

**Permanent Building Committee
Minutes of April 6, 2016**

Present from the Permanent Building Committee: Ellis Neofotistos, Phil Thibault, Harvey Gagnon, Doug Dooley. Recording Secretary Samantha Carver. The meeting was held at the Historical Society Building 1660 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, MA.

Absent: Paul Jussaume

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Present from the School Department: Andy Graham

Dracut Field House Project

The Chairman called Town Counsel Jim Hall on the phone and the Committee had a conference call with him on the field house project.

The Chairman reiterated the budget minus the deduct alternates to come up with an actual budget figure of \$330,700. Currently in the budget it stands about \$318,000 plus or minus.

There was a discussion on getting the building permit fee waived and possibly doing a change order on the painting of \$10,000. Mr. Neofotistos stated there are three options the committee can consider:

1. Reject all bids and start again (this will be at a cost)
2. Go back to Community Preservation and request additional funding for the project
3. Negotiate with the low bidder (which is a concern for Town Counsel)

Town Counsel stated that you would need to give every bidder the opportunity to negotiate their bid and the bidders may not even know there would be a reduced scope in the project. Town Counsel felt that the Town would be setting themselves up for an issue if they went this route. There are Mass General Laws in place for a purpose when it comes to public bidding.

Mr. Graham asked if they go forward with a request for Community Preservation for additional funds and it needs to be acted on at Town Meeting, could they start getting the paperwork prepared. The consensus was yes. They would need to get a commitment in writing from the bidder that he would hold his price until after Town Meeting even though he has verbally told the Committee.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to accept the deduct alternates of \$38,200. Mr. Dooley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to accept the low bid from APC Planners/Builders subject to additional funding being approved at June 2016 Town Meeting and that the contractor holds his

bid prices until after that Town Meeting. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Invoice

The Committee reviewed an invoice from Lowell Blueprint for a set of plans and specs for the field house project.

Mr. Gagnon made a motion to pay invoice 106988 in the amount of \$112.12 to Lowell Blueprint Inc. for plans and specs for the field house project. Mr. Thibault seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

High School Project

Mr. Neofotistos wanted the Committee to think about the proposal Hill International made at the last meeting whereas they would have Matt Schweitzer monitor the sanitary sewer line reconstruction along with an intern. Also, think about the proposal from Hill International for an additional \$20,000 for supervision on the project. The Committee discussed pinning down exactly when Mr. Schweitzer would be at the project monitoring the construction before they decide which way to go on this. There was also talk about having Jay Reynolds and/or Dennis Penrose from the Sewer Department make regular inspections on the site. This will be further discussed.

Adjourn

Mr. Thibault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE







