparent low bidder was accepted coupled with other project costs incurred to date. Subsequent to the bid opening, the USTA returned their technical comments to the committee about the proposed project. Several modifications to the scope of work and technical drawings would be required to implement these recommendations to potentially qualify for a USTA grant. This would add to the cost of the project.

It was also determined that the existing fencing for the tennis courts would be reused at another location on the NHS campus. This work would be done now by the Board of Education. Removal of this task from the scope of the project would reduce the overall cost of the work. Dr. Collins affirmed that it would not be a problem to take the existing tennis courts out of service until the project is complete. Other arrangements will be made by NHS athletics, if necessary, for the 2013 tennis season.

Mark Finkelstein moved that all bids submitted for the reconstruction of the NHS tennis courts are rejected and the project put out for rebid based on the scope of work modifications discussed with the committee. Mrs. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Consider and take action on change order request(s) – Connecticut Carpentry submitted a change order request for just under \$5,300 to place stone under the football visitor's bleachers. This included 36 hours for labor. Staff advised rejection to the Chairperson, who agreed. The Contractor was notified in a timely manner so as not to delay work on the bleacher installation.

VII. Any Other Business Pertinent to the Committee – Mr. Nagel informed the committee that the change order request for stone screenings for the bleacher replacement work at the NHS football stadium was rejected due to cost.

Mr. Roming also updated the committee on the bleacher/concrete modifications necessary at the varsity baseball field to properly situate the bleachers at that location. Mr. Roming also discussed the need for safety modifications for this set of bleachers.

VIII. Public Participation – None.

IX. Committee response to public participation – None.

X. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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