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Building Committee Minutes 06-18-2002

REGULAR MEETING PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE JUNE 18, 2002

PRESENT: John Cole, Chairman Thomas Caccavaro
 William Shea, Vice Chairman Charles Stretton

ABSENT: Richard Bento Robert Juusola
 Kathleen Donovan Suzanne Owayda
 Philip Farrington

PARTICIPANTS: Stefan Chaires, DRA
 Dick Madonia, Project Manager
 David Kale, Arlington Public Schools

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

Please note the absence of a quorum. This meeting will be reconvened tomorrow evening when a quorum will be available to approve several construction invoices.

PEIRCE SCHOOL UPDATE – D. MADONIA/T. CACCAVARO

- Mr. Madonia reported on construction progress at the Peirce. Castagna Construction is still shooting for a substantial completion date of July 15th for the classroom section and the middle of August for the lower portion of the building. Planting will be done the end of August.
- Mr. Caccavaro reported a problem with the installation of two water and oil separator tanks. The first tank was installed, and (due to ledge) there has been a problem installing the second tank. DPW requested that these tanks be installed. Mr. Caccavaro, however, questioned the need as none were installed in any of the other school building sites. At Mr. Cole's request, Mr. Caccavaro will speak directly to Richard Bento about the issue. It was the committee's strong recommendation to abandon the second tank.
- The wall that runs along the edge of the play area was examined by Mr. Caccavaro. It was his recommendation that the cracks be filled in by the mason.
- The Superintendent of Schools will assume financial responsibility for the Peirce School sign (\$6,000.).
- According to Mr. Caccavaro, the Parks Commission does not want to do the ball wall but will go along with the committee on its decision with regard to the wall and the fence.
- In a recent phone call to Mr. Cole, Owen Beenhouwer (DRA) recommended that the committee should not agree to a partial acceptance of the building. Mr. Cole noted that the committee would only recognize "substantial completion" as defined by the contract.
- Peirce abutter, Mr. Weinstein, was instructed by Mr. Caccavaro to speak to Dick Madonia about the cracks to his foundation as a result of the construction and the procedure to have those cracks repaired.

PEIRCE CHANGE ORDER/REQUISITION/INVOICE

- The committee reviewed and signed Change Order No. 5 (\$11,322.36 – approved at the meeting of June 4th).
- Castagna Construction Pay Requisition No. 10 was reviewed (\$821,469.29) but not approved this evening due to the lack of a quorum.
- One of the top three sub-filed bidders, Griffin, has requested certified payroll information and copies of pay applications under the Freedom of Information Act. Caryn Cove will provide that information.

REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

- The Chairman gave the same report to Town Meeting as drafted several weeks ago. The articles will be voted tomorrow evening.

HARDY SCHOOL CLOSE-OUT ISSUES

- ICON has submitted draft documents for the repair of the lintels and parapets at the Hardy which the committee reviewed this evening. It will be advertised in the Central Registry next week. The architect is proposing a two-week bid period and will get the numbers back to the committee by mid-July. Mr. Stretton will review the specifications and will ask Richard O'Dwyer for an alternate.
- Gym Floor – According to Mr. Madonia, there may be additional problems with the floor due to spaces between the wood slats that are wider than they should be.

STRATTON & THOMPSON RFP REVIEW

- Because Mr. Juusola was not present this evening, review of the Stratton and Thompson RFP's will be postponed until the next meeting.
- According to an email from Suzanne Owayda received by Mr. Cole today, the issue of the program for the Behavioral Intervention Program students has been referred to a School Committee subcommittee. Their report is due the first week of September. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

PARK CIRCLE FIRE STATION

- A copy of the final report on the town's fire facilities was distributed to the committee (copies will be sent to those members not present). Mr. Juusola will use the information in that report to prepare a Request for Proposals for the Park Circle station. It will be advertised immediately as there are serious structural issues in the existing building.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Shea will draft a letter from the committee to former member, Mr. Martin Thrope, to thank him for his services on the PTBC.
- Mr. Shea will attend a meeting in Attorney Peloquin's office on Thursday regarding N. E. Piping.
- The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Carroll