

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE PUBLIC BUILDING AND SITE COMMISSION.**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Building and Site Commission held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Reed Intermediate School. Chairman Robert Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Robert Mitchell, Anthony D'Angelo, Thomas Catalina, James Juliano, Peter Samoskevich, Joseph Borst, Thomas Hanlon, Roger Letso, Rick Matschke.

**Also Present:** Clerk of the Works William Knight, Geralyn Hoerauf and Mark DuPre from Diversified Project Management, Aaron Kruger from Consigli, and Julia McFadden from Svigals and Partners, one member of the public, and one member of the press.

Mr. Mitchell stated that since the retirement of former clerk, Ann Mazur, there has been some difficulty in getting agendas posted and invoices distributed. The agenda for this meeting was not posted; therefore, no motions and no executive session can be called. Another meeting will be scheduled next week to review the invoices received to date. This meeting will only be for discussion purposes.

**Sandy Hook Elementary School**

Mr. Kruger of Consigli gave an update on the status of construction.

- Footing and foundation walls are underway at both A & B wings.
- Steel will be delivered in April and construction of the walls will follow.
- Now that the winter is over, the sitework is moving quicker (retaining walls, foundations, digging trenches).
- On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the first photo shoot will occur. The Webcam should be operational at that time.

Mr. Kruger stated there are two change requests:

- CR002 – Sitework that was not purchased originally which includes canopy drainage, excavation/backfill for site electrical, water and site concrete. Cost is \$32,767.75.
- CR005 – Basement footing revisions made in response to the final DDC report. Scope includes revisions to footing in the elevator pit; over-excavation of unsuitable soils and replacement with crushed stone. Cost is \$14,817.52.

Ms. Hoerauf of DPM reported on several items:

Over the past month, the Town continued to negotiate with the property owner at 17 Riverside Road regarding the utility easement needed for guy wire anchoring at the corner of Sunnyview Terrace and Riverside Rd for relocated utility poles. Originally, the property owner requested compensation for the easement but delays in establishing a monetary amount were causing a delay in the project. In the meantime, Consigli met

again with Frontier and Eversource and the utility companies are now able to reposition the poles along Riverside Rd without the need for guy wires, eliminating the need for easements from 17 Riverside Rd.

BL Companies has submitted an additional services request for Construction Oversight for the Invasive Plant Removal and Wetlands Mitigation Plantings. These are services required under the Inland Wetlands permit issued by the Town, but not included in basic services for the project, as the extent of wetlands mitigation work was not known at the start of the project. Rob Sibley, Deputy Director of Planning and Land Use was consulted and felt that these services were the minimum that should be provided on the project.

The Newtown School District has requested a change to the layout of the Music Room. After lengthy review with school and district staff, it was evident that the previously approved layout was not the ideal arrangement of space. Additional design fees of approximately \$14,300 will be required to redesign the room and revise construction documents. An additional \$15,000 is anticipated to be requested as a construction change order to implement the changes.

### **Community Center**

Ms. Hoerauf summarized the activities:

- Community Information Sessions are being held and printed informational documents are being developed to communicate the intent and progress of the project.
- The referendum to accept the \$15 million grant from the GE Foundation is scheduled for April 28, 2015.

Board members agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Reed Intermediate School to approve invoices and hold an Executive Session.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco, Clerk