

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES ~ April 23, 2007

Ponaganset High School Library

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregory Laramie, Chair of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee, called the special meeting of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the Ponaganset High School Library.

2. Roll Call

Mrs. Kecia Pierce called the roll. In attendance were Mr. Gregory Laramie of Glocester, Mr. Bill Abt of Foster, Mr. Raymond Fogarty of Glocester, Mr. George Jacques of Glocester, Mr. Warren Ducharme of Foster, Mrs. Julie Capobianco of Foster and member emeritus Mrs. I. Lorraine O'Connors of Glocester. Mr. Walter Steere of Glocester and Mr. Dennis Chretien of Foster were absent.

3. Chairman's Report

Mr. Laramie welcomed Mrs. Capobianco of Foster as the new Building Committee member appointed by the Foster Town Council.

Mr. Laramie explained to the audience that the committee will seek to convene into executive session to discuss site issues and will provide a general report on the discussions and votes taken in executive session once the meeting is reconvened to open session

4. Executive Session

Mr. Fogarty moved and Mr. Ducharme seconded to convene to Executive Session in accordance with RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (2) Potential Litigation. So voted, 6-0.

Mr. Laramie asked the district's attorney, Mr. Gregory Piccirilli, Mr. Steve Winsor, Mr. Paul Aldinger and the representatives from Crossman Engineers, Aharonian & Associates, Cardi Corporation and H.V. Collins to stay for the executive session. Mr. Laramie also asked Mrs. O'Connors to stay for the executive session as she might need to be consulted on the contract as she was a member of the Building Committee when the contract with H.V. Collins was written.

5. Reconvene to Open Session

Mr. Laramie reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:20PM.

Mr. Laramie reported that the issues of potentially contaminated materials delivered to the middle school site and a stop work order from DEM on the ISDS system were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Laramie reported that initial testing of the questionable material indicated that there were minor levels of contaminants in the gravel. Mr. Laramie explained that no remediation will be necessary other than complete removal of the material which will be

done as soon as DEM approves the removal. The removal of the contaminated material will be done at no cost to the project.

Regarding the stop work order, Mr. Laramie reported that Crossman Engineers and DEM are working with Cardi Corporation and H.V. Collins to remedy the situation. The questionable rocky material on top of the ISDS system will be moved off and stockpiled to allow DEM to inspect the gravel layer that the system will be installed with. Once this testing is complete, suitable material approved by DEM will be put over the system.

Mr. Laramie reported that there will be a progress meeting on these two issues on Monday, April 30th at 6:30PM in the high school library.

Mr. Laramie reported that there were two motions made in executive session, one being to seal the minutes from the executive session with the exception of what would be reported in open session and the second motion was to reconvene to open session.

Mr. Laramie opened up the meeting to questions from the audience, there were none.

6. Middle School Telephone/IT package

Mr. Laramie reported that the district has a new IT director, Mr. Eric Butash. Mr. Laramie said he is confident that Mr. Butash has the district's best interest in mind and is competent in the technical issues. Mr. Butash is in the process of reviewing the IT plan for the middle school and will be making recommendations. Mr. Laramie reported that there will be some changes to the owner's purchases but none to the infrastructure.

The committee agreed to change the next progress meeting from Monday, April 30th to Wednesday, May 2nd to allow Mr. Butash more time to make his final recommendations and complete the IT plan.

7. Owner's Representative Scope of Work

Mr. Laramie distributed the draft RFP for Owner's Representative Services for additions and alterations to Ponaganset High School which had been drafted by Mr. Abt and reviewed by Mr. Laramie. The committee agreed to wait until the May 2nd meeting to vote on the RFP to give the committee members time to review the document.

8. Gloucester Town Council Communication

Mr. Laramie provided committee members with a copy of a letter from the Gloucester Town Council asking Mr. Laramie to provide the council with an update on all financial expenditures to date on the middle school project. The committee agreed that the monthly Treasurer's report provided by Mr. Winsor contains the requested information. Mr. Abt, Mr. Winsor and Mr. Laramie will organize and summarize the most recently approved Treasurer's report and provide the information to the Town Council by May 3rd as requested. Mr. Fogarty suggested that the building committee recommend to the Town Council to appoint a representative to attend the monthly building committee meetings.

9. Other

The committee agreed to postpone the April 28th Special Informational Meeting in light of the uncertainty of state aid for building projects based on the article in Sunday's Providence Journal.

Mr. Ron Cervasio suggested that the building committee publish weekly updates on the progress of the projects. Mr. Laramie agreed that this would be appropriate and Mr. Ducharme agreed to undertake this task.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Fogarty moved and Mrs. Capobianco seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM. So voted, 6-0.

Prepared by: Kecia Pierce, Building Committee Clerk

Approved by: Foster Gloucester Building Committee, May 8, 2007