

Town of Colchester
WJJMS Building Committee
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**Amended
Minutes**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tecton Architect Barbara Joslin; Board of Finance Chairman Rob Tarlov; Board of Education Liaison Brad Bernier, Citizens: Tamara Dimitri

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m..
2. **Citizen's Comments:** None
 - a. **Town Email:** An email was received from Ryan Blessing of the Norwich Bulletin looking for information and a tour of the school. K. Jackson referred him to the town website for information and to Chris Bennett for the tour. A citizen sent an email pertaining more to capital and was forwarded to Superintendent Mathieu.
3. **Approval of Minutes – April 23, 2015:** J. Ruiz motioned to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015, seconded by P. Picard. Members voted in favor with I. Malsbenden, J. Ruiz, and S. Wells abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Review and Approval of architect invoice:** A. Tarnowski motioned to approve to pay Tecton invoice #36754, dated April 30, 2015, in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by I. Malsbenden. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Payment of this invoice will complete what is owed to Tecton.
5. **Update on Bureau of School Facilities communication:** No new communication. Three different applications will need to be filed for the project; school, gym, and pupil services areas. Tecton has begun working on parts of the application that can be completed prior to referendum.
6. **Discussion on project brochure & distribution:** Members can no longer distribute the brochures previously printed now that a referendum date has been set.
7. **Discussion of mail communication:** Chairman Tyler continues to look into this and asked K. Jackson to assist him with the matter.

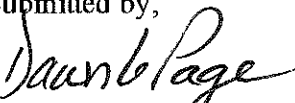
**J. DeLucia arrived at this time.

8. **Discussion of other presentation & tour dates:** Saturday presentation and tour dates have been better attended than ones during the week. Additional presentations and tours were scheduled for Thursday, June 11th at 6:00p.m. and Saturday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m and 2:00 p.m.. P. Picard distributed pamphlets to the Lion's Club. The possibility of setting up a tent at the Memorial Day

parade was discussed and will depend on availability of people to staff the tent. Boards and any pamphlets need to be changed and approved.

9. **Discussion on communication/social media:** Any links to videos, previously distributed material, or boards must be removed from sites. Tour and meeting dates should continue to be publicized.
10. **Citizen's Comments:** R. Tarlov said the biggest thing he hears is people saying that the town cannot afford the project. The message that a "no vote" is not a "do nothing vote" needs to be communicated. . Something needs to be done either way. Even if the cost of "repair only" was spread out over 10 years, as previously outlined by Tecton, the town cannot afford to pay for it without bonding. Spreading out the repairs will also involve many years of disruption to students. B. Bernier commented he will be reaching out over the next couple weeks for letters to the papers supporting the project and for budget.
11. **Adjournment:** P. Picard motioned to adjourn, seconded by I. Malsbenden. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Tyler adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. .

Submitted by,



Dawn LePage, Clerk