

## **PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**Topic:** 200 Strawberry Hill Avenue

**Date:** Wednesday, December 3, 2014

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Place:** Engineering Bureau Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> fl./Govt. Ctr.  
888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT

**Attendees:**

- \*Dr. Winifred Hamilton, Supt. of Stamford Public Schools
- \*Mary Savage, Board of Reps.
- \*Geoff Alswanger, Board of Education
- \*Rich Lyons, Board of Education Facilities,
- \*Richard Freedman, Board of Finance
- \*Anne Downey, Stamford Resident
- \*Steve Falcone, Board of Education
- \*Jackie Heftman, Board of Education
- \*Cindy Grafstein, Mayor's Office
- Al Barbarotta, Board of Education Facilities
- \*Lou Casolo, City Engineer
- \*Domenick Tramontozzi, Sr. Construction Mgr., Engineering
- Craig M. Smith, Consultant

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

A motion of accept the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting was made by Lou Casolo and seconded by Richard Freedman. Lou noted an error on Pg. 2. "Jeff" should be corrected to "Geoff." The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting.

Lou reported that he is working with an architectural firm to provide concept layouts for spatial planning, as requested at the last meeting. This is to include the ed specs for K, 1 and 2 received by the AFB on November 11, 2014, for fall 2016 occupancy. The firm proposed two fees for different alternatives, i.e., they can develop a conceptual floor plan from the CAD base mapping for a fee of \$18,500; or scan the base mapping and overlay the classroom spaces, for a fee of \$13,000. At this stage, Lou suggested the latter, since it will eliminate the input of dimensionally correct CAD plans. He advised and the Committee agreed to proceed with the conceptual plans. The question of whether the existing buildings are adequate to accommodate the number of proposed classrooms is crucial. Handouts of what the conceptual plan would look like were distributed to the Committee.

Craig Smith, a licensed architect, in the State of Connecticut, was introduced. He is currently working with Lou to develop the RFP for the design and to address questions regarding funding criteria, temporary construction and the legislative process.

Cindy Grafstein asked whether it is advisable to proceed with the renovation of the existing buildings prior to funding approval. Mr. Smith responded that given his experience, the state legislature has always provided funding for magnet programs so long as a commitment is made, i.e., the application for reimbursement. He added that reimbursement for the purchase of the facility and design fees are all applicable. The preservation of the 1926 building will help to increase the dollar amount.

The decision to demolish the existing buildings is still being considered by the Historical Preservation Society. Lou suggested that the Society members be invited to an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

(\*Denotes Committee member)