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Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2015 @ 3:15 p.m. Town Hall, Norma Drummer Room

Members Present: Sean Walsh, Jay Hatfield, Theresa Conroy, Nicole Klarides-Ditria,
Bill Paecht

Members Not Present: Jack Liedke, Tim Sadick, Paul Sponheimer, Ed Strumello,
Paul Roy

Others Present: Rick Belden, Jim Galligan, Nafis & Young,

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 3:22 p.m.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment

A Call was made for public comment.

Public comment was then closed.

ITEM #4: Chairperson's comments

The graduation has been moved back to DeBarber Field. The decision was made by the First Selectman. They weren't going to be able to start digging on the field until Monday, so it would only be a few days difference. Project will resume on Thursday. This way some of the students and parents at the High School very happy.

Chairperson's comments were then closed.

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from May 21, 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from May 21, 2015 meeting.

Motion: Sean Walsh Second: Bill Paecht

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 1 – 0

Item number five is closed.

ITEM#6: Open bids for rubberized asphalt and make recommendation for Board of Selectmen

Bids were opened today for the rubberized asphalt. There was only one bidder. His bid was over \$360,000.00, which is way above the budget for the project. Mr. Galligan recommends that the committee rejects the bid. A couple alternates that he is looking into are rebidding it as it is, rebidding it as a spray, or bidding it as a latex surface, as previously discussed at the last meeting.

At this point, without moving forward on options, Mr. Galligan suggests making a motion to reject the bid.

Motion to Reject the rubberized asphalt bid.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Jay Hatfield

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

Mr. Hatfield asked if it would be rebid, or rebid with different options. Mr. Galligan said he would have it ready for Sunday. Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked that it be sent to the committee as well.

Theresa Conroy asked how much more that bid was than the budget allowed. Mr. Galligan responded that it was about \$100,000.00 more expensive. He said there are options. The structural spray system is less expensive and is a significant surface but not the full depth polyurethane system. But that is what Oxford went with. The other thing is the color red is \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00 less than the color blue. The urethane is different and coloring is different. When you go with blue, the urethane is more expensive and the coloring material is more expensive.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that at this point the committee might want to consider using red if it saves \$35,000.00. Mr. Walsh asked if there was another neutral color that was cheaper than red. Mr. Galligan said the issue with red is that they use an iron oxide and with all the other colors they have to use a different type of urethane color, and aerobic urethane vs. a hydronic urethane, which has a slight yellow hint to it. When you put the yellow tinted urethane on the red surface, it won't show up. But when you put it on the blue surface it turns it green. So they have to use a different urethane and a different material and that's where the extra cost comes in.

Ms. Conroy mentioned finding alternate funding sources, asking how long the project has out to put the track down. Mr. Galligan stated that right now the project is close to doing it during the break in the football schedule. For example, with the urethane system it can actually come in after a Friday night game and work Sunday through Thursday and be done at 4pm on Friday for a night game. The spray system cannot do that because they have to cover areas. Both take about 2-3 weeks but would be a significant savings in cost.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked where the committee is currently with remaining funds. Mr. Galligan stated that it hasn't changed since the last time he sent out information. The only thing he needs to get still is the cost for the filtration test, which is somewhere between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. Other than that most of the other elements have been established.

Mr. Hatfield asked regarding the rubberized asphalt, did it effect any of the other zones. Mr. Galligan stated it was all-inclusive in the first original bid with the turf.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked if either system would hold up the project at this point. Mr. Galligan responded that either system, when you rebid it, at that point you may be into the football season. But he doesn't know for sure yet because one bidder said their docket was full but now says one project could fall through and there might be an opening to fit Seymour in. There will be a better timeline once the bid comes back, pending the project still has the funds. Mr. Galligan has a letter typed up for the committee stating he recommends award to these people subject to funding and DEEP.

Item number six was then closed.

ITEM#7: Final approval of bleacher bid

Mr. Galligan stated that the last time the committee met he recommended the bleacher bid to E & D subject to the review of their product information as far as materials and supplies that they were using to build the bleachers. His investigation has revealed that there are several areas where product both doesn't meet the spec and in his opinion is inferior. So he feels that it's in the towns best interest to award the bid to Dant Clayton. He's spoken to counsel and sent a draft of a letter to him about what the conclusion was and why. He felt that the letter and the reasoning is fine and suggested that Mr. Galligan come to the committee with the letter that they award the project to Dant Clayton. He feels it is a better value.

He recommends making a motion to the Board of Selectmen to Award to Dant Clayton.

Motion for Final Approval of the Bleacher Bid for Dant Clayton to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Bill Paecht
Vote: 5- Yes 0- No

Sean Walsh has concerns as far as the information not being received in a timely fashion. Looking through the information he notices a lot of "and/or" and in no place does it say which they're choosing. For example, railings, round tubing, etc. He is hoping that in Mr. Galligan's paperwork he has all that finalized and not leaving it up to the contractor.

Mr. Galligan stated they have to submit that through shop drawing where he will then require them to use specific products. Mr. Walsh was concerned that would raise the final price but Mr. Galligan said it would not. Their price is their price no matter what you chose for materials. Mr. Galligan stated that if they submit equal to the specs then the committee has the opportunity then to say what does and does not meet the spec.

Nicole Klarides- Ditria asked why the "and/or" was even in there and not specifically listed what the project wants. Mr. Galligan replied that they are not designing each element and each bleacher has different heights, widths, etc. In some places one may be required. In some places other may be required. Once they submit their final design that will determine what will require to meet code.

Item number seven was then closed.

ITEM#8 Review invoices from project engineer

There were no invoices.

Item number eight was then closed.

ITEM#9 Committee member comments

Jay Hatfield: Would like a timeline on paper of what checkpoints of where the project is where they are going.

Bill Paecht: Would like to see financials on the progress report every month. Doesn't want to have to ask for it. Wants to know where the committee stands and how much is left. If there is an issue about going over, he wants to know early. Doesn't want to know the day it happens. Also, communication with Mr. Galligan has to improve. He wants the right answers. He shouldn't have to drive up there to make sure it's happening and being told it is but when he drives there it isn't anyone there but him. The field was given back to graduation and the committee has to stand by that and get the job done.

Sean Walsh: Would like to get the paperwork for review earlier.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Asked Mr. Galligan to email a total of the money spent so far to get a hard copy. Moving forward we need to dot all T's and I's. Need to make sure all vendor's are on top of their game. And regarding the "and/or" issue, no more mistakes can be made on the project. Thanked everyone for taking time out to meet at 3:15 pm. Moving graduation was a small sacrifice for the committee and made a lot of other people happy.

Theresa Conroy: Glad the town and schools were able to work out tomorrow's graduation.

Item nine was then closed.

ITEM #10: Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m. Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Theresa Conroy Vote: 5–Yes 0 No 0–Abstain

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Chernesky