

ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

DERBY CITY HALL – JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Chair Keith A. McLiverty called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Keith A. McLiverty, Tom Abel, Jim Benanto, Chantal Gerckens, Rob Hyder, John Netto, Dennis O'Connell, Ronald Sill, Anthony DeFala, Sr., Ken Marcucio, Sr. (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

Absent: Paul Mengold, Peter Olenoski (Excused), Ken Marcucio, Sr.

Also Present: Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Meg Lampazzi, Representing Ms. Joan Payden

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. McLiverty asked if anyone wished to address the committee.

Joanne Welsh, 40 E Street, Derby, CT 06418

Ms. Welch said several of us are here tonight. It is the sixth month anniversary of the mud flood that came down from the field and did a lot of damage to our homes. We really want some help – it's been six months now. That's all I have to say.

Fred Smith, 40 E Street, Derby, CT 06418

I just want to say how pathetic it is that we didn't get any help from the City and we had to get a lawyer to try to get this resolved and we're all still going to be out lawyers' fees and stuff. It's ridiculous. The City has put us through this.

Mr. McLiverty – It absolutely is. Just to be clear it's the City's insurance carrier because we have attempted through all angles from Dr. Conway, myself, Vin Marino.

Mr. Smith – Dr. Conway was the only one that's ever even come out to the house and returned phone calls.

Joanne Liguigli, 13 Chatfield Street, Derby, CT 06418

So I had a company come out before they started blasting the baseball field and they had taken pictures, After the blasting had finished I didn't realize how actually pretty potent it was – it was actually vibrating my house. I do have several cracks from the blasting. I have the before and after pictures. So now I have developed cracks in my bedroom, I'm also still getting water in my basement every time it rains, which I never had before for almost ten years now. Also I'm still having health issues that are

unknown since October. Chances are it's probably mold from the mold that's in my basement at this point. So I'm putting this out there because something's got to – I don't know what else to do really.

Donna McEvoy, 326-328 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby, CT 06418

I had damage from the storm and we haven't – someone came out initially and now we haven't heard from anyone and no one is returning any calls and we had a lot of damage.

John Fitzgerald, 50-52, E Street and representing 54-56 E Street, Derby, CT 06418

I previously stated that catch basins on the property – I think I explained that before to the committee – however there's also the extension of catch basins that the City owns that are still not being cleaned. So we've determined that there's pipes going into the catch basins that are still loaded with silt backing up to the houses. So we're still in the same position as the other people just waiting for some activity. We understand that the board is talking to Travelers and so forth. (Inaudible) we have to hire a catch basin cleaning truck (inaudible) the woods and make ramps to get the catch basins cleaned behind the houses that feeds in from the top behind Talmadge Street. We're also waiting for the resolution to the solution.

Mr. McLiverty asked three more times if anyone wished to speak during public portion. Hearing no further requests to address the committee:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Hyder to close the public portion.
Motion carried.

Mr. Sill asked the Chair if Corporation Counsel is attending the meeting this evening. Mr. McLiverty said he doesn't believe so.

UPDATE FROM TURCO GOLF – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. McLiverty informed the committee that Dennis Turco would not be at the meeting this evening and he proceeded to give an update regarding the sinkhole. Mr. McLiverty said that Turco Golf was authorized to proceed to open the original sinkhole today or tomorrow, which extended towards Derby Neck Library. Kaestle Boos Associates (KBA) is going to come out tomorrow and do an inspection and propose a solution to tie it into the drain. He said we should have that report next week. Mr. McLiverty said they are proceeding with the wall in front of the home bleachers and they are working on the wall that goes around the track in front of the field house. All the money owed to KBA was released today so they are paid up to date. The committee questioned why KBA is not at the meeting this evening. Mr. McLiverty asked Ms. Finn if she heard from KBA regarding this evening's meeting. Ms. Finn said she received no notice from KBA that they would not be in attendance this evening and noted that both Luke McCoy and Eric Roise received notice of the meeting via email. Mr. McLiverty said the sinkhole is the top priority and then turned to Dr. Conway for his input.

Dr. Conway said at the last joint meeting he told the committees that the unbelievable lady, Ms. Joan Payden, on Wednesday at 2:36 p.m. called to see what she could do to

get both the projects completed at the same time. He said after multiple conversations back and forth she would like to know what is needed to be done to get this completed. What she's trying to build for her and her family, her Father and Mother she wants completed in a timely manner. Derby needs this and she wanted me to express she needs this.

Mr. McLiverty said it's his understanding that the bogey now is the end of June. He said by the end of June it needs to be "more than substantially complete" is the term that we're using. He said counsel is releasing a letter tomorrow regarding the ordering of the turf field. That will be a carve out from the Turco contract and we will pay directly to the turf company. Now Turco needs to give us a schedule regarding the bogeys that he has to hit so that we're live on the field by mid to late June. Mr. McLiverty said the only thing really holding us up is the sinkhole. It has been mentioned that it should take about a week for design and putting the pipes in. Mr. Sill asked if it has been engineered. Mr. McLiverty said the engineer is coming out tomorrow now that the hole is open.

Dr. Conway then introduced Meg Lampazzi, Ms. Payden's representative or as Ms. Payden says "her boots on the ground." The committee thanked Ms. Lampazzi. Mr. McLiverty told Ms. Lampazzi that her Aunt spoke very softly when she said end of June – we got the message.

Mr. DeFala said he is very concerned that Turco is not present here this evening. He said he would like to hear about the other issues that are going on with the other project. Mr. McLiverty said that is not our project, and not our place. Mr. Hyder said he is concerned with how much action KBA is going to have, noting that they haven't been here.

There was then a discussion regarding the javelin and the shotput. It was noted that the javelin was going to be headed into the parking lot.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Netto to go into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discussion the contract with Kaestle Boos Associates. **Motion carried.**

The meeting came out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 6:55 p.m.

Mr. McLiverty asked if anyone had any other questions. None were raised.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Abel to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Finn 
Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.