

**NORTH SMITHFIELD
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE**

February 7, 2008

KENDALL DEAN

5:30 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES

Present: Paul Vadenais, Jane Biron, Stephen Lindberg, John Perry, Edward Yazbak and Paul Nordstrom. Absent: David Chamberland and Scott Majeau.

Other Present:: Gary Ezovski, Charles Roberts, Russ Ferland, David DeQuattro, Paul Aldinger, Mrs. Nevadonski, Paul Zwolenski, Peter DeResti, Jim Gardner

This meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

The following item was addressed before the regular order of business for this meeting in order to accommodate Mrs. Nevadonski.

#1 – Well Status Mr. Paul Vadenais announced that Mrs. Nevadonski still had a few questions and concerns. She wanted to know how many gallons per minute she would get with her new well. She felt

that a minimum of 3 gallons and not 2 gallons as stated to her last month was necessary to obtain a mortgage. She felt her old well pumped 12 gallons for a few hours. Paul Aldinger, GEO Tec Consultant, explained how wells pumped, how long and the amount of gallons in general. Yield is less for a deep well. Her old well was 100' deep. A deeper well requires a lower gallon per minute. Mrs. Nevadonski's well was drilled in 1941. She also had a report on her well which was done in 1979. This report might not be accurate according to today's testing requirements. Scientific measurements have changed over the years. Also, she had a concern about the water level in Rhode Island which might be decreasing in years to come. According to Mr. Aldinger this situation should not happen in this part of the country. An explanation followed as to why this should not happen in our state.

Mr. Paul Zwolenski asked what the average demand was and was told the middle school was at 10 gallons per minute coming from two wells. Seventy-five gallons per day per person is average to use. Minutes of last month's meeting will be mailed to Mrs. Nevadonski. She is still apprehensive about the middle school well affecting her new well. Mr. Zwolenski asked what would happen to Mrs. Nevadonski's well if it went dry. Most likely the Town would have to drill a new well for her. Hooking up a well can be the only way to prove how well they work. Mr. Yazbak stated all the notes for these meetings are on record for future reference. If a problem occurs in the future the Town will be responsible. No one can give a guarantee

concerning the well at this time. Mrs. Nevadonski was still not convinced. Mr. Zwolenski asked if she could stay with the old well while the new well is tested. Paul Aldinger felt the school well could be tested first.

Mr. Vadenais asked if a 5-hour test could be done on the new well and Mr. Ferland agreed. Mr. Lindberg asked why the need to cap the old well immediately. Why not wait for the test results. Mr. Yazbak asked if the well could be hydro fractured? Mr. Nordstrom felt the capacity of the old well should be tested first. Mr. Roberts felt all the wells should be done at the same time. Mr. Yazbak suggested Mrs. Nevadonski go home and put in writing all her concerns and questions. He felt the school well should be tested and the two wells on Mrs. Nevadonski's property be monitored. The school needs to open on time and all the wells need to be up and running.

Strict regulations by the Dept. of Health are required because the school is considered a public drinking supply.

Mr. David DeQuattro asked Mrs. Nevadonski if the test could be done. She replied she would get back to the board after calling her lawyer. Mr. Vadenais stated that they can drill and test the wells at this time. According to the State as long as Mrs. Nevadonski's well is the same or better today than what she had before. More explanation regarding the pump testing continued. Mr. Yazbak felt that this delay could continue for years if we don't get something in writing and the school

lawyer will have to contact Mrs. Nevadonski. Mr. Vadenais stated that equal or better is all we need to meet concerning the well.

#2. Mr. Russ Ferland described the Fire Protection Guard Tec Tank. This tank does not require Guard Tec protection. It is guarantee for 30 years. Mr. Ezovski stated technology does change, but the coating is still impacted by what people do. He felt the protection was still needed. Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Ferland to pursue the cost of added protection and report at the next meeting.

Following roll call by Jane Biron the minutes of the January 3, 2008, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Nordstrom and seconded by Jane Biron. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Requisition for payment #5-S, Job #4178010 submitted by Gilbane for Construction Management Services in the amount of \$40,766.77 for the period through January 31, 2008, was reviewed. Motion to approve this payment was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. Mr. Yazbak asked if Mr. David Chamberland saw this invoice. Yes he did. The committee unanimously approved this motion with Mr. Lindberg abstaining.

Requisition for payment #18, Job #4178 submitted by Gilbane for Construction Management services for the period through January 31, 2008, in the amount of \$1,858,788.23 was reviewed. Motion to

approve this payment was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. Mr. Yazbak asked if Mr. David Chamberland saw this invoice. Yes he did. The committee unanimously approved this motion with Mr. Lindberg abstaining.

There were no bills submitted from Joseph J. Reale.

Old Business

North Smithfield Elementary School - \$4,200 – Switch plates for the front doors. The Town Council conditionally approved this for payment. The Owner's contingency can pay this bill or wait 6 weeks and send the bill to the School Committee. The School Department should pay or the Town. Mr. Yazbak felt it was out of our hands and we should follow the Town Council recommendation.

New Business

Charles Roberts mention that the monthly publication School Planning and Management will feature the new middle school. This article might appear in the May issue.

A Providence Pike resident claimed that their well went dry because of the middle school well. The committee had the resident's well tested by Geotechnical Engineer. The fee for this service will be sent to the Town for payment.

Mr. David DeQuattro and Mr. Stephen Lindberg met with the Department of Education to discuss reimbursement increase. Lack of state money set the stage for Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports required for the 99 Bond needs to go in front of the State again. We need to prove what is being done, i.e. combining two fields with new turf. Phase 1 – 1/2M back to the Town for reimbursement. If it is not approved we can ask again next year. Mr. Lindberg felt the time line was important. The report should be done as soon as possible. Paul Vadenais stated a recommendation will be coming to the School Committee next month. David DeQuattro stated if a master plan was set and approved a 1/2M could be saved. Mr. Yazbak felt compliance with regulation for Physical Education was important.

Marguerite Concrete asked for a reduction from 10% to 5 % in the retainage fee. The concrete walks still need to be done and the walls in the bus turn-around need to be rubbed.

Change approval – Design/Builder Contingency:

- #440 – Hand excavate footing extension for electrical wall - \$152**
- #660 – Excavate, backfill and compact vent line for oil tank - \$500**
- #760 – Finish, install & add'l curb stop & box for sewage control shed - \$382**
- # 78010 – Furnish & install sonotubes for goal posts - \$1,239 (goal post – 3 post installation)**

Football Field – A layer of silty material underlying the running track. Stone was added under the track to allow water to flow to drainage system - \$5,907. Mr. Vadenais suggested payment from the Owner's Contingency instead of asking the Town Council to pay for this.

Motion to approve the R.I. Department of Education funding update, Phase I Services, in the amount of \$17,500 to be paid for out of the Owner's Contingency Fund was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Jane Biron. The committee unanimously approved this motion.

Motion to approved reduction of the retainage for Marguerite Concrete was made by Scott Perry and seconded by Jane Biron. The committee unanimously approved this motion.

Edward Yazbak suggested the Town Council be made aware of the situation concerning the bill from RG B in the amount of \$1,662.20 for investigation work concerning the lack of water in a well located at 1520 Providence Pike.

Motion to approve payment of #440, 660, 760 and 78010 in the amount of \$2,273 was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved this motion.

Motion to approve #75010 removal of silty material under the running track in the amount of \$5,907 out of the Owner's Contingency Fund

was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved this motion.

FF&E will go out to bid next week. The bid will go out in a unit price and items can be added or removed. This will appear in the Providence Journal for three days. Mr. Lindberg complimented Mr. Roberts for pulling this all together. The Technology portion is coming together with the help of Mr. Eric Butash. He found that the Smartboards were less expensive from the Pennsylvania State Bid List instead of RI State Bid List. And the price includes installation.

Cash Flow Layout - This will be e-mailed to Jill Gemma tomorrow.

Construction Schedule – John Perry helped with a recent tour. The heating system on the first floor was coming along nicely according to Mr. Perry.

Mr. Vadenais gave an update on the baseball and softball fields. The softball field will be ready this spring, but should not be used. Mr. Roberts recommended to Mr. Desrochers that the high school varsity team only use the field for home games. Do not use it for practice or allow the town teams use of the field at this time. Mr. Vadenais felt that the fields are still in a construction site and should not be used for two seasons.

Regarding the baseball field Mr. Lindberg asked about a low-tec

irrigation system, using the drainage from the side hill. He would like to get a proposal regarding the cost for this, or can the old water line be utilized.

New Doors – High School – Due to cold weather the new doors cannot be corked and weather stripped. New doors were installed using the old frames. Mr. Desrochers will work with Mr. Roberts on this.

Open Forum

Mr. Lindberg mentioned a recent meeting with the Town Council. He and Mr. Yazbak worked on an informal letter to be placed on the school department's web site. This is regarding the State reimbursement and tax rate impact. Also, they will do a press release. This is done to help clarify the use of bond money, i.e. not using bond money to pay for personnel.

Mr. Lindberg would like guidance from RGB and Gilbane regarding the concession stand, location and design. It was stated that the School Committee approval was need to put the concession stand on the property.

Mr. Charles Roberts mentioned the high school construction class with their teacher, Mr. Timothy McGee, is scheduled to tour the middle school project next week.

The next building committee meeting will be on March 6, 2008.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jane Biron at 7:30 p.m.