

Special Meeting
Chatfield-LoPresti School
Building Committee
Tuesday, February 24, 2009
Chatfield School's Teachers Room
6:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Jay Hatfield, Phyllis Jachimowski, Sandra Gesek, Ray Catlin, Bruce Baker, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, Yashu Putorti, Fred Stanek, Gene Coppola, Mark Thompson (8:57 p.m.), Trisha Danko (8:57 p.m.)

Absent: Judy Legeza, Peter Kubik, Kurt Miller

Board of Education Representative: Richard Belden

Press: "Connecticut Post" Reporter Melvin Mason

State Representative Teresa Conroy (8:00 p.m.)

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag.

Interviewing sessions began with the three firms bidding to become the construction managers on the building project. These included:

- a.) Newfield Firm - (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- b.) Fusco Construction - (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- c.) Turner Construction - (8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Mr. Smith continued with the agenda of the special meeting at the conclusion of the interviewing sessions. He asked for public comment and none was forthcoming at this meeting session.

Mr. Smith asked for acceptance of the minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Roy) to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting as presented.

So moved.

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

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Danko, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Roy, Mr. Conroy

Mr. Smith called for acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2009 as presented.

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting session as presented.

Mr. Smith offered one correction. The minutes should have reflected that he had recused himself from chairing the portion of the meeting during the interviewing sessions. He resumed that chair after the interviewing sessions had been completed.

So voted with the correction noted.

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

Opposed: None

Abstentions: Mrs. Danka, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Thompson

Correspondence

Mr. Smith announced that three correspondences had been received since the last meeting session. These included:

- a.) Letter from Silver/Petucelli Associates
- b.) The S/L/A/M Collaborative submitting a revised fee proposal.
- c.) Letter from Antinozzi Associates

Review of Project Schedule

Mr. Smith stated that he hoped that the architectural firm and the construction manager for the project would have been hired by this time. However, all else is on schedule and once these entities are in place, the project will continue as planned.

Review of Project Budget

There was no change reported at this time.

Review of Construction Manager Proposals, Select Construction Manager

Mr. Baker stated that he felt discussions involving the hiring of the Construction Manager's firm should be held in executive session. However, as the meeting was posted as a special one without an executive session listed on the agenda, one cannot be held at this meeting session.

Other members felt a call should be made to Town Counsel George Temple and clarify the legitimacy of holding an executive session under these circumstances. It was suggested that a five minute recess be held to procure this information from Town Counsel.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to approve a five-minute meeting recess for the purpose of contacting Town Counsel George Temple for clarification of the legality of holding an executive session at a future meeting.

So moved.

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

Opposed: None

The meeting resumed at 9:39 p.m.

Mr. Smith announced that it was the Town Counsel's opinion that an executive session could be held for this situation as long as one was posted on the meeting's agenda.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Catlin) to table items eight and nine on the meeting agenda and discuss these items in an executive session at the next regularly scheduled meeting of March 10, 2009.

So moved.

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

Opposed: None

Invoices

None was submitted for action at this meeting session.

Other Business

Mr. Smith inquired as to the Status of the ED-049 Form that must be submitted to the State prior to June 30, 2009.

Mr. Belden responded that he has received the form and has begun working on it. However, there are parts on the form that must be filled in by an architect. If one is selected at the next meeting session, he will immediately begin working with representatives from the hired firm.

Mr. Smith announced that the Committee representatives had planned to meet with the Board of Selectmen at their next scheduled meeting of March 3, 2009. However, he had been informed that the First Selectman would not be present at that meeting session and that the scheduled meeting would be moved to the next Board of Selectmen meeting on March 17, 2009.

Mr. Smith also announced that at the next meeting session on March 10, 2009, State Representatives Rob Kane and Teresa Conroy will be present to update the Committee membership as to what is occurring at the State level regarding budgetary ramifications and school construction grants. Senator Themis Klarides may also be present at this meeting session.

Hearing nothing further:

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

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Baker, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Catlin, Mr. Coppola, Mrs. Danko, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Roy, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Jachimowki, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Smith

Opposed: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola