

**Town of Stonington  
K-12 School Building Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 22, 2016  
7:00pm  
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**Members Present:** Rob Marseglia, Chairman; Julie Holland, Secretary; Rob Sundman, Kate Rotella, Vice Chairwoman, George Crouse, Bobby Mitchell, Wendy Wilbert, Dan Oliverio, and June Strunk

**Late Arrivals:** Kathy Sanford – 7:30 p.m.

**Members Absent:** Deborah Downie

**Recording Secretary:** Ana de Oliveira

**Guests and Citizens:** Gary Shettle, Director of Finance, Stonington Public Schools; Chuck Warrington and Marc Sklenka, Colliers; Anwar Hossain, DRA; Deb Pratt, Second Grade Teacher – West Vine Street School, Peter Manning, Gilbane, Mr. Fiore and interested citizens.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Marseglia called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for approval were Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Special Meeting; Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 2016 Contract Sub-Committee Meeting.

The following motion was made by Julie Holland and seconded by George Crouse:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of June 15, 2016 as presented and table June 7, 2016 Special and Regular meeting minutes awaiting amendments.  
**All:** Aye

**3. Public Comments**

Mr. Tom Fiore commented that it would be helpful to have like the Board of Education meetings a public comment item at the end of each Building Committee meeting agenda. Mr. Fiore also noted that he checked with the Town Hall to see if the survey had been filed with the Clerk's Office. Mr. Fiore expressed his concern of the fourteen parking spots and drainage with the new parking area, adequate provisions for maintenance of the new buildings,

The following motion was made by June Strunk and seconded by Julie Holland:

**Motion:** To take a small recess.  
**All:** Aye

Chairman Marseglia called the meeting back to order at 7:30p.m.

**4. Discussion – West Vine Sensory Garden and Leslie Buck Reading Garden**

Rob Marseglia noted the committee needs to start thinking about how to preserve the Leslie Buck Reading Garden at Deans Mill School and the West Vine Street School Sensory Garden. Julie Holland spoke on the history of both gardens and reported she received some information from Anna Green, a retired Deans Mill teacher, regarding the Leslie Buck Reading Garden, which requested there continue to be an outdoor sitting area for reading with the existing bench. Mrs. Holland expressed her concern about the relocation of the garden and how the garden structure would be preserved when moved to a new location and also mentioned the trees that now exist in memory of staff, which she would like to see preserved. Mrs. Holland brought with her Deborah Pratt, a teacher at West Vine Street School who spoke about the student programs centered around the garden. Mr. Marseglia told the committee we all need to put our heads together to come up with the best solution. Kate Rotella inquired about the cost of moving the garden and once that is established then go from there. George Crouse noted the move might be a positive one where we can recreate the garden with PK-5 students in mind. Anwar Hossain,

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noted he understands learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century takes place anywhere and will meet with the committee to make sure the garden is moved to the correct location. Bobby Mitchell gave his recommendation in regards to things to consider when moving the gardens such as electricity, water, handicap accessibility, and outlets. Mr. Marseglia asked that Mr. Mitchell be part of the process of relocation of the gardens.

**5. Architects Report**

Anwar Hossain shared with the committee copies of WVSS and DMS list of project design comments and responses which correlate to the drawings. Mr. Hossain spoke on the atrium area and use of this area, which can also be unassigned space and answered questions from the committee and guests regarding the differences between West Vine and Deans Mill on square footage, elevators, and specific designated rooms. Colliers will work with Jim Barrett, from DRA to confirm the original education specifications with the current education specifications and clear all differences before going to the state for final approval. Colliers representatives noted a vote from the Board of Education will be needed for the new Education Specifications before going to the state.

Rob Marseglia noted the zoning variance meeting is the same time and day as the next committee meeting, therefore, Mr. Marseglia will not be able to attend the zoning meeting.

**6. Owner's Representative Contract Approval**

Rob Marseglia explained that we met with the subcommittee, we are in a very good place, and Colliers will have the contract signed tomorrow along with Jim Sullivan. Colliers to send documents directly to Mr. Marseglia so that they can be delivered to the Town Hall.

The following motion was made by George Crouse and seconded by Kate Rotella:

**Motion:** To approve the Owner's Representative Contract and send the contract to the First Selectman for signature.

**All:** Aye

The previous motion was amended to state, made by George Crouse, and seconded by Kate Rotella:

**Motion:** To add the "Version 6 of the Owner's Representative Contract agreed upon on the June 15 subcommittee meeting.

**All:** Aye

**9. Adjourn**

The following motion was made by Kate Rotella and seconded by Rob Sundman:

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

**All:** Aye

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Julie Holland, Secretary