MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2017
MILLER-DRISCOLL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Building Committee members present: Steve DiNapoli, Dick Dubow, Glenn Hemmerle, Gretchen Jeanes, John Kalamidas, Jim Newton, Mandi Schmauch, Patti Temple

Committee Advisors present: Chris Burney (Director of Facilities & Energy Management)

Absent: Keith Fordsman, Ray Tobiassen, Rick Tomasetti

Guests: Michael Douyard, Ty Tregallas (Turner Construction), Randall Luther (Tai Soo Kim)

Public: Jeanette Ross (Wilton Bulletin)

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Chair Glenn Hemmerle at 5:00pm.

A motion to add comments by Chris Burney to the agenda was made by Glenn Hemmerle, seconded by Dick Dubow and passed unanimously,

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 Miller-Driscoll Building Committee was made by John Kalamidas, seconded by Gretchen Jeanes and passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 Miller-Driscoll Building Committee was made by John Kalamidas, seconded by Gretchen Jeanes and passed unanimously.

Public comments – None

Project Update

General - Chris Burney
The town has received its first reimbursement payment for the project from the state--$2.9M. The amount was at a rate of 21% based upon approximately $15M of expenses submitted to date. Approximately $30M in expenses were originally submitted but the state asked that it be halved because it had not yet fully funded for the reimbursement program. The town has subsequently received authorization to submit the next $15M in expenses for a second reimbursement payment.

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Architectural – Randall Luther
TSK has almost completed the punch list for Driscoll. The first roof ‘kite’ (orange) was installed this week and the remainder will be installed during the summer.

Construction Manager – Michael Douyard
The temporary wall between the new wing and Driscoll has been removed and the first two Driscoll pods have been turned over to the school for use. The stage has been built in the multipurpose room and is available for spring programs, but the remainder of that room’s renovations (i.e. lighting, acoustical panels, paint) will be completed in the summer. There is minimal work being done between now and the end of school, with the only interior construction in the old kitchen/maintenance area.
Glenn asked if the signage for the building had been purchased yet (Michael confirmed that it had) because the topic of possibly changing Miller-Driscoll’s name has come up at two BOE meetings, the reasoning being that since the school will be “new” and have a unified look perhaps a new name is in order.
The last day of school is June 23. The final construction phase will begin that afternoon at 4:00pm, probably working two shifts until the week of July 4. The targeted completion date is August 24. Michael will be out for six weeks effective April 19 due to ankle surgery but the Project Engineer and Project Supervisor will be on site as usual.

Financial update (The full financial report was not available for this meeting.)
Committed costs to date $41,853,891
Not yet committed, but allocated:
Site building costs 273,673
Soft Costs 369,009
$42,496,573 Potential total cost*
Contingency 2,247,700
$44,744,273 Potential total cost if contingency spent*

*Excluding any state reimbursement.

Review of monthly invoices
Rick Tomasetti typically reviews the invoices in detail but has been unavailable. In his absence it was suggested that Steve DiNapoli (who has reviewed invoices with Rick in the past) conduct that review this month. The committee will receive a copy at its next meeting.
A motion to grant Steve DiNapoli authority to approve current invoices on behalf of the committee was made by Glenn Hemmerle, seconded by Mandi Schmauch and passed unanimously.

Presentation of potential $60K+ savings
The MDBC previously made an “aesthetic decision,” approving the cost of a decorative wood ceiling outside the media center. Chris Burney pointed out that if, instead, ceiling tiles were used in that area (like those that will be in the rest of the building) approximately $63K could be saved. Discussion followed.
A motion to spend $63,000 on a decorative wood ceiling outside the media center was made by Dick Dubow, seconded by John Kalamarides and passed with 5 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Public comments – None

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Member comments – None

Next meeting – June 8, 2017
Due to minimal project activity and Michael’s absence, Chris suggested that we could forego a May meeting. The First Selectman has agreed to provide authorization for the May invoices.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

These minutes are subject to the approval and/or change by the committee at its next meeting.

Submitted by
Patti Temple, Secretary

A video of this meeting may be viewed at https://vimco.com/213669612/40dedbec4b .

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