

CROMWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT



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Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Minutes and Motions

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Rosanna Glynn, Chair at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

CMS Building Committee

Present: Rosanna Glynn, Chair, Shannon Hughes-Brown, Vice Chair, Matt Blanchette, Ken Cleveland, Ken Jackson, Blaise Messinger, John Post. Alternates: Jessica Lamb, Heather Jacobs

Administration

Present: Ann Cocchiola

Board of Education Members

Alan Schumann

CSG and Other Representatives

Present: Chris Cykley - CSG (7:19 p.m.)

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Town Representatives -

Paula Luna - Town Council

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve the Agenda made by, seconded by Ken Jackson, seconded by Shannon Hughes-Brown. Vote: Unanimous.

IV. Action: Approval of Minutes and Motions - May 4, 2022 meeting

Motion to Approve the Minutes and Motions - May 4, 2022 meeting made by Shannon Hughes-Brown, seconded by Ken Jackson. Vote: Unanimous.

V. Public Comments - None

VI. New Business

A. Chairperson's Update

Rosanna Glynn stated she had a very busy and enlightening week. It was a very successful Open House, thanked all and there were almost 100 people in attendance. Received lots of comments, ex. never knew how bad it was until we saw the conditions of CMS first hand. Also, a lot of positive comments about the committee and overall execution. It was a wonderful event and did a tremendous amount of good. Congratulations to the Communications Sub-Committee and team getting the word out and access to the information. Rosanna attended Planning and Zoning with Tecton, P & Z wanted to make sure where the middle school was positioned was on campus, and it was. P & Z also had questions on parking lot and parking, Rosanna told them it is just conceptual, there are lots of different options. On May 11th, at the Town Council meeting, we were successful in getting a Resolution passed and tax impact information. Marianne Sylvester, Director of Finance, presented her plan for funding project, basically all things are equal and if the debt service drops next year with the WIS bonds, the Mill Rate would go from 30.33 to 30.74, which is a .41% increase, which comes down to about \$5.00 a month per household. For comparison sake, Rocky Hill has \$25.00 a month increase for their building built. Wethersfield is going to Referendum to rebuild all 4 elementary schools, \$165M after reimbursement from the State.

The Board of Finance will meet on May 26th. Matt Blanchette said he gave the presentation given by Tecton to the Board of Finance and it will be in the reference packet. Rosanna questioned lock in rates or short term notes Matt said the BOF has previously discussed various options and will meet at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. to vote to appropriate. Rosanna asked if it would be prudent to ask questions, or email Mariann in advance. Matt said yes, you can email Mariane or attend to voice. Rosanna stated the Special Town Meeting is set for June 2nd, assuming that BOF approves. And the earliest date is June 9th for the Referendum. Gives more time for the grant package. At the Special Town Meeting all boards will be up and can not say anything, purely factual information. Petition has to be submitted by June 1st, and all signatures have to be validated by the Town Clerk by 7:00 p.m. that day and verify that there are 200 signatures. The quiet period starts as soon as the Referendum date is set at the Special Town Meeting. Rosanna will double check information.

B. CSG - Review of Grant Proposal Outline and Preparation for Board of Finance Meeting

Rosanna questioned Chris Cykley if we need the certified copies of the Resolutions from the Town Clerk for the grant. Chris said they could be certified and emailed.

C. Review Environmental Site Survey

Ken Cleveland said that there is a hidden transformer room that is a little alarming, but nothing much else.

VII. Communications Sub-Committee Report

Shannon Hughes-Brown stated the Open House was very successful thank you to everyone and was also picked up in the Middletown Press. They also attended Kindergarten Night at ECS, Scavenger Hunt at CMS, set up at ECS and WIS dismissal, presented at the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, and the CMS Band and Chorus. And tomorrow, I will attend ECS/WIS Family Fun Night. The following week we will be at WIS Band and Chorus Concert, present at CMS PTO and will attend the Memorial Day Car Show. Mailing updated postcards and CSG will have in the mail by Monday to all Cromwell residents. Good engagement with posts, over 200 subscribers. One thing, we would like to have the town attorney review our website before the quiet period. Asked Marianne previously, will ask again to review the website. Chris Cykley said they are printing and delivering the postcards to the post office. CSG will deposit money/cut a

check to Cromwell, the postage will be estimated about \$1,110.00 for the Town to pay. It is for 6,400 mailers times whatever the postage is. Rosanna said CSG/Ira Tall Timbers, will have to give an invoice to the Town, Sharon Devoe, Assistant Director of Finance, she can assist.

II. Public Comments - None

IX. Comments, Updates and Announcements from Board Members and Administrators

X. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the CMS Building Committee at 7:35 p.m. made by Ken Jackson, seconded by Matt Blanchette. Vote: Unanimous.

Public Session of the committee meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hicks
CMS Building Committee Recording Clerk