

## WELLINGTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

June 6, 2018

School Administration Conference Room

7:30 AM

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2018 SEP 12 PM 2:55**Meeting #191**

Committee Members Attending: John Bowe, Pat Brusch, Laurie Graham, Mark Haley, Bill Lovallo, Heidi Sawyer, Eric Smith

Liaisons Attending: Steve Dorrance

Clerk: Chris Kochem

*Mark Haley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.*

**Payment of invoices**

- Arlmont Word Processing for secretarial services for January 1 through May 31, 2018. *John Bowe made a motion to approve payment of \$510.00. Bill Lovallo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*
- Gatehouse Media for advertising bids. *John Bowe made a motion to approve payment of \$187.32. Eric Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*
- TBA Architects for three invoices (#121044B for \$9,520; #121040 for \$2,700; #121054 for \$81) for interior noise mitigation services (door gaskets, acoustic panels and flutes). *John Bowe made a motion to approve payment of \$12,301 for the three invoices. Bill Lovallo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*
- Pinck & Company for CA services during work at the Wellington School for May 2018. *John Bowe made a motion to approve payment of \$2,345.00. Pat Brusch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

**Status updates**

- **Gaskets** – Mr. Haley reported that the installation of the gaskets on the doors has been completed at the Wellington School. He noted that the cam hinges on the doors are tilted in a way that the doors have become more difficult to latch when the younger children are closing the doors. He believes this will become easier as time goes on.
- **Flutes** - Mr. Haley announced that NECB is the contractor who will be doing the work with the flutes over the summer. The contractor's staff will begin a two-step process of spray foaming the flutes on Wednesday, June 27 by doing a spray foam first and then spraying a fireproofing foam to the space. Once the spray foaming is completed, the contractor will spend the next few weeks adding the wood trim to the flutes in each room to cover the foam.

**Meet new Town of Belmont Facilities Director**

At 7:50 am, Steve Dorrance was introduced as the new Belmont Facilities Director and joined in the meeting.

## Status updates - continued

- **Acoustic Panels** - Mr. Haley reported that the acoustic panels for the atrium and cafeteria have been ordered and are expected to arrive in about eight weeks. NECB (contractor) has committed to completing installation of the panels before the Wellington School opens in September 2018.
- **Lighting** – Mark Haley hopes that the LED lighting will be done during the summer while the lift to add the acoustic panels is already in place.
- **Ipe wood on the outside of the school - IPE** – Steve Dorrance noted that the stain used on the ipe was topical and not penetrating so that the finish on the sides of the building where the sun load is the heaviest is being affected. There is mold and decay on the ipe. He also noted that the ipe will not turn a silver gray, as had been anticipated because Belmont does not have a salt air environment. Mr. Dorrance expressed concern that, if corrective treatment is not taken, the ipe will curl. Therefore, something has to be done, both from an appearance and a preservation point of view. He noted that power washing would be too harsh on the ipe and could dig up the wood finish and damage it. Therefore, he is recommending a process called glass beading, which is similar to sandblasting, and will maintain a more uniform finish on the ipe and bring the ipe back to its original finish. Then they can put a penetrating clear stain on the ipe and the ipe will look very nice again. He noted that, going forward, the ipe for the building should be maintained on a rotational basis.
- **Birds on the building** – Birds are roosting on the upper windows of the building because of the way the building was designed. It was agreed that Mr. Haley will ask TBA Architects to design a solution with the hope that this remediation could be done this summer.

## Discussion of erosion adjacent to the small parking lot

Mr. Haley reported that, on the side of the building where the small parking lot is located, there is a slope that is eroding because the children are running on this slope, rather than using the sidewalk, which was the intention. Steve Dorrance is looking into a solution to remediate this area.

## Sign contract for summer remedial work

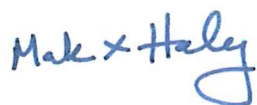
Mr. Dorrance presented the contract with NEBC for the summer work for the flutes and the acoustic panels. Mr. Haley made a motion to approve the contract, dated May 7, 2018, with NEBC in the amount of \$305,000 for installation of acoustic materials inside the Wellington School, to be completed in the summer of 2018. Pat Bruschi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## Approval of minutes

Pat Bruschi moved approval of the minutes from March 21, 2018 and of April 24, 2018. Heidi Sawyer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

*Laurie Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 am. The motion was seconded by Pat Bruschi and unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Haley  
Chair