

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011**

**5:30 pm**

**First Floor Conference Room**

**Independence Hall**

### **FINAL MINUTES**

Members Present: Richard Speciale, Miriam Frank, Al Kelly, Gerard Keough, Pam Iacono

Members Absent: Len Amato, Mike Giaquinto

Others Present: Judy Ewing, Sal Morabito, Tom Cullen, George Wiles, Hilary Plessner, Eileen Roxbee, Sherri Steeneck, Doreen Herron, Ty Tregellas, John Convertito

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Richard Speciale called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

#### **II. Update by Architect**

After Mr. Speciale gave the Committee handouts on a conceptual estimate, architect George Wiles noted that the Security and Additional Teaching Space Addition and the Security and Additional Teaching Space Renovation go together and splitting them would impact the educational program.

#### **III. Discussion on Consideration of Approval for Construction Budget and Bond Appropriation Funding**

The Committee reviewed two sets of costs estimates prepared by Turner Construction estimators. The first Executive Summary included five categories of construction work which totaled \$1,693,000 and \$464,700 for soft costs. The second Executive Summary included three categories of major construction work with modifications for the teaching space and no minor renovations or code upgrades for a total of \$1,693,000 with the soft costs at \$464,700. It was noted that \$200,000 of the soft costs were for Project Contingency/Construction Contingency. The committee agreed that this amount belonged with the construction costs. The soft cost total was then reduced to \$264,700.

Principal Eileen Roxbee suggested the BOS remove soft costs from the Charge. Jerry Keough reread First Selectman Ken Flatto's memo that the Committee had received at the last meeting and Mr. Keough noted that Mr. Flatto indicated that if the Committee felt it necessary to ask for any supplemental funding need that is beyond the total limit of the Charge then he would consider that. After much discussion and concern expressed by the Committee that they provide a quality project they decided that they would write a letter to the First Selectman asking that the Board of Selectmen revise the Charge to exclude the soft costs so that the necessary work could be done. The Committee discussed asking the BOS to remove soft costs from the funding request in the Charge and allow it to be a separate funding request. Pam Iacono asked what the total of the soft costs are. They total \$264,700. Mr. Wiles suggested the Committee ask for a funding request for Security and Additional Teaching Space Addition, the Security and Additional Teaching Space Renovation, the Kitchen Addition/Reno and Cafeteria Reno as and as much as it can get for the Classroom HVAC Improvements. Al Kelly said that the HVAC is very important and believes all of it should be funded.

Ms. Iacono suggested changing the Charge, asking for the above four items and soft costs. Mr. Kelly noted that FEMA allows for soft costs to be removed from the funding request. There was some discussion of not doing the Kitchen/Cafeteria work, but Pam Iacono said that from the very beginning the serving line issue had been a priority. Mr. Keough made a motion to present to the BOS a proposed budget for Sherman renovations that includes expenses as noted in columns 1, 2, 3, and 4 as attached that total \$2,179,700 which reflect \$264,700 of soft costs. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was not voted on and replaced with the following two motions: Mr. Kelly made a motion to go back to the Board of Selectmen to amend the Charge. Ms. Iacono seconded the motion which carried 5-0. Mr. Kelly made a motion for the Committee to request \$2,179,700 for the construction budget for Sherman School, provided the Charge is accepted by the BOS. Ms. Iacono seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

#### IV. Public Comment

Mrs. Roxbee thanked the Committee for asking for additional funding. Judy Ewing said that building committee guidelines indicate that if a Committee cannot meet its Charge, it can go back to the BOS. Mr. Speciale told the Committee that the BOS will meet on January 26, 2011 at 4:30 pm to vote on the SPBC's motions. He also said the next SPBC meeting is January 31, 2011.

#### V. Adjourn

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary