

**Trumbull High School Building Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2009**

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**Call to Order:**

The Chairman, Mr. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Ms. Bivona, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Chmielewski, Ms. Flynn, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Lemay and Ms. Timpanelli.

**Absent:** Ms. Gottlieb, Mr. Ronnow and Ms. King.

**Also Present:** Al Barbarotta of AFB, John Barbarotta of AFB, Brian Holmes of O&G, Greg Smolley of JCJ George Wiles of Wiles Assoc., Larry Schilling of O&G, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, and Tom Walsh of AP Construction.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Postponed to the next meeting.

**Owner's Rep. Update:**

Mr. A. Barbarotta reported a smell of smoke had been detected at the high school last week. After an extensive search by emergency personnel a piece of insulation within the temporary canopy at the high school had been found smoldering. All emergency crews responded immediately including fire crews from Shelton. There were 35-40 fireman on-site. The smoldering insulation was found and extinguished.

Mr. A. Barbarotta distributed a letter to the building committee members from the superintendent of schools to the parents and public, re: parking at the high school for the upcoming school year. There have been many meetings to date regarding how to increase the parking at the high school. It had been reported that approximately 100 parking spaces had been lost due to construction at the high school. A site plan was distributed to the building committee members at this meeting. Dalling's proposal for additional parking was distributed to the building committee. The proposal consisted of three quotes:

1. Relocate the staging area - \$ 31,753.00
2. 40-50 additional parking spaces - \$ 20,214.00
3. Widening the sidewalk \$ 21,843.00.

Mr. Barbarotta stated that he believes these estimates on the high side and the work will be done for less. The building committee discussed parking at the high school at length. It may be possible to pick up an additional parking near the football field. Mr. Holmes reported that it would be necessary to set the staging area in the next couple of weeks. The building committee stated that it was known that this project would cause inconveniences throughout the process. There will be a constant give and take throughout the project; hard decisions will be made at every juncture. The building committee also considered the fact the students do need the additional parking in order to provide them with the option of working after school and to participate in extra curricular activities.

The building committee agreed it would be possible to recapture 10-12 spaces on the paved area near/adjacent the football field by striping the area and creating an additional 40-50, bringing the total to approximately 62 space recaptured. Mr. Doyle suggested it might be possible to pick-up an additional 20 spaces around the turn area towards the football field.

Ms. Flynn moved and Mr. Doyle moved and seconded to approve additional parking at the high school, 40-50 parking spaces adjacent to the football field and 10-12 striped on the asphalt area not to exceed \$20,214.00.

Mr. Doyle and Ms. Flynn moved and seconded to amend the previous motion to include the extension of the work, (additional parking spaces) parallel to the area north towards the foot ball field bend to the west, this allows for approximately an additional 20 parking spaces, bringing the amount of additional parking to 75-80 not to exceed \$25,000.00.

The building committee discussed the fact there is an excess of parking in the staff parking area; it may be possible to designate that area as student parking. This could bring back an additional 30 parking spaces allowing for no loss of parking spaces at all. In response to the Chair's concern, Mr. Holmes believes the additional \$5,000.00 to cover the cost of Mr. Doyle's amendment is a reasonable amount and that the work could be done for that price. Ms. Timpanelli spoke in favor of the additional parking spaces and not impacting the students' after school lives and jobs. Mr. Doyle concurred.

VOTE: Motion to amend is approved 7-2 (Chiemelewski and Jenkins against).

Mr. Doyle and Ms. Flynn moved and seconded to approve the motion as amended 7-2 (Chiemelewski and Jenkins against).

Mr. Doyle left the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Ms. Flynn and Ms. Bivona moved and seconded to widen the existing access to the school and sidewalk area (exterior area) not to exceed \$21,843.00. Mr. A. Barbarotta stated that AFB has not had the opportunity to work on getting the best prices for the proposals presented at this meeting, the numbers represent the highest amount and is confident the costs will be lower. Mr. Barbarotta explained that this represents work per the fire marshal, a fire door has been added and the additional hardware. \$ 15,761.00 represents the relocation of 2 sets of existing doors (reusing the doors and swinging them around). Mr. Smolley reported the actual numbers of students were used to fit to the codes, the fire marshal has been very rational and reasonable determining the numbers for the code requirement.

\$21,843.00 - VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Bivona and Mr. Lemay moved and seconded to approve PCO #1 in the amount of 15,761.00. (Reusing the existing doors and electrical) VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Timpanelli discussed the directional traffic signage costs/invoices for the start of the year. Mr. Holmes indicated that there was an allowance of \$1500.00 for signage in the

budget. AFB will review/confirm the invoices and then will bring them back to the building committee at a later date.

Mr. Chmielewski and Ms. Bivona moved and seconded to approve the floor tiling of M-Wing not to exceed \$13,117.00 floor tile will be the choice of the architect. The building committee discussed the fact that M-wing's floors had been stripped, the floors are currently concrete and had been damaged from the tile having been stripped. It would be necessary to tile the floors for school this year. The areas will be used as classrooms and continuing education.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

**Architect's Update:**

Mr. Smolley explained that the ductwork previously discussed at the last meeting would require the operating sound to be 35 decibels or less, there is not enough room in the hallway to allow for the control boxes. The control boxes will need to be in the classroom, with a 12' duct minimum with a 3" depth. The mechanics can not be run along both classrooms due to location of the main beam. The building has 3 choices to consider:

1. Exposed ductwork
2. Flat ceiling approximately 8'3" to 8'6" on the first floor (classroom ceilings are usually 9' high).
3. Some ductwork exposed.

The most cost-conscious is the continuous flat ceiling, this will allow for everything to be hidden under the ceiling, including the sprinklers. The building committee spoke favorably of hiding all the mechanical including the sprinklers. understanding that the lights will approximately 2" lower than the norm, but this will reduce the glare.

Mr. Holmes reported that the project manager would attend the next meeting.

The next THSBC meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at The Helen Plumb building at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss upon motion made by Ms. Bivona and seconded by Mr. Ronnow the THSBC adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk