

Chatfield-LoPresti School Building
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Chatfield School's Teachers' Room
7:00 P.M.

ME 3-11-09
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2:10 P.M.

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Sandra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski, Ray Catlin, Bruce Baker, Gene Coppola, Yashu Putorti, Fred Stanek, Jay Hatfield

Absent: Trisha Danka, Judy Legeza, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, Mark Thompson, Kurt Miller

Town Counsel George Temple

State Senator Rob Kane

Daniel Heffernan, Jr.

Lauren Garrison – "New Haven Register"

Melvin Mason – "Connecticut Post"

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag.

Mr. Smith introduced State Senator Rob Kane who presented a legislative update to the Committee members present. Senator Kane advised the membership to proceed with the necessary paperwork for state reimbursement of the building project as the current budget for 2009, nor the proposed budget for 2010, has any indication that state grant monies to local municipalities are going to be affected in any way at this time. If all paperwork has been submitted with ensuing approvals, Senator Kane will make it a priority to include the building project for approval for reimbursement in the 2010 legislative session.

Senator Kane left the meeting session at the conclusion of his remarks.

Public Comment

Local resident Daniel Heffernan, Jr. addressed the Committee membership. He has been involved in IT work for twenty-two years and he advised the Committee members to separate the IT aspect of the building project from the electrical portion as a way of saving project expenses. He related that many architects are currently doing this as a way of saving project dollars by utilizing state contracts.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Heffernan for his comments and invited him to attend future meeting sessions as the Committee membership could benefit from his expertise and input on this phase of the building project.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Smith called for an approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2009 special meeting session.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 24, 2009 as presented.

So moved.

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Kubik

Correspondence

Mr. Smith informed the Committee membership that two correspondences had been received from the Newfeld Construction Company and Turner Construction.

Review of Project Schedule

Mr. Smith stated that he had hoped that an architect and construction manager were on line at this time. However, all seems to be in place and, with the recommendation for hire of an architect and construction manager during this evening's meeting session, further adherence to the proposed time schedule will be insured.

Review of Project Budget

There are no changes in the project budget at this time.

Review of CM Proposals, Selection of a Construction Manager

Town Counsel George Temple advised the Committee membership that all discussion pertaining to the hiring of a construction management firm must be conducted during the open session of the meeting. If the Committee membership wishes to renegotiate the costs involved, a motion can be made to hire the prospective firm with the understanding that the firm will be hired pending further negotiation with the prospective client.

Mr. Temple left the meeting session immediately after addressing the Committee.

After discussion of the four construction management firms that had submitted proposals for consideration, the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to hire Fusco Construction as the Construction Manager for the Chatfield-LoPresti building project.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Catlin

Opposed: Mr. Coppola

Review of A/E Proposals/Selection of Project Architect

Mr. Smith recused himself from participation of any discussion on the hiring of an architectural firm as he has had the opportunity to work with some of them. He left the meeting session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Kubik assumed the chair and led the discussion on the four architectural firms that had submitted bids for the project. Much discussion ensued. The following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the hiring of the firm of Antinozzi Associates as the architect for the building project at a fee not to exceed \$1.25 million.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Catlin, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Coppola

Opposed: Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Kubik

Mr. Smith reentered the meeting session at 8:30 p.m. and reassumed the chair.

Approval of Invoices

There were no invoices submitted for action at this meeting session.

Other Business

Mr. Smith related that Mr. Belden was continuing his work on the State ED-049 Form. This work should be facilitated once the Board of Selectmen approve the hiring of the recommended architectural firm for the project.

Mr. Smith also related that Committee representatives will be placed on the agenda of the March 17, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen for any input needed on the recommended hiring of an architectural firm.

Hearing nothing further:

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

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek,
Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kubik

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola