

Regular Meeting
Chatfield-LoPresti Building Committee
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Chatfield-LoPresti School
Conference Room
7:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Peter Kubik, Saundra Gesek, Gene Coppola, Ray Catlin, Bruce Baker, Paul Mirabelle, John Conroy, Yashu Putorti, Trisha Danka (7:32 p.m.)

Absent: Phyllis Jachimowski, Jay Hatfield, Michael Marcinek

Silver-Petrucelli Representatives: David Stein, Ken Sgorbati, Amanda Cleveland

Fusco Corporation Representatives: Jeff Luzzi, Bryan D'Orlando

Board of Education Representatives: David Olechna, Leslie Sojka, Richard Belden (7:20 p.m.)

Public: Monica and Ralph Lombardi

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

He asked for any public comment and Mr. Lombardi addressed the Committee membership with his concerns with the landscaping done adjacent to his property. When he had met initially with representatives from the construction manager, he was told that rhododendron bushes would be planted adjacent to his property. However, he noted that they were planted further down the sloped area and nothing but natural flora habitat was allowed to grow adjacent to his property. This has caused a spreading of weeds unto his lawn area and created less than an attractive view from his back deck.

Mr. Conroy suggested that he bring his concerns to the Board of Selectmen, as when he served on this Board, citizen concerns of this nature were often discussed at their meeting sessions.

It was also discussed later on in the meeting session that the group of Committee members who attend the Saturday morning walk-throughs meet with Mr. Lombardi and view the situation at hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Lombardi left the meeting session at 7:23 p.m.

Mr. Smith called for approval of the minutes of the special meetings held on August 22, 2012.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 6:00 p.m. on August 22, 2012.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Conroy, Mr. Kubik

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Conroy) to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on August 22, 2012.

So moved.

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Kubik

Correspondence

Mr. Smith reported that he had received two communications since the last meeting session. One was a correspondence from the Marathon Company which had no relevancy to the building project; the other was a communication from the Silver-Petrucelli Firm quantifying the Firm's justification for asking for additional funds for its work on the project. This request will be reviewed by the sub-committee named to review this request.

Discussion with Construction Manager

Jeff Luzzi distributed a Change Order Request form to the Committee membership and reviewed each request. Change Order Requests reviewed included the following: #357, #358, #359, #360, #361, #363, #364, #365 and #367.

Mr. Conroy questioned C.O. #367 and stated that this one would be reviewed and discussed with Fusco Corporation representatives.

The following motions were made:

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Catlin) to accept Change Order Requests #357, #358, #361 and #365, amounting to \$15,498.00, with funding being taken from the project's contingency fund.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Baker, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Conroy) to accept Change Order Requests #359 #360, #363 and #364, in the amount of \$5338.00, with funding being taken from the construction contingency fund.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Putorti, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mr. Smith reviewed Amendment #19 with the Committee membership and asked for its acceptance.

MOTION: (Mr. Conroy, sec., Mr. Putorti) to approve Amendment #19 as a credit in the amount of \$11,536.00.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Conroy, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Mirabelle, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None.

Mr. Smith reported that the gym floor refinishing will take place during the coming week. Also, the changes requested by the School Lunch Director regarding the kitchen equipment will also be addressed.

Mr. Luzzi reminded the Committee membership that any changes made in the kitchen area would have to be approved by a Valley Health Department representative.

Discussion with Architect

David Stein reported that his Firm's representatives are still working on open punch list items. These include some kitchen issues and mechanical concerns.

Amanda Cleveland gave an update on furniture deliveries. Eighty-five to ninety percent of the furniture deliveries have occurred. However, it was found that kindergarten and preschool chairs were too low for the students involved. One hundred ninety-two had been ordered and delivered and the vendor is not willing to take them back. A new order would cost \$42.00 for each chair.

Discussion ensued and it was determined that new chairs should be purchased. The ones that had been ordered would be placed out for sale to other school districts or local nursery schools.

Kidney shaped tables that had also been purchased for the preschool and primary grades will have to be lowered for the children at these grade levels.

At the conclusion of her report, Ms. Cleveland left the meeting session at 8:08 p.m.

Ken Sgorbati reported that there were two main issues being reviewed at present. They deal with the upper air systems that serve the gym and cafeteria. The systems are not working as designed. A meeting will be held with the manufacturer during the coming week to work on a remediation of this problem.

Update on the Commissioning Agent

Mr. Smith reported that he had spoken to the Commissioning Agent this past week and will be meeting with him personally during the coming week.

Further testing will be done in the week ahead.

Technology Contracts

Mr. Smith reported that the R and B Company's representatives are making progress on installing the smart boards in the classrooms. This work should be completed as of September 15, 2012. It was found that there are some issues with outlets on work stations in the classrooms. Cord management is being looked at and it was noted that surge protectors are needed. Holes may have to be drilled in desks for better wire control.

Mr. Belden related that he has been working with Marc D'Agostino as the liaison with the Business Network Group who is installing the phone system in the new building. None of the classroom phones are operating on the first floor. The Business Network Group has to do something with the main power switch. The principal and staff are currently using walkie-talkies; however, this situation has to be addressed immediately.

It was also reported that there are two floor outlets in the Media Room that do not have enough power.

Mr. Stein stated that Silver-Petrucelli electrical engineers were working on these electrical concerns.

Review of Budget

Mr. Conroy reviewed the budget summary sheet he had prepared with the Committee membership. He cautioned that prudent spending was in order as the project nears completion.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

MOTION: (MR. PUTORTI, SEC., MR. BAKER) TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF APPLICATION #2 FROM THE BUSINESS NETWORK GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,938.50.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. PUTORTI, MR. BAKER, MR. CATLIN, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. CONROY, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

MOTION: (MR. CONROY, SEC., MR. CATLIN) TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$20,427.56 TO WILLIAM B MYER FOR MOVING EXPENSES.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. CONROY, MR. CATLIN, MR. BAKER, MR. COPPOLA, MR. MIRABELLE, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. PUTORTI, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

MOTION: (MR. BAKER, SEC., MR. PUTORTI) TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE #2646 FROM SPECIAL TESTING LABORATORIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2646.00.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. BAKER, MR. PUTORTI, MR. CATLIN, MR. COPPOLA, MR. MIRABELLE, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. KUBIK, MR. CONROY, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

MOTION: (MR. CATLIN, SEC., MR. PUTORTI) TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF APPLICATION #2 FROM GLEN TERRACE LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,857.20 FOR PLAYGROUND WORK.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. CATLIN, MR. PUTORTI, MR. CONROY, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. BAKER, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

MOTION: (MR. PUTORTI, SEC., MR. CATLIN) TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF APPLICATION #1 FROM BKM TOTAL OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,473.94.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. PUTORTI, MR. CATLIN, MR. BAKER, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. CONROY, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

MOTION: (MR. BAKER, SEC., MR. PUTORTI) TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF APPLICATION #26 FROM THE FUSCO CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$590,359.26.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. BAKER, MR. PUTORTI, MR. CONROY, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. CATLIN, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

MOTION: (MR. BAKER, SEC., MR. PUTORTI) TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF APPLICATION #1 FROM W. B. MASON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,078.20.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. BAKER, MR. PUTORTI, MR. CONROY, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. CATLIN, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

OTHER BUSINESS

MR. SMITH REMINDED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP THAT THE NEXT MEETING DATES WOULD BE SEPTEMBER 26 AND OCTOBER 9, 2012.

MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATFIELD-LOPRESTI SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M. HE URGED ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS SESSION.

THE SCHOOL DEDICATION PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012 AT 4:00 P.M. MRS. DANKA STATED THAT HER SUBCOMMITTEE DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE SAME FORMAT USED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL'S DEDICATION PROGRAM. SILVER-PETGRUCELLI REPRESENTATIVES WILL PREPARE THE PROGRAMS FOR THAT DAY.

MR. LUZZI STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. HIGGINS ASKING FOR A REDUCTION OF THE RETAINAGE FEE WHICH IS CURRENTLY \$47,000.00.

MOTION: (MR. CONROY, SEC., MR. PUTORTI) TO APPROVE A REDUCTION IN THE RETAINAGE FEE FROM 5% TO 2.5% FOR MR. HIGGINS' CONCERN.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. CONROY, MR. PUTORTI, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. BAKER, MR. CATLIN, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

MOTION: (MR. CATLIN, SEC., MR. PUTORTI) TO APPROVE A REDUCTION IN THE RETAINAGE FEE FROM 5% TO 2.5% FOR THE GIORDANO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MR. CATLIN, MR. PUTORTI, MR. CONROY, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. BAKER, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MRS. DANKA, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

HEARING NOTHING FURTHER:

MOTION: (MRS. DANKA, SEC., MR. BAKER) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

SO MOVED.

AFFIRMATIVE: MRS. DANKA, MR. BAKER, MR. PUTORTI, MR. CONROY, MR. MIRABELLE, MR. CATLIN, MR. COPPOLA, MS. GESEK, MR. KUBIK, MR. SMITH

OPPOSED: NONE.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:36 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:

EUGENE COPPOLA