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Special Meeting
Chatfield School Building
Committee
Wednesday, July 9, 2008
Chatfield School
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Bruce Baker, Ray Catlin, Gene Coppola, Judy Legeza, Sandra Gesek,
Phyllis Jachimowski, Trisha Danka, Fred Stanek, Jay Hatfield, Kurt Miller, Frank Conroy, Yashu Putorti

Absent: Peter Kubik, Mark Thompson, Paul Roy

Board of Education Representative: Principal Jay Brennan
Superintendent MaryAnne Mascolo

Antinozzi Architects: Paul Antinozzi
Andy Cominelli

Ross Haber Associates, Inc.: Ross Haber (7:55 p.m.)

Reporter—"New Haven Register": Lauren Garrison

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag. He asked for the Committee's acceptance of the minutes of the June 10th and June 25th meeting sessions.

MOTION: (Mr. Miller, sec., Mr. Catlin) to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting session as presented.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Smith, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Legeza, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Miller, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Putorti

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Baker

MOTION: (Mrs. Danka, sec., Mr. Conroy) to accept the minutes of the special meeting of June 25, 2008 as presented.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Jachimowski, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Smith, Mr. Coppola,

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Legeza, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Miller

As Mr. Haber had not arrived at the meeting session yet, Mr. Smith called for a motion to go out of the regular order of business and move to item four on the meeting's agenda.

MOTION: (Mr. Miller, sec., Mr. Putorti) to go out of the regular order of business and move to item four on the meeting's agenda.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Miller, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Stanek, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Legeza, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Jachimowski

Opposed: None.

Discussion with Architect

Mr. Antinozzi stated that he would like to have a definitive direction from the Committee membership regarding the total building project. Will the Committee's charge be to plan an addition to the Chatfield School or a building project that would combine the school populations of the LoPresti and Chatfield schools? As this possibility had been mentioned at the previous meeting session after a preliminary review of the demographic study, the architects needed to know the Committee's viewpoint on this matter.

Mr. Smith responded that he had spoken with demographer Ross Haber during the week and that changes have been made in the Demography Report that may influence the Committee's decision. As he would be arriving at the meeting session shortly, the Committee membership would have an opportunity to review this new information and make a decision accordingly.

Mr. Stanek stated that if there were any thoughts about constructing an addition that would incorporate the populations of two schools, a great deal of work would be necessary to sell the concept to the public. LoPresti School parents are very happy with their school setting. The benefits of closing this building would have to be clearly defined in order to get the community's backing for this concept. He also added that he was doubtful all that was necessary to be done could be accomplished by the Committee's intended date for a town-wide referendum sometime in October of 2008.

Mrs. Danka added that if the charge of the Committee was to be so drastically changed, a meeting with the Board of Selectmen would be necessary to get this Board's approval for any changes to the building project.

Mr. Antinozzi stated that Mr. Cominelli was present at this session to review the renovation plans for the Chatfield School only. A schematic plan showing a renovation of the Special Education administrative area as well as the cafeteria, computer lab, and library area was distributed to the Committee membership and discussed. As several classrooms were made available through this renovation, no additional classrooms were planned to be added on to the west wing of the building.

Mr. Smith inquired if any thought had been given to designing a plan that would incorporate the populations of two elementary schools.

Mr. Antinozzi responded that no thought was given to this concept and if it were to be pursued, the design would involve the construction of a two-story building addition.

Mr. Haber entered the meeting session at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Smith called for a five minute recess while Mr. Haber prepared his materials for presentation to the Committee membership.

Ms. Gesek left the meeting session at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Haber stated that there were changes to the original demographic report. Upon review of his data, he discovered that he had left off 1700 rental units in the Chatfield area that were not included in his original report. To ensure more accuracy in his final report, he had procured a parcel map from the town that showed 6,107 living units. The parcel map shows an address for each parcel of land. The Chatfield area has a total of 1704 living units. There are also 81 living units in Daisy Court, the condominium constructed as part of the April Gardens building development several years ago. With this new information, Mr. Haber was able to project possible student increases in line with proposed housing development in the area.

If all ninety units already granted permits were to be constructed, the Chatfield School's population could increase by as many as 58 students. If future development took place at the former Chatfield Farm, the increase could be as many as 65 students.

Discussion ensued and it was determined that Mr. Haber would finalize his demographic report including the three scenarios mentioned at the meeting. This report would be forwarded to Mr. Smith by the end of the week of July 17, 2008. Mr. Smith will forward this information to the Committee membership.

Mr. Antinozzi inquired as to which scenarios his firm should be addressing in regard to a building design. He was told to plan according to the Chatfield's scenario two plan and also look at the possibility of designing a plan that would incorporate the populations of two schools. This latter would be kept for speculation purposes.

Mr. Antinozzi stated that Mr. Cominelli was putting together a report dealing with only the Chatfield School expansion project that will be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Smith showed a copy of a map that he had procured from the Inlands, Wetlands Commission showing the wetlands area around the school. There is ample building ground available without any adverse effect to the wetlands around the school.

Mr. Smith also informed the Committee members that test pits had been done around the school last week. It was discovered that rock removal would have to take place in order to construct the new gym as proposed.

Mr. Smith informed the Committee that a special meeting will be held at the Chatfield School on Tuesday evening, July 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Hearing nothing further;

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Miller) to adjourn the meeting.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Legeza, Mrs. Jachimowshi, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola

Regular Meeting Agenda
Chatfield Elementary School Building Committee

July 8, 2008 7:00 PM

@ Chatfield Elementary School
Teachers Lounge

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DATE: 7/7/08
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**MEETING
IS
CANCELLED**

Donald W. Smith, Jr., & Peter Kubik
Co-Chairmen