

BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET, BETHEL, CT. 06801

MEETING ROOM "A"

APRIL 17, 2008

7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

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PRESENT: Chairman Gerald Roche and Vice Chairman William Slifkin.
Members: Alex Smith, James Lacey, Robert Tripi. Judy Novachek, David Norvig and John Rondano were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Timothy Gunn and Lawrence Rosati from Morganti Group. Mike Sorano, from Friar Associates. First Selectman, Robert E. Burke. Lawrence Craybas and Mike Duff from Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gerald Roche called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: William Slifkin made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 04/10/2008. Motion seconded by Robert Tripi. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UPDATE ON PROJECT: Lawrence Rosati presented the project update in Robert Zaccagnino's absence. (See attached).
The power screen planned for the Media Center was discussed. Robert Tripi made a motion to ask Morganti to cease installation of the power screen, and to have Friar Associates look into a pull down screen in its place. Motion was seconded by William Slifkin. Vote was taken. James Lacey, Gerald Roche, William Slifkin, and Robert Tripi voted "Yes". Alex Smith voted "No". Motion passes.

Additional Asbestos abatement was discussed. The issue is the existing ductwork removal within the corridors on the first and second floors. Robert Tripi asked how it is known that this is not part of the scope of the work and included in the bid specs. A survey of the school was done prior, and why is this a new issue? Ray Folino from Eagle Environmental could have provided the answers to these questions but failed to show up for the meeting as promised. First Selectman Burke placed a cell phone call during the meeting to Mr. Folino but was only able to leave a voice-mail. Issue to be looked into.

Chairman Roche stated he had received an email from C&H Electric regarding payments, lien waiver, retainage and rates. As per agreed, C&H did not complete the appropriate lien waiver paperwork, therefore no payment has been made.

UPDATE ON BUDGET:

Review of the attached PCO list. According to First Selectman Burke the town will take care of restoring the temporary storage trailer areas with topsoil and grass. The telephone feed cost was discussed previously and is located in the technology budget. Bleachers were discussed; Robert Tripi asked why we are paying for the ADA upgrade to the Middle School fields? He made a motion to instruct Friar Associates to provide a narrative at the next meeting as to why we are working on an ADA project for the Middle School Fields. James Lacey seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Robert Tripi asked Lawrence Rosati if the stacks of PCO's presented were there to be looked at and reviewed or approved. Mr. Rosati stated the changes were presented for approval. Chairman Roche took the opportunity to state that as a group and individually nothing has been approved for payment since November. He wants to make the record clear that nothing was approved after PR133, yet the work was completed. Despite what Tim Gunn said about JoAnn Michaels claiming Chairman Roche had approved everything to date is false. When the committee met in December the PR log was incomplete. There had been no forthcoming budget since November 29, until last Thursday. Chairman Roche stated that in his personal opinion Morganti has a fiduciary responsibility to the town and they have grossly abused that. Chairman Roche had suggested the members take home the Morganti Monthly report, where now the best estimate for completion leaves the project at \$600,000.00 over budget. Chairman Roche stated that as of November 29, 2007 there was 1.1 million dollars in the contingency, with no approvals we are now \$600,000.00 over budget. It was discussed that 285 change orders need reviewing. Yet there has been no updated budget. Some of the change orders have been initialed some have not. With that Chairman Roche made a statement, "My efforts to maintain budgets & schedules have been undermined and circumvented. My position as Chairman has become obsolete, so to avoid future conflict I am stepping down as Chairman and as a member of the Bethel High School Building Committee." He made the recommendation that the committee look into value engineering options.

First Selectman Burke stated that Chairman Roche's resignation is his choice, certainly not what was looked for; we have no choice but to accept it. Due to the chairman's resignation William Slifkin will become acting Chairman, with officers elected at next meeting.

James Lacey wanted to publicly ask Gerald Roche to reconsider. Gerald thanked James Lacey, but declined.

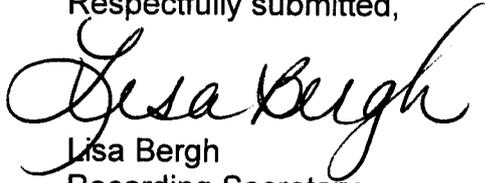
Chairman Roche made a motion to approve the following PR's:

PR-90, PR-88, PR-80, PR-100, PR-43, PR-3, PR-81, PR-108, PR-95, PR-47, PR-99, PR-85, PR-82R, PR-81. Robert Tripi seconded the motion. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Robert Tripi, motion seconded by William Slifkin. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Lisa Bergh
Recording Secretary