

**TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
MIDDLE SCHOOL CONVERSION COMMITTEE
December 13, 2010
REGULAR MEETING
Adopted December 27, 2010**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the East Haddam Middle School Conversion Committee was called to order by Mrs. Malavasi on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:05 p.m. at the Town Annex.

Present: Mary Jane Malavasi, Sharon Wheeler, Chuck Smith, Elizabeth Dillon, Melissa Ziobron and Ed Blaschik.

Others Present: Wyley Peckham and Ruth Ziobron.

Absent: Craig Mansfield, Jim Ventres, Patricia Stricker, David Nelson, Alan Hanks, Paul Maxwell and First Selectman Mark Walter.

Minutes – Approval of minutes

Motion by Mrs. Ziobron to approve the public hearing meeting minutes of November 10, amended. Second by Ms. Wheeler and unanimously passed.

-Spelling and grammar errors.

-Page 2, 3rd paragraph, 2nd line, strike “did not take into consideration current operating expenses at the town offices” and replace with “assumed nothing else was being done to the town offices other than normal routine maintenance.”

-Page 3, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line, strike “recommendations” and replace with “presentation”.

-Page 3, 2nd paragraph, strike “(170 families which can’t afford school lunch)” and replace with “(1 in 14 families can’t afford school lunches. 170 families are being fed by the food bank)”

-Page 3, 2nd paragraph, 3rd to last paragraph, strike “Board of” and after “Education, insert “of our children”, after “Security” insert “of our citizens”.

-Page 3, 3rd paragraph, 2nd line, strike “committee” and replace with “public”;

-Page 7, strike 4th paragraph, and replace with “A citizen asked if there were deed restrictions with the property. Mrs. Malavasi replied the restrictions were with the Ray section of the property. Richard Parker briefly described the deed. There would be no restrictions provided it was municipal use or non-profit and if sold, the Ray Board would expect to receive the proceeds.”

-Page 4, last paragraph, after “incorrectly” add “by Silver/Petrucelli and Associates.”

-Page 6, 7th paragraph, last line, strike “boxes” and replace with “services”.

Mrs. Ziobron noted there were qualifications for reduced school lunch vouchers.

Motion by Mrs. Ziobron to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 22nd as amended. Second by Mr. Smith and unanimously passed.

- Spelling and grammatical errors.
- Page 4, last paragraph, 3rd line, after “ramps” add “by placing parking and using the former main entrance to the building on the Plains Road side of the building.”
- Page 5, 2nd paragraph, 4th line, strike “for free because there was no more money to spend. Mrs. Ziobron questioned Newfield” and replace with “without a contract and”.
- Page 5, 4th paragraph, 4th line, after “projects” insert “in the reserve fund”
- Page 6, 3rd paragraph, 3rd sentence, after “be” insert “at”.

Motion by Ms. Wheeler to approve the special meeting minutes of December 6, 2010 as amended. Second by Mrs. Ziobron and unanimously passed.

- Page 3, 2nd paragraph, first line, strike “schematic” and replace with “final”
 - Attach Newfield’s Construction Value Engineering Recommendations to the meeting minutes.
 - Page 1, 2nd to last paragraph, 2nd line, strike “with programming options” and replace with “that the option did not incorporate programming.” 2nd to last line, strike “as a second referendum question” and replace with “and garage as a possible 2nd or 3rd referendum question.”
 - Spelling or grammar errors.
 - Page 2, 2nd paragraph, 5th line, strike “the costs not be associated with the project” and replace with “the BOS further investigate this issue.”
 - Page 3, 1st paragraph, 7th line, before “Financial” add “proposed” and strike “and questioned if the committee wanted to wait or make a recommendation.”
 - Page 3, 2nd paragraph, 6th line, after “stated” insert “she believed” after “and” insert “she believed”, after “jeopardize, strike “a” and insert “the future of a”, after “school” insert “She further stated that she was concerned that this may be their only shot in the near future of reuse of this building, supporting significantly less expensive alternatives would have a much better chance of passing at referendum.” And strike “Mr. Blaschik stated he did not agree. Mrs. Malavasi stated the committee did not agree with Option #5 as the only option.”

Correspondence

Mrs. Malavasi reviewed a letter written by First Selectman Walter dated December 3, 2010 to Newfield Construction stating that the contract between Newfield Construction and the town will not be executed until it is clear what should be built. Chuck Smith commented that it was not good business for the town not to execute a contract that had been awarded. This letter is filed at the Selectman’s office.

Invoice Approval

Committee members discussed Invoice #10-1334 in the amount of \$2,008.60 dated 12/1/10.

Motion by Mrs. Ziobron to table invoice #10-1334 dated 12/1/10 until committee members hear from Silver/Petrucelli regarding the final bid plans including FF & E. Second by Ms. Wheeler and unanimously passed.

Public Comment

There was none.

Chairman's Report

Committee members agreed to wait to put next year's budget together.

Motion by Mrs. Ziobron to approve the 2011 regular meeting schedule of the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Town Annex with the exception of October 11th and December 26th which would be on Tuesdays. Second by Mr. Smith and unanimously passed.

Mr. Mansfield will file the MSCC 2011 Meeting Schedule with the Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report

First Selectman Walter was unavailable to report.

Engineers' Report

Mr. Stein was unavailable to report.

Construction Manager

Newfield Construction was unavailable to report.

Discussion/Preparation of Presentation for BOS

Mrs. Malavasi stated she would be brief in her comments to the BOS and would use information from prior presentations made to the public in her presentation to the board.” Mrs. Ziobron stated she would not attend this meeting because she voted no for Option #1. Mrs. Malavasi stated she would have championed what ever project the committee had chosen and that she hoped that the whole committee would do the same. Mrs. Ziobron stated she would try, but it wasn't easy. Mrs. Ziobron informed committee members that there may be a petition by town's people to bring the project to town meeting/referendum. Mrs. Ziobron requested if a committee member were to write a letter to the editor to send a courtesy copy to the committee. Mr. Blaschik commented that he was confident the committee had chosen to bring the project to the Board of Selectman that fulfilled the committee's charge and is in the best interest of the town. Mr. Blaschik stated that he would not start a petition but would sign one in favor of a

referendum should one be presented. Mr. Blaschik stated that the committee had spent three years on this recommendation and while it was not the price the committee had hoped, it was important for the voters to determine how to proceed and that the selection should not be left to a select few.”

Mrs. Malavasi stated she was proud of the committee’s work.

Public Comment

There was none.

Next Meeting Date – Selectman’s Meeting – 12/15/10 7PM ANNEX and Regular Meeting December 27, 2010

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Ziobron to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Second by Ms. Wheeler and unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted;

E. Ruth Ziobron
Recording Secretary