

EAST WINDSOR BUILDING COMMITTEE
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

DISCUSSION - August 12, 2013 Special Meeting

I. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall meeting room, 11 Rye Street, East Windsor, CT.

II. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Al Rodrigue, Jim Borrup and Tom Stremper. Also present were Richard Labrie, Board of Education representative; Denise Menard, First Selectman; and Len Norton, Town Engineer/Public Works Director.

An informal discussion took place with no motions or votes, as a quorum was not established.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. STATUS REPORT – BROAD BROOK MODULAR AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Richard Labrie, representing the Board of Education, distributed copies of the Capitol Region Education Council Architectural Selection Process for the East Windsor Broad Brook Project, along with copies of a proposed recommendation. Mr. Labrie explained that they have applied to the State for reimbursement and received the notification at the end of July that it was approved. He said the State requires them to go through a designer process. They did that through CREC. He said there was an RFQ and they received 4 proposals (Roy S. Brown/Dewright Design, Lawrence Associated, Amenta/Emma and Strong Design Assoc). He said they ranked the 4 proposals that they received. Mr. Labrie referred to the Architectural Selection Process which showed the rankings based on various categories. Mr. Labrie indicated that after reviewing all the categories and consulting the references, their recommendation is Roy S. Brown / Dewitt Design. He noted that Brown is in Massachusetts and Dewitt is in Connecticut.

Mr. Labrie indicated that once they get the design, the State has to approve the design and then they go to bid for the actual building of the classrooms. Mr. Rodrigue asked about the removal of the old modular classrooms. Mr. Labrie replied that the Board of Education has a contractual obligation to remove them at a cost of \$285,000. He said there will be 10 new classrooms in place of the 8 in front and there will be 4 in the playground area. There will be new furniture, fixtures,

equipment and windows. They will be permanent modulars on a concrete slab for a total of 14,400 sq. ft. of new construction.

Mr. Rodrigue asked about the time frame. Mr. Labrie said August 28th is the deadline for the CO for next year. They will start after school ends. He said the removal would be June 15 through June 30 and the new classrooms should arrive the following week.

Mr. Norton said he was disappointed that Lawrence Associates didn't fare better on the due diligence scoring. He said they have been a decent firm. He said that here we have a firm from Massachusetts and we take criticism for that even though we have nothing to do with it. They are the low bidder and had the better scoring. Mr. Rodrigue said he shares his opinion about going to another state. He said he has also worked with Lawrence.

Mr. Stremper noted that the next step is for us to approve the selection and approve the contract. It was felt that a special meeting should be scheduled as soon as possible. Mr. Labrie said the biggest concern is getting things moved through the State and getting this approved.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer
Recording Secretary