

**Permanent Building Committee Special Meeting Minutes**

**New Fairfield, CT 06812**

**Tuesday, May 21st, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Commissioners Present:**

Peter Viola

Ed Sbordone

George Martignetti

Olga Nanocchio

Mike DelMonaco

Andre Lisee

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Guests Present:**

Phil Ross

Dr. Richard Sanzo

Wes Marsh-BOE

Rick Reegan- BOE

Chris Hall

John McCartney

Mr. Maleek

**Call to Order:**

7:00 PM

**Public Comment:**

None

**Peter Viola made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes for PBC on May 2nd 2019. Seconded by Mike DelMonaco. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Back in September 2018, the Board of Ed approved a facility study for Consolidated School. An RFQ was put out for an architecture firm.

The cost of the high school renovation is approximately 80 million with a 20 million reimbursement budget. Consolidated school is approximately 30 million. The demolition of Consolidated alone will cost \$900,000.

The High School renovation will include the utilization of a temporary parking lot during the course of reconstruction. The use of trailers outside the schools will be provided as a temporary workspace for students over the course of the construction process, costing \$140,000.

Dr. Richard Sanzo mentioned the possibility of state reimbursement which could range from approximately 27% to 30% for new projects only..

Q and M architectural firm are working together with the town of New Fairfield to attempt to gain even more reimbursement from the state for future projects.

Dr Richard Sanzo additionally mentioned if the town proceeds only with renovation and repairs, there will be little to none reimbursement from the state, for example minor roof replacements, and code changes.

Studies were conducted to demonstrate that students learning abilities are positively impacted by natural lighting in workspaces, which is crucial to take into consideration of the new renovation. Natural light is a state requirement for school spaces, which came into act 10 years ago.

Mr. Maleek brought to the committee's attention the air quality in all of the facilities can be compromised due to the utilization of outdated building materials, which consist of harmful

chemicals. This would require monitoring of the air quality, along with air inspection tests every 6 months. This would cost \$6,000 every 6 months to perform.

Dr. Richard Sanzo emphasized the importance of bringing the schools up to the required standards of safety regulations, on which the residents of New Fairfield have been requesting to improve for the last 12 months.

The BOE on May 7 voted to request the Board Selectmen to pass various resolutions that are required for the state grant application. It allows the town to submit the grant application, allowing the project to be started.

An October referendum is to be set in order to vote the decision whether or not to proceed with the anticipated schools renovation.

The minutes of the special meetings need to be certified in order to obtain a grant.

Tours of the school anticipated project will start in June, including tours for the members of the senior center.

One of the questions inquired at the meeting was whether or not if the town of Sherman would be financially participating in the development of the schools project. The answer was no, the town of Sherman will not be participating financially in the New Fairfield public schools renovations.

Ed Sbordone mentioned the financial state of our, still at AAA bonding.

**Peter Viola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Seconded by Andre Lisee. All in favor. 5-0-0. Motion Approved.**