

Woonsocket Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 1, 2008
Woonsocket City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 4:00 PM
MINUTES

The meeting began at 4:05 PM.

Present: M. Keegan, P. Fontaine, Dr. McGee, M. Ferry, A. McGuire Forcier, T. Wrona, J. Mathews, J. Ward, S. Vadenais, D. Gagnon, G. Nasuti C. Boucher, T. Gray
New members: Dr. Gerardi, School Superintendent, Sheila Barrett, City Engineer, Lynn Bedard

Also present: C. Ady, J. Kripp, A. Hall, J. Gallishaw, S. Dunlap, J. Jordan

Motion to approve minutes from meeting of May 8, 2008 with one change: page 2, last paragraph, the state charged fee is based on .001% of the total cost of the project.

Motion to approve minutes as amended: P. Fontaine
Second by: D. Gagnon unanimously approved

Update on procurement of School Furnishings –S. Dunlap

Mr. Dunlap began the discussion by summarizing the challenges of splitting staff from one building to two. There are many decisions that must be made and Mr. Dunlap wants the committee to be aware of the confusion evolving from this complex assignment. In order to keep the furniture and equipment, programming and ordering on track room and staff assignments need to be resolved by the fall, if not sooner.

Mr. Dunlap stated that there is plenty of classroom space, but Woonsocket has become accustomed to running larger classrooms, allowing sometimes 28 to 30 students per classroom. RIDE wants smaller classrooms, around 24 pupils per class, but funding is not available for more staff. Mr. Dunlap stated that all classrooms are the standard size recommended for Middle School students. This program was developed, approved, and supported by the school committee with the assumption that Woonsocket could eventually conform to the standards recommended by RIDE.

Mr. Mathews was extremely concerned about the issue, and the committee agreed that staff costs and plans need to be recognized and a detailed plan needs to be identified very quickly. Mr. Mathews asked that the School Department provide this information at the next Building Committee meeting on July 15.

Discussion on recommendation to award demolition of Miller Electric Building to AA Asbestos – J. Kripp

The original bid for the demolition of the Miller Electric Building from AA Asbestos had included an alternate for the demolition of the Prococanti Mill and the garage on the site which was \$445,000.

Gilbane's recommendation is to amend the contract for AA Asbestos for the demolition of the Prococanti Building for \$445,000. This figure represents demolition only (abatement not included-\$80,000 set aside) the abatement survey is not yet complete. This building has very little salvage

