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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Daniel J. Campbell, Michael Doyle, Robert K. Frink, Richard Monteiro and David Russell

Thursday, March 21, 2013

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Daniel J. Campbell, Michael Doyle, Robert K. Frink and David Russell
Members Absent: Richard Monteiro

Staff: William Robarge, Superintendent School Buildings & Grounds, GPS and Colleen Quattromani, Recorder.

Also present Kevin Trejo, School Facility Initiative Task Force.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) February 21, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Mr. Campbell to accept the meeting minutes of February 21, 2013 as written. The motion passed with one abstention by Mr. LaFrance.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

Mr. Russell told the PSBC about the Fitch Robotics Team 'Aluminum Falcons' win in the 2013 Regional First Robotics Competition. The Fitch High School team has now qualified for the National Championships.

Mr. Doyle, spoke with the PSBC about a Parks and Recreation CIP item for 2014 which addresses using the Merritt property for two multi purpose fields and two ballfields.

(b) Staff

Mr. Robarges detailed an email he sent to the PSBC about current BOE concerns including the CIP request for asbestos abatement at the Charles Barnum Elementary School and the latest on the Phase I security improvements for the Groton Schools. Mr. Robarge told the PSBC that he is not sure the asbestos abatement project for the Charles Barnum School will go through with this years budget and told the Committee that there would be no penalties from the State as the tiles are stable.

In discussions on the security updates for the Groton Schools, Mr. Robarge said that A&R Communications has begun work adding locks and door bells to the schools. Their focus will now turn to the door entry pieces which will allow school administrators to see and communicate with people who wish to enter the school and then admit them with a remote control. A security plan will be developed and then be reviewed by the State and security professionals.

Mr. Robarge told the Committee that there is a strong possibility that the Central Office may move to the Fitch Middle School building. He is working on determining the costs. Parks & Recreation is using section B of the building so the building would be used by multiple Town entities.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BOE PROJECTS

Mr. Robarge updated the Committee on the status of the Fitch High School Roof Replacement project. The new bid for the project should go out in the next week and should be well placed for a good response from contractors looking to line up work for the summer. With the transfer of funds left from CIP projects \$830,000 has been set aside for the roof replacement. The architect has already received 6 or 7 calls on the project. The project meets the State roof pitch requirements as the Town was unable to meet State qualifications for an exception.

Mr. Robarge will email the PSBC with the bid date and the PSBC has asked to see the specifications for the project. The PSBC will also be present for the review of the top three candidates for the job.

B. SCHOOL FACILITY INITIATIVE TASK FORCE

Chairman DeMatto told the PSBC that he expressed his frustration to the School Facility Initiative Task Force over the pace that Committee is taking in moving the Groton school building forward. For their homework following the last Task Force meeting each member interviewed six people from the Groton community about the School Building Phase I project. The residents were asked what they knew about the project and how they learned it. The answers are being reviewed to see how the Task Force may make Groton residents more informed in the next stage of Groton School development.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Roles & Responsibilities

On hold.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC will be the regular meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2013.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.