

Public Building Commission  
January 27, 2014  
Cheshire High School Sports Locker Committee  
Town Hall, Room 207

Members Present: Mr. Art Crooker, Committee Co-Chairman  
Mr. Mark Nash, Committee Co-Chairman (departed at 6:30)  
Mr. Ed Hill, PBC Member  
Mr. Joe Barba

Others Present: Mr. John Purtill, PBC Chairman  
Mr. Vin Masciana, Cheshire Public Schools  
Mr. George Noewatne, Public Works  
Mr. Denis Rioux, BL Companies  
Mr. Rob Oris, Town Council

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

Mr. Masciana gave an overview of the funding history for the project, but there is currently approximately \$525,000 available for construction.

Mr. Rioux discussed the design parameters. The existing space is not ideal: the humidity control and ventilation are not up to current standards, and there is not much space for large numbers of kids, especially if they are wearing pads.

The committee reviewed the final design drawings from BL Companies, dated December 25, 2011.

Mr. Rioux stated that the ADA code requires that the space be made handicap accessible as part of any refurbishing. This could be provided via ramp or elevator.

Mr. Nash asked if any other options were considered when the Board of Education hired BL Companies. Mr. Rioux stated two other options were explored:

1. A partial addition to the space
2. A Field House

Mr. Hill asked about access and flow on the ramp, particularly with football players utilizing it. Mr. Rioux stated there will be two exterior entrances/exits to the room, one with a ramp, one with a stair.

Mr. Nash asked about access to the space, and if it were required from the front of the school. Mr. Rioux answered that it is not required from the front of the school, just available from somewhere in the building. There are alternative ways to access the room from within the building, which satisfies the code. Mr. Rioux stated this design meets all ADA, Building, and Fire codes.

Mr. Purtill asked if one long ramp would be more economical. Mr. Rioux stated that there are numerous potential utility conflicts in the area and a switchback ramp is less likely to cause problems.

Schedule:

BL Companies has not been formally hired as the architect. Ideally, the project should have been bid in December to account for long lead items and asbestos abatement.

BL's recommendation is to push the project out to 2015 with asbestos abatement to occur in the summer of 2014.

*Motion by Mr. Hill to request a bid waiver for BL Companies as the designer. Motion seconded by Mr. Crooker and carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Mr. Crooker to recommend the plans and specifications be bid as shown, subject to minor changes to the entrances. Motion seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Mr. Crooker to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Barba and carried unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Submitted by:

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George Noewatne