

Minutes of the Somers Public Library Building Committee – December 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chr. Tim Welch at 5:10 p.m. Others attending: Mike Gruber, Andy Phillips, A. Bob Socha, & Shirley Warner. Irma Claman was absent. Others attending: John Wilcox & Bob C. Socha.

Minutes were waived in the absence of the Secretary.

Old Business: Tim reported that town building official is moving ahead with certificate of occupancy, and has all the necessary documentation.

Outstanding PCO's were discussed. #132 - a copy was not available to discuss. #133 – a number of questions on the work cited need to be clarified before the committee can take action. # 158 – the architect's opinion was not available. No action was taken on these three PCO's

PCO # 131 – Painting of existing radiator covers: \$432. Mike Gruber motion to approve, 2nd by A.Bob, approved unanimously.

PCO #151 – Reduction of performance bond for a credit of \$288.74. Mike Gruber motion to approve, 2nd by A.Bob, approved unanimously.

PCO #152 – Plumbing for installation of insulation on sink - \$380.72. Mike Gruber motion to approve, 2nd by S. Warner: approved 4-1 with Andy Phillips voting against.

Discussion of on-going issues with regulating the heating/cooling system. The system has never operated efficiently. Problem solving only seems to occur when the contractor/sub/Trane are called by Francine, and then only the function in question is addressed. Committee agreed that the installation needs to be completed by the contractor/sub/ Trane to include having the entire set up working efficiently & that it should not be the responsibility of the Library Director to initiate the computer set points or other technical settings. It was further noted that we have no record of who responded to calls or when, as workers are often let into the building by the custodian. It was suggested that engineer consultants be invited to a meeting to help clarify our concerns & clear them with installers and/or technicians.

The bid for a projector in the Blake Room was discussed – The committee was generally favorable to the Best Buy proposal, but would like clarification of how wiring would be hidden and if there would be some way of safeguarding the system from tampering by unauthorized persons. John will find out.

The AT&T proposal to move phone wiring to the east side of the building was \$4,901.16 (estimate). No action was taken. There would be an additional cost to move interior wiring into data closet. Discussion was held on vulnerability of the wiring.

New Business: It was agreed that surveillance cameras should be installed, especially in light of on-going disruptive behavior in the teen room, and that many areas of the library have obstructed visibility from staff areas. After discussion of needs, it was decided to ask Best Buy if they could give us an estimate. John will follow up.

A.Bob Socha will return personal items to Gene Badger & reported that Gene has had on-going health problems since he left the project for knee replacement. The committee asked Bob to convey their regards.

A.Bob noted that newspaper tubes located near the flagpole are unsightly and he has asked for an estimate of a bricked enclosure.

Francine reported that Tucker Library Interiors has pictures of our library on their web site.

Pay Bills: Tai Soo Kim invoice #25 (12/04/09) for \$1,545.93 – Motion to approve by A. Bob, 2nd by Andy, approved unanimously.

Tucker invoice # 6707 (11/30/09) for \$655.00 – representing additional shelves for new books section. Motion to approve by Andy, 2nd by Mike, approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – in the absence of the Secretary – Shirley E. Warner

Minutes not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.