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MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2015 MILLER-DRISCOLL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Building Committee Members present: Bruce Hampson, Karen Birck, Dick Dubow, Glenn Hemmerle, John Murphy, Jim Newton, John Kalamarides, Fred Rapczynski, Cheryl-Jensen Gerner, Ann Paul, Rick Tomasetti

Building Committee Members absent: John Guth, Ray Tobiassen

Guests: Randall Luther (Tai Soo Kim Partners), Ty Tregellas, Sean Tierney, (Turner Construction)

Members of the public: Jeannette Ross (Editor, Wilton Bulletin)

Chairman Bruce Hampson called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Upon motion of Dick Dubow and second of Jim Newton, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the May 28, 2015 building committee meeting as written.

Architect's Report

Randall Luther reported that the construction documents (drawings and specifications) are 100% complete. Both the building committee and the Board of Education (BOE) must approve the documents and the 90% construction document cost estimate. The construction documents and 90% construction document estimate will be presented to the BOE on June 25. The Inland Wetlands Commission approved the application to conduct a regulated activity on June 11. The Planning and Zoning Commission continued the application for a Special Permit to June 22. The Plan Completion Test meeting (PCT) with the Office of School Facilities (OSF) has been moved from June 30 to July 28. After the PCT, the plans with OSF comments, will go to our independent reviewer. Upon completion of the independent review, the plans will again be reviewed by OSF. Once OSF approves the plans, the project can go out to bid.

An application has been submitted to the State Traffic Commission (STC) for approval of the project. STC approval is needed before the OSF will approve the project but the STC won't issue an approval until local approvals have been received. The STC has indicated that it will not require any changes to the curb cuts on Wolfpit Road.

Construction Manager's Report

Sean Tierney presented an estimate of the cost to construct the project based on construction documents which are 90% complete. The project cost estimate continues to be \$50,022,000 but there has been some shifting of dollars between categories. He then reviewed the differences between the 80% design development estimate and the 90% construction document estimate. Escalation at 4 ½% per year is included in the estimate. In response to a question, he said the greatest risk going forward is not in the documents; it is in the market. Upon motion of Glenn Hemmerle and second of John Murphy, the building committee unanimously approved the construction documents and the 90% construction document estimate.

In response to a question from a building committee member, Sean indicated that all of the existing south playground will be removed to accommodate the temporary classrooms. A construction trailer will be delivered the week of June 22 and will be installed near the old garage on the northeast corner of the school. The first step in the process of installing the temporary classrooms is to bring in the utilities. Mrs. Jensen-Gerner confirmed that only 2nd grade classrooms would be located in the temporary classrooms.

Ty Tregellas reviewed an updated project schedule which reflected the change in the PCT meeting and explained how the schedule had been adjusted to accommodate that change. He also reported that TRC had not yet received any comment from EPA on the Self Implementing Plan of abatement submitted in late May.

School Administration Report: none

Communication/Outreach: Glenn Hemmerle is working on a summer communication to parents. He will also work with the district webmaster on a standardized look for communications about the project so that when parents see that design they know that the message is about the project. Cheryl Jensen-Gerner reported that the school theme for next year is “Building on Kindness”.

Member Comment: none

Chair Comment: Bruce Hampson asked if there was a need for a finishes and colors working group. Cheryl Jensen-Gerner said she has already formed a staff group to begin this conversation. She also is brainstorming with staff on an all school project for the children which would recognize the children who were present in the school during construction but who had moved on to Cider Mill before it was complete.

Public Comment: none

Next Meeting: A full building committee meeting is probably not necessary until August, but Mr. Hampson asked members to hold July 16 should a meeting be needed before August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Karen Birck
Acting Secretary