



Town of Groton - Public Works

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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Vice-Chairman W. Gordon Lange, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison, David Russell, and John Webster.

Thursday, March 19, 2009

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

Special Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Gordon Lange, Richard Monteiro, David Russell and John Webster

Members Absent: Robert J. Austin-LaFrance and Robert Morrison

Staff: Rick Norris, Project Manager - School Construction, Wes Greenleaf, Director of School Buildings and Grounds, GPS and Colleen Quattromani, Recorder.

Also present: Mark Oefinger, Town Manager, Catherine Kolnaski, Town Councilor and Paul Kadri, Superintendent of Schools, GPS.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33.

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

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) February 19, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Monteiro to accept the minutes of February 19, 2009 as written. The motion passed with one abstention by Vice-chairman Lange.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

None.

(b) Northeast Academy Elementary and Catherine Kolnaski Magnet Schools

Mr. Norris began his report to the PSBC with a review of his March 10th report to the Town Manager. The report included the project contingencies and expenditures as of March 10, 2009. The PSBC was told that the bond anticipation notes for the School Building Projects will be extended and that additional interest charges may be incurred. The Public Works Director meets with the Finance Director tomorrow to review the status of project funds. No additional purchases for the projects will be made and Mr. Norris will report back to the Committee on the status of project funds at the next meeting.

Mr. Norris then reviewed the outstanding issues for each elementary school and reviewed the contents of the Director of Public Works letter to the PSBC recommending that the Board of Education formally accept Northeast Academy Elementary School and Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School.

Chairman DeMatto added a comment to the discussion noting that there has been tremendous cooperation within the Project Team in bringing the projects to completion. The PSBC also thanked Mr. Monteiro for his assistance on the stage lighting for the elementary schools.

1) Resolution to accept Northeast Academy Elementary School.

Following the review of the status of the Northeast Academy Elementary School project a motion was made by Vice-chairman Lange and seconded by Mr. Webster to recommend a resolution to the Board of Education to accept the new elementary school. The Resolution read

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Groton authorized bonding for \$20,800,000 in a referendum on April 27, 2004 to construct Northeast Academy Elementary School (State Project Number 059-179); and

WHEREAS, the building was substantially completed on January 3, 2008 and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued by the Town Building Official on January 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the building and grounds have ben occupied, maintained, and operated by the Groton Public Schools since opening the school on January 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works in his letter of March 17, 2009 to the Permanent School Building Committee reports that the project has been completed, with those exceptions noted in his letter, and recommends to the Committee for acceptance by the Board of Education;

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Permanent School Building Committee recommends that the Board of Education formally accept Northeast Academy Elementary School.

The motion carried unanimously.

2) Resolution to accept Catherine Kolnaski Elementary School

Following the review of the Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School project a motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Monteiro to recommend a resolution to the Board of Education to accept the new elementary school. The Resolution read

WHEREAS, the voters of the Town of Groton authorized bonding for \$26,100,000 in a referendum on April 27, 2004 to construct Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School (State Project Number 059-168); and

WHEREAS, the building was substantially completed on January 3, 2008 and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued by the Town Building Official on January 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the building and grounds have ben occupied, maintained, and operated by the Groton Public Schools since opening the school on January 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works in his letter of March 17, 2009 to the Permanent School Building Committee reports that the project has been completed, with those exceptions noted in his letter, and recommends to the Committee for acceptance by the Board of Education;

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Permanent School Building Committee recommends that the Board of Education formally accept Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School.

The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Fitch High School

Mr. Norris then moved onto the Fitch High School Project. The final Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Official is pending the receipt of the Statement of Final Inspections and Certificate of Substantial Completion from the architect. The greenhouse is complete with the exception of the sink which is to be installed March 23rd. Landscaping will be completed this Spring. Public Works will adjust catch basins in the new parking lot and install the new Fitch sign. Window leaks are to be tested during the April break to determine the mode of failure and

how to address it. Contract close out continues.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) School Building Phase II Committee

There will be a Phase II meeting Thursday, March 26, 2009.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC will be Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:30 PM. This will be a Special Meeting with the later meeting time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.