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PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 8, 2017 MINUTES

Members Present: P. Welti-Chairman, T. Adams, G. Blanchette, G. Feldman, D. Gerber, K. Heminway, G. Magnuson, J. Olender, J. Rachek

Members Absent: S. Kelly, D. Stavens

Others Present: S. Nicol-Supt of Schools, B. Greenleaf-BOE Dir. Finance & Opers, L. Spielman-First Selectman, D. Olender

Call to Order

Chairman Peter Welti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Citizen's Forum

Gary Magnuson asked the Superintendent where the Board of Education was regarding their space needs and status. He had been on the committee that had resulted in the Crystal Lake and Windermere school renovation projects being brought forward. Mr. Nicol stated that next year will finalize the K-6 transition, class sizes are high but in line with what they have been over the last decade and that currently they are showing a flat growth in student population. He stated that the Windermere School roof and asbestos items will be next on the long range projection and that over the next two years, the needs will have to be mapped out.

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of January 17, 2017

MOVED (FELDMAN) SECONDED (ADAMS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 MEETING AS WRITTEN. HEMINWAY ABSTAINED.

Crystal Lake School Renovation/Addition

Peter Welti stated that the roof screening is completed and the final testing of the generator was done. He has not received a requisition from Enfield Builders. He met with the Finance Office and Silver Petrucelli to go over the final accounting for their billing. It was determined that \$12,991.86 was due to Silver Petrucelli.

MOVED (GERBER) SECONDED (FELDMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO SILVER PETRUCELLI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,991.86.

Outstanding items for the project were discussed. Brian Greenleaf stated that the repair of the sewer line is scheduled to be done in the summer. Gary Magnuson stopped up to look at the gymnasium floor. He spoke to the Recreation Director who told him that the floor is great and is not a safety hazard. The floor will be reviewed to see if it reacts to the summer weather and humidity. Gary also stated that he spoke to Tim Webb about getting a price for a guardrail along South Rd at the baseball field. The field is about 10 feet from the road and it is felt that it is a safety issue. The guardrail vendor looked at it and will get back to Tim Webb with a figure. It was agreed that it was something that should be done and would also discourage parking along the road. It was noted that the grass is looking better.

The failed sewer line under the slab will be done in the summer for a quote of \$21,475 plus some materials. It was on the list for the remaining contingencies.

MOVED (ADAMS) SECONDED (GERBER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FOR REPAIR OF THE SEWER LINE UNDER THE SLAB AT CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL.

There was discussion regarding the remainder of the funds for the project. Gary Magnuson felt that the committee had completed the task assigned. Mr. Nicol stated that this will be a tough budget year with uncertainty from the State regarding their budget. He feels the town and school system should work together. They currently have one item in the capital improvements budget which is the Windermere School Air Conditioner.

Mr. Welti recommended giving the remaining funds back to the town so the bond will not be as high as anticipated rather than reaching for items to spend it on. He stated that after it is out of this committee's hands, the town is in charge of the funds. We can recommend based on our reasoning for returning the funds. The Board of Finance and the taxpayers approved the additional funding for the project and they should receive the balance. We are done spending the funds on the large items although there will be some items to be paid for before the project is closed out by the Finance Officer. The project came in under budget and committee feels it was a job well done.

MOVED (WELTI) SECONDED (FELDMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE FEELS THAT IT HAS MET THE OBJECTIVES THAT IT WAS TASKED WITH FOR THE CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL AND WINDERMERE SCHOOL PROJECTS. THERE WILL BE SOME MISCELLANEOUS CLOSE OUT ITEMS THAT ARE BEING WORKED ON BUT WE ARE NOT CONSIDERING ANY NEW EXPENDITURES. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS BE USED TO PAY DOWN THE BOND TO DECREASE BORROWING.

Other Business

Jeff Olender told the Board that he is asked frequently about the grant for the turf fields and lighting. Mr. Nicol told him to refer people to Cindy Costanza as she is the driving force behind the project and is very knowledgeable. He stated that the Board of Education Operations Committee is getting info and will be visiting South Windsor to look at their field, then they will recommend to the Board of Education in total. The project will then go to the various town boards and ultimately to referendum. The project is currently in the process. The town has 5

years to spend the grant. Projects do not come to the Permanent Building Committee until the process is completed and the Board of Selectmen refers it.

Adjournment

**MOVED (ADAMS) SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
AT 7:45 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary