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## **Walsh Intermediate School Building Project:**

Present were: Commissioners Peter Banca, Robert Barnett, Leonard Tamsin, Jr., Marcia Palluzzi and James Killelea. PBC WIS members: Vincent Giordano, John O'Connor, Raeanne Reynolds, Michael Krause and Hamlet Hernandez.

Also present were: First Selectman Cosgrove; Michael Losasso, Antinozzi Associates; Christopher Toussaint, Fusco Corporation; Greg Plasil, Fusco Corporation; Lynn Fusco, Fusco Corporation; Scott Pellman, Colliers International; and Sally Bahner.

Peter Banca called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item #2 project phasing and site logistics was not discussed. Scott Pellman stated that phasing and site logistics are not ready to present.

Fusco is looking to get the bids on the street. The bid schedule was distributed. Chris Toussaint stated that Fusco would like the bid to be advertised on January 12, 2018. It will be a 3 ½ week turn around period for bids. Dates for a non-mandatory walk through would be January 15, 2018 with an alternate date of January 16, 2018 after 3:30. Bids will be due February 7, 2018.

First Selectman Cosgrove stated he is concerned with the short timeline between the advertised date of January 12<sup>th</sup> and the walk through on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Scott Pellman agreed.

It was decided to move the walk through date to January 17, 2018 after 1:30 with and alternate date of January 18, 2018 after 3:30.

Discussion took place as to the location of where the bids should be received and the location of where the bid opening should be. It was determined that the bids will be received at the Purchasing Department at Town Hall. Fusco agreed to send staff to assist in logging the bids in as received as well as assist with the bid openings. The bid opening will be held at Fire Headquarters.

Discussion took place concerning consideration for a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for this project. Lynn Fusco addressed the Commission and stated that Fusco would recommend a PLA for this project. There are 14 sizable projects that will all be out at the same time including a couple of large school projects. The advantage of having a PLA in place provides a readily available workforce; it doesn't increase the cost of the project; sets certain goals and also reduces risk. There's no down side to doing a PLA. It was stated that the PLA agreement would need to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

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Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to authorize putting the Walsh Intermediate School Renovation and Expansion project out to bid. Seconded by Peter Banca. Vote unanimous.

There were no service agreements ready for approval. Service agreements for landscape, environmental and storm water management will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Seconded by Vincent Giordano. Vote unanimous.

James Killelea also stated that the Commission should give some serious thought concerning monetary awards for the proposed art competition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici Secretary