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ANNA REYNOLDS SCHOOL PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2021, Zoom Event


Town Clerk

- I. Call to Order – Committee Chairperson Stephen Woods called the meeting to order at 2:51 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Members present: Stephen Woods, Chairperson; Michael Camillo, Chris Miner, Steven Silvia (joined meeting by 3:10 PM, left meeting at 3:53 PM), Cindy Stamm, Carol Duggan, and Jeremy Whetzel (left meeting at 3:30 PM). Others present: Chuck Warrington and John Koplas, Colliers International (all three left the meeting at 7:39 PM); Paul Vessella, Newington Board of Education; Maureen Brummett, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Lou Jachimowicz, Chief Finance and Operating Officer; Jason Smith, Principal, Anna Reynolds School; James Krupienski, Town Clerk; and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Public Participation – None.
- IV. Administrative Matters – Mr. Warrington noted that Colliers had distributed a list of questions prior to the meeting that the Committee may want to ask each firm being interviewed. At the very least the Committee will want to ask each firm if they accept the control budget. Mr. Baron requested that only those who were present for all interviews vote on the selection of a candidate for recommendation to the Town Council. The consensus of the Committee was that there was not enough time to ask the questions distributed by Colliers, and that only follow up questions to each presentation would be asked.
- V. Architect Interviews – motion to go into Executive Session – Mr. Camillo made a motion that The Anna Reynolds School Project Building Committee hereby moves to go into Executive Session and invites the Committee members; Paul Vessella, Board of Education Chairperson; Superintendent of Schools Maureen L. Brummett, Ph.D.; Board of Education Chief Finance and Operations Officer Lou Jachimowicz; Anna Reynolds School Principal Jason Smith; Charles Warrington, John Koplas and Judy Denny of Colliers Project Leaders; and Director of Administrative Services Jeff Baron. The Committee also invites in to the Executive Session the following Architect Firms and referenced staff at the following times:

3:00 PM – Kaestle Boos Associates, Paul Dominov, Brian Solywoda, Luke McCoy, Jennifer Mangiagli, Kate Jessup, Janet Wheeler (Kaestle Boos Associates Video Conference Room), and Rob Ricard (RZ Engineers)(collectively referred to hereafter as the “Kaestle Boos Associates team”).

4:00 PM – JCJ Architecture, Bruce Kellogg, Jim LaPosta, Jr., Christine O’Hare, Jeff Elliott, Brian Stone, Emily Czarnecki, Peter Pycela (IES), and Joe Perugini (Weston and Sampson) (collectively referred to hereafter as the “JCJ team”).

5:15 PM – Tecton Architects, Jeff Wyszynski, Justin Hopkins, Ernest Nepomuceno, Kathryn Mease, Antonia Ciaverella, Derek Bride (CES), and Stephanie White (Fuss and O'Neill) (collectively referred to hereafter as the "Tecton team").

6:15 PM – Kenneth Boroson Architects, Kenneth Boroson, Grant Wright, Joan Gould, Michael Walsh (CES), Chris Cardany (Langan), Ryan Chmielewski, Ken Tarbell, and Michael Bouchard (collectively referred to hereafter as the "Kenneth Boroson Architects team").

A second to the motion was provided by Ms. Stamm. There was no discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 YES to 0 NO. The Executive Session with the Kaestle Boos Associates team began at 3:06 PM. The Kaestle Boos Associates team left the Executive Session at 3:48 PM. The Executive Session with the JCJ Architecture team started at 3:55 PM. The JCJ Architecture team left the Executive Session at 4:54 PM. The Committee took a brief recess from 5:00 PM through 5:10 PM. The Executive Session with the Tecton team started at 5:13 PM. The Tecton team left the Executive session at 6:09 PM. The Executive Session with the Kenneth Boroson Architects team started at 6:14 PM. The Kenneth Boroson Architects team left the Executive Session at 7:05 PM. The Executive Session ended at 7:36 PM. The Special Meeting of the Committee resumed at 7:38 PM.

- VI. Recommendation to Town Council on Architect Selection – Mr. Miner made a motion that the Committee table this item until a later date. A second to the motion was provided by Mr. Camillo. There was no discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 YES to 0 NO.
- VII. RFP for Owners Project Manager – Mr. Baron notified the Committee that he had provided a draft Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals to Mr. Woods for his review. It was an RFP used by another Town. After Mr. Woods reviews it, any changes will be made and then it will be distributed to the Committee as a whole for consideration at the Committee's next meeting. Unlike the Architects' RFP, this calls for fee proposals to be received with the Qualification Statements. The Committee agreed that was acceptable. No action was taken.
- VIII. Any Other Business Pertinent to the Committee – The Committee agreed that its next meeting would be held on March 11th at 5:15 PM.
- IX. Public Participation – None.
- X. Comments by Members – Mr. Woods thanked all of those present. It was a long meeting, but next Thursday the Committee hopes to have a recommendation on an architect to make to the Town Council.
- XI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Baron

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Director of Administrative Services