

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT SCHOOL  
BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Town of East Haddam  
School Building Committee  
Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2007  
Adopted June 13, 2007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam School Building Committee was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 7:05 p.m., at the Nathan Hale High School, Media Center; Mary Beth Mordecai being in the Chair. The secretary arrived at 7:30p.m.

**a. Roll Call**

In attendance were John Gibson, Craig Parker, Richard Toolan, Denise Gable, Mary Beth Mordecai, David LaFemina, Vinny Garofalo and Kerri Willis Budzik-arrived 7:23pm.

Absent was Todd Moss.

Also in attendance were Bob Celmer-KBA, Tom DiMauro-Newfield Construction, Al Howat-Newfield Construction and Bob Carroll - Education Business Manager.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Nothing new was added.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. 04-25-07**

**Motion by Mr. Garofalo to approve the 04-25-07, meeting minutes as presented.**

**Second by Craig Parker and unanimously passed.**

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**a. Bills and Invoices**

Treasurer's Report was tabled until later during the meeting. Future agendas will have the Treasurer's Report after the Architect Report.

**5. Old Business**

**a. BOE Report**

The committee discussed contributing to the town quarterly newsletter. Mrs. Gable agreed to consult the timeline with Dr. Durham. Ms. Mordecai announced that there was space available for parents interested on being on the middle school principal search committee. Ms. Mordecai stated it would be helpful to have School Building Committee Members on the search team.

**b. BOS Report**

No one was available to report.

**c. BOF Report**

No one was available to report.

**d. Change Order Sub-Committee Report**

Mr. Garofalo stated there was nothing new to report.

**e. Construction Manager Report**

Mr. DiMauro and Mr. Howat distributed and discussed the following:

- Newfield Construction, Construction Manager's Report, dated 5/9/07.

- Newfield Construction Budget Report, dated May 9, 2007.

Responsive to a question by Ms. Mordecai, Mr. Howat replied the drainage problem on site (complete structural fill @ building pad B) would be of significant cost. Mr. Welti has advised that the slope be cut back, under drain built, a stone ledge and rip rap installed. Craig Parker stated the committee had not seen Mr. Welti's letter in form of a change order. Mr. Howat stated the letter had been sent electronically to Mr. Moss. The Committee requested that all electronic mailings be sent to everyone. The Committee requested that other design options be investigated. Mr. Celmer stated WMC had reviewed the site's drainage problem and had advised against the installation of the rip rap.

Mr. Celmer stated other options with regards to the drainage problem would be reviewed. Mrs. Budzik questioned why this would not be the initial approach. Mrs. Budzik suggested that 3-4 options should be presented when making such a proposal. Responsive to a question by Ms. Mordecai, Mr. Celmer replied that a number of test pits had been performed near the drainage area and that it was an unforeseen problem. Mr. Gibson commented that the original plan had the road further over and that the committee had moved it over for the abutting property owner. Mr. Gibson questioned if the road was placed where it was originally proposed if there would still be a problem. Mr. Celmer replied further investigation would need to be made to answer the question. Mr. Gibson suggested moving the road back to its original position.

Craig Parker stated there were other options, some of which were at more risk than others. Mrs. Gable questioned when the drainage change order would affect the schedule. Mr. Howat replied it needed to be approved within the next 6-8 weeks. Mr. Gibson requested that the Change Order Committee have time to review at least a week before it is necessary to approve it.

Mr. Garofalo questioned if there was a change order for the topsoil and seed banks of the access road. Mr. Celmer replied that Mr. Ventres had approved an alternate mix of wildflower/grass seed mix. Responsive to a question by Mrs. Budzik, it was replied that the change of seed mixture had no financial impact.

Mr. Gibson questioned if the septic permits by the State DEP would be issued on time. Mr. Celmer replied he was confident it would be complete on time.

Mr. DiMauro reviewed adjustments to remove negative numbers to the budget report. Responsive to a question by Mr. Gibson, Mr. DiMauro explained the retainage column of the budget. Mrs. Budzik questioned if Mr. DiRita had been paid. Mr. DiMauro replied affirmatively. Craig Parker asked Mr. Celmer if he had reviewed the budget report. Mr. Celmer replied no. Craig Parker stated no action could be made on the budget report until Mr. Celmer signed off on it. Mr. Celmer stated he agreed with the report and would sign it.

Responsive to a question by Craig Parker with regards to the construction codes on the budget report, Mr. DiMauro replied he would research and have the information available

at the next meeting. Craig Parker stated the site clearing approved for change order #1 was not reflected on the summary sheet.

**g. Architect Report**

Mr. Celmer stated he had nothing new to report. Craig Parker questioned the progress of the copper to aluminum wiring, if it was an added cost or would have a scheduling impact. Mr. Celmer replied there was more work necessary by AKF which they had not planned on. Craig Parker stated this was unreasonable and was not a legitimate value engineering item as prescribed by KBA. Craig Parker stated the committee was split on the decision of copper to aluminum wiring. Craig Parker requested representation from AKF at the next scheduled meeting to discuss copper verses aluminum and how it was represented to the committee. Mr. Celmer stated it would not affect the schedule. AKF was appropriated \$1,000 for the revisions to the drawings. Mr. Celmer stated they would be requesting approximately \$2,500. Craig Parker questioned if the electrical contractor would change deducts. Mr. Celmer replied no. Craig Parker questioned if there was anything new to report on the special exceptions to which Mr. Celmer replied no.

**6. TREASURER’S REPORT**

**a. Bills and Invoices**

<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		Newfield Construction, Inc.	\$1,404,840.43
19	05/07/07	KBA	14,760.22
7851-B	05/07/07	IMTL	3,410.00
7851-C	05/07/07	IMTL	4,505.94

**Motion by Ms. Mordecai to approve the invoices as presented. Second by Mr. Gibson.**

Craig Parker stated there was no reconciliation under Phase 1 Environmental under KBA’s contract and if there was another line item. Ms. Mordecai replied she would review the item and report back at the next meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**7. New Business**

There was no new business.

**8. DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING 05-23-07**

The next scheduled meeting is May 23, 2007 at 7p.m. at the Nathan Hale Ray High School, Media Center.

**9. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

There was no one available to contribute to the Audience of Citizens at the time it was offered.

**9. OTHER DISCUSSION**

There was discussion with regards to a groundbreaking ceremony on May 19, 2007 at 9am.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Gibson at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Toolan and unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted;

E. Ruth Ziobron  
Recording Secretary