

## Wahconah Building Minutes

June 15, 2010

Meeting called to order by Jim Huebner at 7:00 PM

**Present:** Jim Huebner (chair), John Bantjes (vice chair), Jim Chivers, Bill Goddard, George Desmarais, Jim Drawe, Susan Carroll-Lombardi, Marge Foster, Jason Dion, My-Ron Hatchett & Paul Babin (Reinhardt Associates).

### Minutes from the June 1, 2010 Meeting

Motion made by member Huebner and seconded by member Draw

- To approve the minutes of the June 1, 2010 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

### Collins Electric – High Speed Data Link Trench

- Paul Babin reported that he coordinated a site meeting to include Jason Dion (CBRSD), Collins Electric and Reinhardt Associates to resolve any outstanding issues with the trench.
  - >Sub - contractor will re-hydroseed Nessacus side of trench and add topsoil, then re-hydroseed Wahconah side of trench.
  - > Paul is looking into a secondary culvert. Design and pricing forthcoming.

### Mezzanine – Back Stage Storage

- My-Ron Hatchett reported the MAAB has accepted the affidavit to limit access to school personnel only i.e. no public access, thus construction can begin.
- > RAI to draw access hoist details, then provide.

### Garland/Griffin Progress

- My-Ron Hatchett said that : Garland on site for another month sans mezzanine work, Speakers on site and installed, sprinkler tie-in in process – back flow preventers first, then tie in with water supply – work delayed until school is out, still need 54 door sets, glass replacement scheduled for several doors (breakage issues), auditorium doors will likely be replaced due to manufacturing defect, site survey complete – copy to be sent to Jason, discussion ensued regarding auditorium alarm system programming for fog machines.
- A curb cut is needed to provide access for two handicapped students scheduled to arrive this fall. > Jason to identify curb cuts and locations.
- Building inspector questioned flat waiting area by hallway doors. >My-Ron will revisit issue with building inspector.
- Issue with berm by gym exterior exit. > Jason to replace light bulbs as first step, >My-Ron to bring back railing quote.

### Change Orders

None

## Survey

- My-Ron reported that the site survey being done by BEK is complete.

## WMECO & Berkshire Gas Applications

Nothing new

## Final Reports – Cardinal and Reinhardt – Schematic Design

- Discussion re. several costs increasing - finishes \$15K, ceilings \$30K and energy \$26K
- Removed “credit” for value engineering
- George’s issues have been addressed, he won’t raise them again.
- Jim Huebner to present to school committee for their review and discussion.
- Jim Draw moved, Jim Huebner seconded a motion to accept Cardinal’s report as meeting their contract objectives. Passed with 1 abstention.
- > Rendering sketches will be provided in .tif format to Jason and committee by RAI
- > Building cost estimates for gym addition vs refurbishing existing gym areas is being developed. My-Ron to sent to Jim Huebner for review at next meeting.

## Warrants

- None

## MSBA

- MSBA did visit the district June 7 or 8 as a part of their program to survey all of the school buildings in the state. Concern was expressed regarding air quality, lighting and windows. No indication given regarding possible funding.
- The state has recently updated High School graduation curriculum requirements, thus additional classroom space will likely be needed in the future to address these changes. Alternate building renovations or additions are a future possibility.

## School Committee Presentation and Recommendations:

- SC presentation slides were reviewed with discussion regarding slide details. > Jim Huebner to make noted changes.
- Much discussion ensued as to what to recommend to the SC for consideration. Key sticking points are: Athletic field regarding, gym expansion (addition) and front entry paving. Next meeting will again address these issues but in the mean time RAI is to develop: >1 soft costs reworked without athletic fieldwork and gym addition. >2 paving only costs.

## New Business

- Kudos expressed to George for his project oversight.
- Frustration again expressed regarding RAI’s inept review of engineering specifications and project details.
- New speaker need to be installed in the gym.
- Town meetings – no issues regarding this project

Motion made by member Bantjes and seconded by member Huebner

- To adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM

**Next Meetings:**

**July 6, 2010 and July 20, 2010 – WRHS Library 7:00 PM**

Note: > **denotes action item**