

Public Building Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Video/teleconference meeting
December 20, 2021

Peter Banca called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Peter Banca, Jim Killelea, Len Tamsin and Greg Ames. PBC WIS members: John O'Connor, Kate Greco, Racanne Reynolds, Vincent Giordano and Hamlet Hernandez.

Also present were: Scott Pellman, Colliers International; Michael Losasso, Antinozzi Associates; Colin Chan, Fusco Corporation; Greg Plasil, Fusco Corporation; First Selectman James Cosgrove; Laura Burban, Director; Joseph Sepot, Joe Sepot Architects and Wayne Czarnecki, Enterprise Builders and PBC DCAS members Stephanie Malkin, Marilyn Valette and Rick Weiss.

Motion made by John O'Connor to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021. Seconded by Vinny Giordano. Vote unanimous.

Public Comment - none.

Motion made by Len Tamsin to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. Seconded by Vinny Giordano. Vote unanimous.

Scott Pellman addressed the commission to provide an update. He stated that they are starting to focus on project close out. There was a Finance Working Group meeting earlier today a summary of items reviewed/approved by FWG was provided. They will be submitting the last reimbursement request to the state before the final closeout. Working on procurement/delivery of the music room equipment.

PCO 215z for additional pool piping was removed from the agenda. It is still pending additional review.

Discussion took place concerning Colliers ongoing Construction Administration support and an Additional Fee Proposal.

Motion made by Peter Banca to approve the Colliers Additional Fee Proposal for Construction Administration support up to \$40,000. Seconded John O'Connor. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Vinny Giordano to approve the following project invoices and payment applications:

- Invoices - \$34,856.08
 - Fusco payment application #51, in the amount of \$165,225.45
 - Fusco payment application #52, in the amount of \$395,115.53
- Total \$595,197.06

Seconded by John O'Connor. Vote unanimous.

Walsh CM update – Fusco – Colin Chan provided a project update. He stated that the project is around 99% complete, the pool is around 84% complete. Filling of the pool will take place at the end of the month.

Walsh Architects update – Antinozzi – Mike Losasso provided an update. He stated that they will be meeting with the diving coach to review the starting blocks. The stainless steel main drain has been installed. Completion date is February 9.

Discussion of School Grand Opening Ceremony is on hold.

The Walsh Intermediate School Project portion of the meeting ended at 6:23p.m.

Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter Renovation and Expansion Project:

Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter Renovation and Expansion Project portion of the meeting began at 6:33 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Peter Banca, Jim Killelea, Len Tamsin and Greg Ames. PBC DCAS members Marilyn Valette, Stephanie Malkin and Rick Weiss.

Also present were: James Cosgrove, First Selectman; Laura Burban, Director; Joseph Sepot, Joe Sepot Architects and Wayne Czarnecki, Enterprise Builders.

Daniel Cosgrove Animal Shelter Architects update – Joseph Sepot provided an update on the project. Slabs are all poured, the contractor is working on framing of the new addition, mechanical rough-ins in the existing building, site grading, digging trenches, etc. Trusses are expected to be on site December 29, 2021. As soon as the trusses are up the plywood will quickly follow. The project is approximately 16% complete, projected completion is the end of July.

Motion made by Greg Ames to approve PCO #002 in the amount of \$354 for the removal and installation of a welded HM door frame and PCO #003 in the amount of \$316 for ERV Charging Stations Modifications. Seconded by Marcia Palluzzi. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Greg Ames to approve Enterprise Builders, Inc. payment application #04 in the amount of \$192,280. Seconded by Marilyn Valette. Vote unanimous.

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Peter Banca mentioned an email from Wayne Cooke. A copy of the letter was sent to the commission members and will be attached to the minutes.

Motion made by Marilyn Vailette to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Seconded by Len Tamsin.
Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk

Trista Milici

From: Wayne Cooke <wncooke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Peter Banca
Subject: Animal Shelter Renovation Corruption

It is asked that this letter be read allowed at your December 20, 2021 meeting.

December 18, 2021

Branford Public Building Commission
Branford Town Hall
1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Dear Branford Public Building Commission:

Although I am unable to attend your next meeting, please be advised that, in my opinion and that of many other citizens, both the solar energy component of the animal shelter renovation and the project's professional fundraiser selection, involved corrupt processes and will continue to be publicly exposed as such.

Regardless how popular a project may be, dishonesty has no place in the governmental authority behind it, and the new animal shelter remains yet another example of the Cosgrove administration's deception and betrayal of the public trust.

In light of the extensive materials already presented to you, it is asked that your commission take an active role in investigating and revealing the animal shelter corruption in order to restore public confidence and a fair process in Branford.

Sincerely,

Wayne Cooke