

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

October 12, 2016

The Stratford High School Renovations Subcommittee of the Stratford Building Needs Committee conducted a special meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 in the library of Stratford High School, 45 North Parade/Victoria Soto Way, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Alan Llewelyn; Jack Dellapiano; Len Petrucelli; Stephanie Philips; Daniel Senft; and Clarence Zachery

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Chaloux; Susan Lance; Eric Lazaro; Ken Poisson; Jason Santi

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chair; J. Vincent Chase; Beth Daponte; Andrea Boissevain, Director of Health; Alivia Coleman, Health Program Associate; Ulrich LaFosse, GeoDesign Inc.; George Perham, Antinozzi Principal; Richard Snedeker, CREC Program Manager; Paul Tanner, OTO Associates Inc.; Ty Tregellas, Turner Project Executive; and Lisa Yates, Antinozzi Senior Project Architect; and Christina Batoh (via speaker phone)

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alan Llewelyn called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

II ACTION ITEMS – GEODESIGN INC. 10-12-2016 PROPOSAL

Mr. Snedeker distributed a report regarding additional soil testing at the field, by Mr. LaFosse, who worked with Ms. Yates, Mr. Tregellas, Mr. Snedeker, Mr. Tanner and Bob Kercher (asbestos specialist). Mr. LaFosse noted the area in question is the play fields out to California Street. He then stated the three main goals:

1. Take the existing data and build on it to determine who would be affected by the dust (e.g. students, workers and neighbors).
2. Take the findings of the DEEP, CT State Dept. of Health, and the Town of Stratford Health Dept. that determined the current use of the site doesn't present a risk to the users, but when that soil is exposed then it could cause problems because asbestos fibers could become airborne, and determine how to minimize the affect of materials that will need to be removed during construction. Aggregate piers are one proposal already discussed, which could serve to eliminate some over-excavation, allowing more of the current soil to stay on site.
3. The aggregate piers are used to improve the existing conditions by increasing soil bearing capacity, but exposing less existing soil to daylight. The committee will need to determine how to permanently protect the asbestos from everyone for environmental remediation. Multiple strategies are available, one being covering it with a building, one being covering it with paving, one being covering it with certain protections (marker layers) under lawn areas.

The goal here was to develop a proposal that impacts the construction schedule and the cost the least, while simultaneously providing the required protections to workers and the public.

Per Mr. LaFosse, between 1932 and 1965, the West Parcel had a brook which was later filled. Ms. Boissevain stated that in 1993, no Raymark waste was discovered at this location. There was some asbestos found, but it would not be harmful if left untouched (under a vegetated layer, undisturbed by the activities occurring there). Mr. LaFosse noted that test pits would need to be done for the proposed grading, and the proposed retention basins. The first step will take four days of testing to take care of technical issues regarding the asbestos, and all environmental safety protocols will be followed to avoid generating dust, etc. With the new data using modern test methods we will be able to definitively characterize what is there and establish the proper course of action. Mr. Tanner stated the need to maximize the amount of material that stays in place by using geotextiles, and by using snow fencing as a marker layer to protect the area (using geotextiles allows the least amount of material to be removed). He added there would be a map regarding such filed at Town Hall. He further noted the material must be handled carefully, as it is a waste material, and the Town is now defined as a “waste generator”.

Ms. Daponte objected that this report was dated the same day as the meeting, which was also the same night as a Town Council meeting, adding that subcommittee members should have been given a longer time frame to review this report.

- A. Upon discussion, including descriptions of dust control measures to be employed, and the fact that this is a first step in determining the correct course of action to take next (this is a multi-step process). Mr. Llewelyn accepted a motion by Mr. Chase to approve the GeoDesign, Inc. proposal dated 10-12-2016 in the amount of \$66,950 to perform additional testing of the soil for structural suitability and potential hazardous materials at the site for the Stratford High School Renovation Project, OSG #138-0101. Ms. Philips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- B. Mr. Llewelyn accepted a motion by Mr. Petrucelli to send the GeoDesign proposal dated 10-12-2016 in the amount of \$66,950 to the Building Needs Committee with a favorable recommendation. Mr. Senft seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Llewelyn accepted a motion by Mr. Petrucelli to adjourn at 6:38pm. Mr. Chase seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Marsh

Recording Secretary