

Sutton School Building Committee

Regular Scheduled Mtg., Wednesday, 12/7/11, 7:00 PM
Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Present: W. Mead, K. Stuart, R. Raymond, D. Davis, M. Hopkins, T. Harrison,
J. Smith, R. Weaver.

Absent: G. Coulter, M. Jerz, M. Bailey, T. Friend

Guests: A. Minkus (SBS), T. Alix (SBS), E. Monahan (SBS)
D. McClelland (Flansburgh Assoc.), V. Dubé (Flansburgh Assoc.)

I. Minutes of previous meeting. Motion to approve by Jim Smith, second by Tim Harrison.
Vote to approve: 5-0-2

II. Finance Sub-Committee Update:

Alan Minkus listed several items reviewed by the Finance Sub-Committee, all related to demolition and the early phases of construction. These included:

- a) cost of removal of the old, previously unidentified, sewer vault and surrounding soil;
- b) a donation of sod for the athletic field but not of the installation cost;
- c) additional sanitary lines required by the relocation of the well house;
- d) additional buried service and drain lines found during excavation requiring relocation;
- e) installation of sidewalks and a fire lane for the modular structure;
- f) cost of removal of the two wooden sheds at the rear of the property that had not been included in the specification;
- g) a new transformer for the well house (as the site presently has a single phase power supply);
- h) anticipated costs associated with the RFI (requests for information) from the steel support manufacturer;
- i) utility costs for the modular structure (When construction of the modular structure was separated from the construction budget to accelerate that pre-construction requirement of the project, the related utility costs were not transferred. The costs have now been split between the construction budget and the School Department operating budget).

Alan commented that the exact costs for many of these items had not been determined but that approximate costs had been assigned for the committee to review. The costs of items such as these would be paid through the Contingency category of the construction budget, as anticipated when the budget was established. At present, it is estimated that approximately 10% of the Contingency category (approx. \$400,000.00) has been committed to these and similar items previously approved and reported.

III. Construction Update

Wendy Mead asked about diverting of water flow from rain and snow melt away from the modular structure and about hay bales being placed to contain silt.

Roger Raymond commented that temporary work had been done to improve the conditions. Further refinements are expected as the project proceeds. TLT has been requested to provide a proposal on these refinements and associated cost.

Alan Minkus next reviewed the Current Construction Topics/Issues on the 2 page update report dated 12/7/2011 prepared by SBS. A copy of that report was presented to all SSBC members present. Electronic copy of the report accompanies these meeting minutes.

Tim Alix then reviewed the topics of Construction Progress – Modular Classrooms and Construction Progress – HS/MS on that same update report. (For the record, demolition of the 1955 structure [most recently the Middle School] was completed by the end of November, 2011, except for a few concrete pads to be removed. Much of the masonry and concrete materials from this structure [sans asbestos] will be shredded and used for fill beneath the new driveway on the south side of the complex.)

Tim distributed and briefly reviewed the Two Week Construction Look Ahead prepared by TLT. The only significant change was to move the date of the grey water system tie-in from 12/10 to 12/17 to avoid a conflict with planned activity on the campus on the earlier date.

- IV. Wendy asked Jim Smith to present information on Shaw Farm, specifically as relates to the possibility of athletic fields on that property. Jim presented two maps of the property showing overlays of athletic fields for baseball/softball and for football/soccer/track & field activities. Jim stressed that these were only preliminary placements and that no decision had been reached by the Board of Selectmen on which, if either, would be presented to the town residents for comment and approval.

Jim commented on much of the property containing wetlands and vernal pools or the terrain being unsuitable for construction. The northern portion of the property (presently mostly open field area), which is the area closest to the school campus is best for athletic field placement. However, elevation changes in that area will factor into decisions on placement and size of fields. Jim also commented that other Sutton organizations, such as youth baseball/softball and youth soccer may be involved in discussions about development and use of the complex.

Specifically regarding the athletic fields, Ken Stuart noted the limited space available on the present school campus and that construction of fields on a portion of the Shaw Farm property is a viable alternative for consideration.

- V. Old/New Business

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Location to be determined.

- VI. Motion to adjourn made by Ken Stuart. Second by Roger Raymond. Motion passes unanimously. 7:44 PM.

Ross Weaver, Recording Secretary