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Building Committee Minutes 05-01-2001

PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001

PRESENT: John Cole, Chairman Kathleen Donovan
 William Shea, Vice Chairman Philip Farrington
 Richard Bento Martin Thrope
 Thomas Caccavaro

ABSENT: Robert Juusola Charles Stretton

PARTICIPANTS: Dick Madonia, Project Manager
 John Britt, Arlington Public Schools

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

HARDY UPDATE – D. MADONIA

- Mr. Madonia reported that the Hardy job was going well.
- The contractor has not yet received the final drawing from the site work company for the landscaping. Mr. Cole will contact the architect with regard to that issue.
- It was noted that a neighbor called Mr. Madonia to complain about the dust and dirt to his property as a result of the construction. The Public Works Department was asked to send the sweeper to that area.
- The list of additional expenditures (casework, additional painting, equipment storage, principal's window, threshold, gym padding, bathroom floor work) was reviewed. Mr. Madonia requested that the committee make a decision this evening on the architect's recommendation to locate the equipment storage room inside the building. Due to the budget shortfall, the committee was reluctant to consider any additional expenditures at this time until a firm number is determined to do the landscaping.
- There was a review of the list of critical items (submitted to the committee by the contractor at its last meeting) to be considered for exclusion from the incentive agreement between the town and Bonfatti. The list of 23 items has been reduced to 7 items. Of the remaining 7 items only the site work for the landscaping and the janitor's storage room were considered to be major issues. Mr. Madonia will continue to negotiate with the contractor.

HARDY FURNITURE BID

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Bento, it was **VOTED to approve the phase 1 furniture bid award as submitted by Tavares Design Associates in the amount of \$351,512.43.** ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

ICON INVOICE

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Shea and seconded by Ms. Donovan, it was **VOTED to approve ICON Architectural invoice for additional services as per the letter dated January 16, 2001 in the amount of \$37,309.00 and for additional services as per the letter dated March 17, 2001 in the amount of \$27,175.00.** ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

PEIRCE SCHOOL UPDATE

- Bids were received for the Peirce last Wednesday. There was a delay of a week in the bidding process due to a "glitch" in the architect's office in updating the general contract. The apparent low bid was \$8,505,000 for a total project cost of \$10,105,000 (2.6 million dollars over the original budget as submitted to the School Building Assistance Bureau).

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Thrope, it was **VOTED to accept the Chairman's recommendation to award the Peirce School bid to G & K Construction and to include alternate no. 1 (play equipment).** ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous

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- Mr. Farrington questioned whether at a later date, if funds became available, alternates no. 2-5 could be done. (At that time, the low bidder would not be bound by his bid submittal. If CDBG money became available, that would be a separate issue.)
- According to the Chairman, two protests have been filed. One protest claimed that the low bidder had inadequate bonding capacity. Mr. Rittenburg of DRA has been in touch with John Maher who has contacted the Assistant Attorney General as well as outside counsel. Mr. Cole reports that it seems likely that the protest will be upheld, but there is no final decision from the state at this time. There have also been some protests from the filed subcontractors.
- The Town Meeting presentation scheduled for tomorrow evening on the Peirce project was reviewed. The town is seeking 2.6 million dollars in additional funding for the Peirce. There is a question of how much of the overage will be reimbursed by the state. The town has applied for a waiver of the reimbursable amount of 1.4 million dollars. The Finance Committee is concerned about funding for the remaining three schools. Last evening, the School Committee voted to support the shortfall for the Peirce project.
- Mr. Caccavaro reported that all materials for the building permit had been submitted as of Monday, and it should be received by June 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Carroll