

Penfield Pavilion Building Committee
Monday, November 28, 2011
Sullivan Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road
Fairfield, Connecticut 06824 USA

Final Minutes

Present: Chair J. Gallagher, Ken Jones, Kathy Griffin, Ellery Plotkin, John Convertito,
Al Kelly, Linda Cote Crowley

Absent: J. Pesci, Mike Galle

Others: Rich White, Craig Wiles, George Wiles, Ann and Dave Farrington, Allen Hales, D. J. Smith,
Kathy Niznansky, Flood and Erosion Chair Rick Grauer

1. Call To Order

Chair Jim Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

2. Review And Approval of Minutes

E. Plotkin *Moved* and K. Griffin *Seconded* to Approve the Minutes of 6/27/11, 7/19/11 and 8/23/11.
Motion Approved Unanimously.

3. Project Status Report

R. White said that the Penfield Pavilion Project is complete. There are minor problems with the heating to the outdoor bathrooms. It was brought to R. White's attention that these bathrooms have been locked. R. White said he would investigate this.

4. Storm Damage Report

R. White said that there was some skirt damage and damage to a few decking boards. He said they made a claim to FEMA. FEMA will pay back 75 cents on the dollar. R. White said that DPW has installed a temporary berm made out of Jersey Barriers. This is tied into the two existing berms and it provides protection up to Flood Elevation 12. R. White said that he has requested \$150,000 - \$200,000 to install plastic sheeting which will be driven into the sand to replace the skirt which will act as a backup. R. White said that he submitted a FEMA Mitigation Grant and a STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) Grant. He said the stairs and ramps are at risk because they are exposed to the waves. He is thinking of ways to pin and remove them. L. Crowley asked about the Lifeguard Stands and why they are not picked up after the summer season ends. R. White said that the Lifeguard Stands are buried in the sand but he will remove them now and in the future. K. Griffin asked about the landscaping that was washed away – who replaced them and at whose expense. R. White said that the landscaping was done at DPW's expense.

Chair J. Gallagher opened up the discussion to Public Comment.

Allen Hale, 239 Edward Street, Fairfield. A. Hale thanked R. White for the temporary berms, and asked if the existing berms could be upgraded to a natural substance like wood instead of replaced.

Kathy Niznansky, 619 Penfield Road, Fairfield. K. Niznansky said that she never had any claims before the Pavilion was erected. She asked if this was going to happen again. She said she received no compensation.

D. J. Smith, 612 Penfield Road, Fairfield. D.J. Smith asked if the water were to come back again, could the ponding be removed quickly from the neighbors' meadow marsh in their backyards.

Chair J. Gallagher closed Public Comment.

Chair J. Gallagher said that the Committee's responsibility is the building. He said the new building is better constructed than the old building. He said that we were not flooded before because we did not have these types of storms. This was an anomaly. He explained that the Lifeguard Chair was blown into the skirt and damaged it when the water forced it way underneath the deck. The temp barriers are as high as the deck. Chair J. Gallagher reopened the discussion to Public Comment.

Dave Farrington, 641 Penfield Road, Fairfield. D. Farrington said that a roaring river came down the east side and through a hole under the handicap ramp. He said that the water came roaring down the west side and made a hole underneath the handicap ramp. D. Farrington said three roaring rivers came through there. Chair J. Gallagher closed Public Comment.

R. White said the sheeting will provide better protection. He is still looking at ways to create drains and to excavate the marsh in order to remove the water.

On behalf of the PBC, L. Crowley thanked Flood and Erosion Chair Rick Grauer and his committee for meeting with Public Works Director Rich White and the beach residents affected by Tropical Storm Irene during the last few months when our meetings were cancelled. Chair R. Grauer stated that he is working with R. White, DPW, and beach area residents checking for operable drainage and unclogging pipes in order to improve the flow of water away from residents' homes and into the Long Island Sound shoreline.

5. Change Orders/ Invoice Review

R. White is refining the change orders. E. Plotkin *Moved* and L. Crowley *Seconded* to Authorize Chair J. Gallagher to meet with R. White to agree on the payment of Change Orders already Approved to the extent of \$210,000 or 95% of the remaining budget funds whichever is less. *Motion Approved Unanimously.*

6. Election of Officers

A. Kelly *Moved* and J. Convertito *Seconded* J. Gallagher as Chair. *Motion Approved Unanimously.*
A. Kelly *Moved* and J. Convertito *Seconded* M. Galle as Vice Chair. *Motion Approved Unanimously.*
A. Kelly *Moved* and J. Convertito *Seconded* L. Crowley as Secretary. *Motion Approved Unanimously.*

7. 2012 Calendar

Chair J. Gallagher said that meetings would continue on Mondays.

8. New Business

K. Griffin said that the bead boards are not in good shape.

9. Public Comment

No further Public Comment.

10. Adjourn

A. Kelly *Moved* and J. Convertito *Seconded* that the Meeting Adjourn at 7 p.m. *Motion Approved Unanimously.* There will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 28, at 6:30 PM in the Parks and Recreation Building. The next regular PBC meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:30 PM in Sullivan Independence Hall, Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cote Crowley, Secretary
Ellen Marks, Recording Secretary