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## **Building Committee Minutes 10/5/2010**

TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
MINUTES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 5, 2010

PRESENT: John Cole, William Shea, Robert Jefferson, Suzanne Robinson, Mark Miano, Rob Juusola

ABSENT: Brian Sullivan, Jeff Thielman, Michael Boujoulian

GUESTS: Jeff Shaw - D & S  
Eric Ammondson - Ammondson Architects  
Jay Farquharson - Castagna Construction  
Captain Flynn - Police Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **Highland Fire Station**

Chief Jefferson obtained quotes to reline the sewer pipe, 10 feet from the building to the trunk sewer in Massachusetts Ave. The committee unanimously accepted the quote from Bluewater of Leominster, MA for \$6,500.00.

The following invoices have been approved:

Castagna Req #3 for \$118,448.28  
Grey bill invoice from Chief Jefferson for \$1,092.70.

### **Central Station**

The following invoices have been approved:

Castagna Req #3 - \$52,580.31

### **Community Safety**

Eric Ammondson gave the committee an update on the progress of the waterproofing. The Committee gave John Cole the authority to enter into an agreement with Ammondson for water leakage investigation for Phase 2 of the Community Safety Building, with a limit of \$40,000.

The following invoices have been approved:

Chapman Waterproofing – \$84,402.00

### **Stratton School**

The following invoices have been approved:

Federal Construction invoice #4 for \$29,248.60

In addition the committee agreed to pay Turowski2 Architects \$1,080.00 to investigate the building code revision #8 and its effect on Phase 2 of the Stratton Project.

### **Minutes from Donham & Sweeney:**

Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Fire Chief to arrange for relining the existing sewer connection in the amount of \$6,500.

J Farquharson gave an update on the project status: Demolition almost complete. Masonry work is almost complete at the Highland Station and has started at Central. New foundations to begin shortly as will the apparatus slab. Slate and copper roofing underway at Highland Station. Castagna stated that the Central station work should be complete by the end of December. Highland station is 3 weeks behind schedule but Castagna believes they can make up the time. They will submit an updated schedule tomorrow and a masonry & roofing logistics plan by the end of the week.

The committee expressed concerns about the projects ability to receive LEED designation after completion. Castagna distributed a draft LEED plan at the meeting. S Robinson stated that the plan did not address project specific items on most credits which are a crucial to ultimately obtaining LEED certification and essential to running a successful LEED project during construction. In addition the contractor must go through all of the calculations and requirements ahead of time to be sure that their plan will work. S Robinson stated that in her experience even contractors very familiar with LEED work would not venture into the construction portion of the work without a complete plan. The committee directed Castagna to come back in 2 weeks with the completed LEED plan. Project team will begin holding a weekly LEED meeting after the project meeting to review the status of completing the LEED plan and, once complete, the status of the projects' LEED compliance.

### **Notes from Ammondson Architects:**

1. Status of ACSB Phase 1 Plaza Waterproofing project. Mr. Ammondson provided marked up copies of the Chapman schedule from 9/27/10 showing work items that have been completed, that are underway and items that were scheduled to have started but have not begun. Mr. Ammondson (EA) also provided Chapman's updated scheduled dated 10/5/10 with a completion date of 11/23/10. EA noted that Chapman has not yet submitted a change order to extend the time to 11/23/10. The PTBC has already informally accepted this contract extension. The project progress has stalled over the past 2 weeks due to ongoing rain. Chapman estimated another 5 days of work on the p[plaza before the plaza is considered watertight. Some electrical work has begun in the garage and the demolition in the firing range area is largely completed. Mr. Flynn noted that the only leakage observed below the garage is at the base of the stairs to the Community Safety Building entrance off of the plaza where the waterproofing has not been completed.

2. Ponding of water on the plaza. EA noted that Chapman performed a level survey and the areas of standing water are within the tolerances established by SGH. Mr. Shea suggested adding additional drains to minimize any standing water. EA to review this issue with SGH and respond.

3. Contractor's Application for Payment #3. The Application for Payment # 3 was signed by Mr. Ammondson and unanimously approved by the PBTC in the amount of \$84,402.00.

4. ACSB Phase 2. Mr. Ammondson presented Contract Amendment 3 in the amount of \$60,990.00 for a not to exceed proposal for additional exterior envelope testing by SGH. We discussed the scope of services and fee. The PTBC directed Mr. Ammondson to provide a revised proposal that only tests assemblies that we do not already know will be

replaced. Items that should not be tested include roofing and skylights. The PTBC gave J. Cole the authority to approve a revised proposal of NTE \$40,000.

5. APD requested additional work. R. Flynn noted that pricing for the weapons storage shelving system is ongoing. J. Cole noted that the PTBC does not want to spend any money to paint the garage as they feel it will be an ongoing maintenance issue.

Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Shea