

Chatfield School Building
Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2008
Chatfield School
Teachers' Room
5:00 p.m.

Present: Donald Smith, Bruce Baker, Raymond Catlin, Peter Kubik (5:15 p.m.), Mark Thompson, Trisha Danka, Paul Roy, Fred Stanek, Jay Hatfield, Sandra Gesek, Phyllis Jachimowski, Gene Coppola, Judy Legeza

Absent: Kurt Miller, Yashu Putorti, Frank Conroy

Board of Education Representative: Richard Belden

Antinozzi Associates Team Representatives -

Paul Antinozzi
Seung Park
Andy Caminelli
Mike Ayles
Kara Back

Bianco, Giolitto, Weston Firm Representatives -

Jeff Bianco
Ray Giolitto
Sean Donadio
Jeff Gebrien
Rob Ricard

Fletcher-Thompson Firm Representatives -

Dan Davis
Michael Marcinek
Joseph Costa
Curt Krushinsky
Rick Camara
Jill Balash

Silver, Petrucelli Firm Representatives -

Jennifer Triscele
Ken Sgorbati
Bill Silver
Dean Petrucelli

Tai Soo Kim Firm Representatives -

Tai Soo Kim
Randall Luther
Holly DeYoung
Steve Collins

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and led those present in the pledge to the flag. He introduced members of the Antinozzi Associates architectural team to the Committee membership and then recused himself from any further participation in the selection of an architectural firm for the Chatfield School Building Project as he had a conflict of interest as he has done some work with one of the architectural firms bidding on this project. He turned the chairmanship over to Jay Hatfield for this portion of the meeting until the arrival of Co-Chairperson Peter Kubik.

Members of the Antinozzi Firm gave their presentation to the Committee membership during a forty-five minute period. They were followed by the architectural firms of: Bianco, Giolitto, and Weston; Fletcher-Thompson; Silver, Petrucelli; and Tai Soo Kim. All presentations were made between the hours of 5:08 p.m. and 9:50 p.m.

Mrs. Legeza left the meeting session at 6:37 p.m.

Co-Chairperson Peter Kubik resumed the regular order of business of the meeting agenda upon completion of the interviewing sessions. He asked for any public comment and none was forthcoming as no one from the public was present at this meeting session.

Mr. Kubik called for the acceptance of the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting.

MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec., Mr. Thompson) to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting as presented.

So moved.

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Roy, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Coppola

Mr. Kubik called for acceptance of the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 27, 2008.

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the minutes of the special meeting of March 27, 2008 as presented.

Mrs. Danka offered one correction on the scheduled time of one of the architectural firms on page one.

So moved with correction

noted.

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

Opposed: None.

Abstentions: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Thompson

Correspondence

Mr. Smith shared three items of correspondence that had been received. These included:

- 1.) A newspaper article on the judicial ruling in the Trumbull Board of Education and the Fletcher-Thompson lawsuit.
- 2.) A copy of an E-mail sent to Mr. Smith, Mr. Stanek and Mr. Koskelowski from the architectural firm of O'Riordan and Migani.
- 3.) A letter from First Selectman Robert Koskelowski cautioning the Committee as to any suggestions for the purchase of land in the Maple Street area for a new LoPresti School as the Town's debt at this point in time cannot absorb another bonding cost.

Discussion/Action on Architectural/Engineering Selection

Committee members discussed at length all the positives and negatives of the five architectural firms' presentations. A selection was going to be a difficult one as each presentation was well-presented.

After much discussion, Mr. Coppola made the following motion:

MOTION: (Mr. Coppola, sec., Mr. Baker) that the Committee membership hire the firm of Fletcher-Thompson to do the initial designs for the building project at the Chatfield School.

Motion defeated.

Affirmative: Mr. Coppola, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek

Opposed: Mr. Catlin, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Gesek, Mrs. Jachimowski

Recused from voting: Mr. Smith

Mr. Baker made a motion to hire the Firm of Tai Soo Kim. As no second was received, the motion was lost.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield, sec., Mrs. Danka) to hire the Antinozzi Associates Firm to work with the Committee membership on drawing the initial designs for the Chatfield School building project.

So moved.

Affirmative: Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Danka, Mr. Roy, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Baker, Mr. Catlin

Opposed: Mrs. Jachimowski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Coppola

Recused from voting: Mr. Smith

Upon completion of the voting for an architectural firm, Mr. Smith resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting. He asked if there were any volunteers from the membership who could meet with him and representatives of the Antinozzi Firm to draw up the terms of a working contract with this company. Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Kubik, pending availability, volunteered to do so.

Update on Funding Request

As word had been received during the meeting session that the municipal part of the Town's budget had been passed in the referendum that day, the Committee membership felt that another appeal should be made to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for further funding for completion of a demographic and land survey.

It was decided that representatives will go before the two municipal boards during their meetings in May.

Discussion/Action on Survey Bid

Mr. Smith informed the Committee membership that only one firm had bid for completing a demographic study for the Committee membership. The firm of Russ Haber Associates, Inc., of Port Washington, New York was the only bid received.

MOTION: (Mr. Thompson, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to award the demographic study bid to the Russ Haber Associates, Inc. of Port Washington, New York.

So moved.

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

Opposed: None.

Mr. Smith stated that he had received three bids from firms willing to complete the necessary land surveys for the Committee membership. It was decided that action on these bids would be tabled at this time until the Committee members have had an opportunity to approach the municipal boards for added funding for this purpose.

MOTION: (Mr. Catlin, sec., Mr. Roy) to table action on awarding any bid for a land survey study.

So moved.

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

Hearing nothing further:

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

So moved.

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

Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Eugene Coppola