

Town of Colchester
WJMS Building Committee
Special Meeting
February 27, 2014 - 7:00 PM
WJMS Media Center

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Members Present: Thomas Tyler, Paul Picard, Joseph Ruiz, Irene Maisbenden, Joseph DeLucia, Anthony Tarnowski, Steve Wells

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Principal Chris Bennett, Asst. Principal Jennifer Olsen, Board of Education Chairman Ron Goldstein, Director of Facilities Ken Jackson, Board of Education Liaison Brad Bernier, First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Board of Education Vice Chair Don Kennedy, Board of Education Member Michael Voiland, Bacon Academy Civic Students, Citizens: Tamara Dimitri, Jessica Trusz

1. **Call to order:** Chairman Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **Additions to Agenda:** None

3. **Citizens Comments:** K. Jackson thanked the committee for coming back and welcomed Steve Wells.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** None

5. **Discussion on Revised School Only Project** – The scope was reviewed. J. DeLucia expressed his dissatisfaction with a youth center not being included in the scope for the school. He asked if the scope could be changed to include one as well as if it could be changed to include Board of Education offices moved to the project location. First Selectman Schuster said that while it had not been discussed, the scope would allow for Board of Education offices to be moved. If the Building Committee felt strongly that a youth center should be included they could ask for a waiver from the BOE and BOS.

a) **Timeline** – Chairman Tyler asked when the town was looking to go to referendum on the project. He also questioned what needs to be revised, such as Ed. Specs and enrollment data. He also said being given a budget would be helpful. It was agreed June 2015 would be used as the goal to submit project to state. First Selectman Schuster suggested a possible late January or February 2015 date for referendum. Principal Bennett said that programmatically the Ed. Specs would not have changed much. Updated enrollment numbers will need to be looked at

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and could change the determined square footages allowed by the state for reimbursement. Some decline in enrollment had already been taken into consideration when eliminating rooms from the previous project.

- b) **Milestones** – Chairman Tyler asked First Selectman Schuster to identify some of the milestones. First Selectman Schuster responded by saying first he believes the committee needs to be given a budget. He will continue to think about other milestones. D. Kennedy suggested updates on estimates be given periodically.
- c) **Communication** - Will be discussed more thoroughly at the next meeting. The public needs to have a better understanding of the project than they did last time.
- d) **Architect** - There was discussion as to whether the same architect could be used under the current contract or if the project would need to go back out to bid now that the scope has changed. K. Jackson will check with the state as to the policy and procedure for this. The committee has not yet made a decision as to how they would like to proceed with the architect.
- e) **Next Steps** – At the next meeting the committee will discuss general concepts of the project, how to proceed with architect, and communication

6. **Committee Vacancies:** Pam Scheibelein chose not to continue on the committee and has been replaced by Steve Wells.

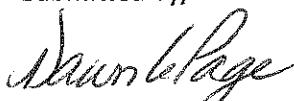
7. **Future Meeting Dates:** T. Tarnowski motioned to set meeting dates as the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, with acceptations for any holidays, for the remainder of 2014. The motion was seconded by J. Ruiz. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dates will be as followed: 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 12/11.

8. **Citizens Comments:** T. Dimitri commented that a budget should be set for community outreach and public relations of the project if needed. Principal Bennett, on behalf of WJMS, thanked the committee for returning and welcomed Steve. R. Goldstein, on behalf of BOE, expressed thanks to the committee as well.

9. **Adjournment:** J. Ruiz motioned to adjourn, seconded by P. Picard. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Tyler adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by,


Dawn LePage, Clerk