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Public Building Commission  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Branford Fire Headquarters  
October 15, 2018

**Walsh Intermediate School Building Project:**

Present were: Commissioners Peter Banca, Leonard Tamsin, Jr., Robert Barnett; James Killelea and Marcia Palluzzi (arrived late). PBC WIS members: Kate Greco, John O'Connor, Vincent Giordano, Michael Krause and Hamlet Hernandez.

Also present were: Greg Plasil, Fusco Corporation; Scott Pellman, Colliers International; Michael Losasso, Antinozzi Associates; Matt Byrnes-Jacobsen; Antinozzi Associates; Frank Carrano; Jay Babina; Sally Bahner and Wayne Cooke.

Peter Banca called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made by Bob Barnett to approve the minutes of September 24, 2018. Seconded by John O'Connor. Vote unanimous.

**Public Comment** – Frank Carrano, Branford Arts Council addressed the commission concerning art projects for WIS. Frank stated that the Branford Arts Council to help facilitate and identify what type of art should be considered ie. murals, etc. He stated that New Haven schools have incorporated art into all of their school renovation and construction projects. He would be willing to facilitate a tour if the commission would be interested. Jay Babina addressed the commission and stated that the art work considered should be upscale work. They would help the commission find artists once the type of art is determined. Chairman Banca stated that right now this is ahead of the timeline, that he envisions that in approximately 6 months a meeting will be held with the architect to start reviewing locations, ideas for art inclusion in the project. He also stated that we might want to consider including the students and also need to consider budget constraints. Frank Carrano state that there may be other funding sources.

**Walsh OPM update** – Scott Pellman addressed the Commission. He stated that they are continuing to meet bi-weekly with the project team. He stated that they are following recycling best practices and were trying to meet a target of 75% and are at approximately 83%. They also have a target for using local purchases of 10% and are at 20%. He stated that he will be meeting with Hamlet and Don Neel next week to state pulling together the documentation to file the first state reimbursement application. A letter was sent to the state requesting approval for sole source purchases for a variety of technology items, waiting on approval. CCD-1 Exploratory Trenching and Discovered Utility Protection or Relocation is completed, it came in under the threshold.

**Storm water management** – We have had a lot of rain and Fusco has been working really hard to keep up with the storm water control. Additional measures have been added and they seem to be working.

Discussion took place concerning the following PCO's:

- PCO 018 Spray Lock penetrating colloidal silica treatment – no cost. Motion made by John O'Connor to approve PCO 018. Seconded by Jim Killelea. Vote unanimous.
- PCO 027 Modification of column base plates in the amount of \$2,171.60. Motion made by Jim Killelea to approve PCO 027. Seconded by John O'Connor. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Bob Barnett to approve the monthly invoices in the amount of \$1,814,860.81. Seconded by Vincent Giordano. Vote unanimous.

**Walsh Architects update** – Antinozzi – Michael Losasso addressed the commission to provide an update. He stated that they are continuing to review shop drawings. Seeing a lot of the outside come together.

**Walsh CM update** – Fusco – Chris Toussaint addressed the commission to provide an update. Steel is expected the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November. He went to the Steel Fabricator and walked through the entire process for the steel fabrication. They are working on framing and infilling. The elevator pit has been installed. The canopy has been removed. Inspectors are on site almost every day. They have encountered an issue with the existing water line, it falls within the new concrete footings for the piles. Mike Losasso stated that they have looked at two scenarios to solve the issues. Neither which were good solutions. The recommendation is to get new water service and run the temporary line that splits and connects outside the construction area and abandon the existing water line then fill it with grout once abandoned. Chris stated that relocating the water line is critical. The concrete takes 28 days to cure and it needs to be ready when the steel comes in. Chris met with the contractor this morning and should have prices in a few days.

The Walsh portion of the meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m.

**Community Center Renovation and Expansion Project:**

Present were: Peter Banca, Leonard Tamsin, Jr., Robert Barnett; James Killelea and Marcia Palluzzi. James Cosgrove, Ex officio. PBC Community House/Senior Center members: Alex Palluzzi and Dagmar Ridgway.

Also present were Brian Park, Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC and Sally Bahner.

The Community/Senior Center project portion of the meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

**Community/Senior Center – Architects report** – Arcari – Brian Park addressed the commission to provide an update. He stated that they have made progress on some road block items. Still not at full resolution with the building department concerning the electrical outlets concerning water proofing.

Len Tamsin expressed concern that this project is so far behind.

Bob Barnett made a motion to add the discussion of the schedule to the agenda. Seconded by Jim Killelea. Bob Barnett expressed frustration that the builder is not at the Public Building Commission meetings. He stated that there seems to be a serious disconnect and lack of communication. Len Tamsin stated that the builder needs to expedite getting the building closed up. Brian Park stated that the sills should be delivered in the next week or so then you'll see the walls getting up. Bob Barnett expressed concern that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor slab is still not poured. Len Tamsin stated that there are no Request for Information (RFI) logs that would help identify questions or issues. Bob Barnett stated that there seems to be no concept of critical path items. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Bob Barnett to require A. Secondino and Son to expeditiously provide a step-by-step plan including start duration, finish and sequence to complete critical path items to enclose the building including the roof and exterior walls. Bob also requested that a letter is sent to Secondino expressing the commission's concerns and stating the commission's directive to get the building closed up. Seconded Jim Killelea. Vote unanimous.

Brian Park stated that Secondino will need direction on the outlets.

It was also stated that the commission would like Secondino to attend the meetings to provide regular updates. First Selectman Cosgrove stated that that could be included in the letter.

Discussion took place concerning the following PCO's:

PCO 17 – Kitchen Equipment in the amount of \$3,392.62. Motion made by Bob Barnett to approve PCO 17. Seconded by Dagmar Ridgway. Vote unanimous.

PCO 18 – Patio Stairs in the amount of \$20,154.91. Motion made by Marcia Palluzzi to approve PCO 18. Seconded by Jim Killelea. Vote unanimous.

PCO 19 – Woodfold Roll up doors in the amount of \$28,349.38. After discussion it was decided to wait on this item and look at other possible comparable items.

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PCO 20 – Masonry liner walls in the amount of \$44,212.20. Motion made by Bob Barnett to approve PCO 20. Seconded by Alex Palluzzi. Vote unanimous.

PCO 21 – Full height masonry walls in the men's and women's locker rooms in the amount of \$15,802.40. Motion made by Alex Palluzzi to approve PCO 21. Seconded by Bob Barnett. Vote unanimous.

PCO 22 – Flooring changes in the amount of \$9,991.30. After discussion it was decided to wait on this item to look at other possible comparable items. Vote unanimous.

PCO 23 – Cover plates and memorial plaque in the amount of \$590.80. Motion made by Bob Barnett to approve PCO 23. Seconded by Marcia Palluzzi. Vote unanimous.

Approval of invoices – Payment Application #11 – A. Secondino and Sons in the amount of \$317,099.55. Motion made by Len Tamsin to approve the payment. Seconded by Alex Palluzzi. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Alex to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 a.m. Seconded by Dagmar Ridgway. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trista Milici". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Trista" and last name "Milici" clearly distinguishable.

Trista Milici  
Clerk