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**TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/  
MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on April 24, 2012. Present were Chairman David Campbell, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, Louis Gesauldi and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Also present were Architect Rusty Malik, Nick Everett – A.P. Construction, Mike Lynch Board of Education Facilities Director and Town Administrator Karl Kilduff. John Hertz was absent.

The meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Project Update on Board of Education Central Office Phase**

Mr. Malik reported that the second Planning & Zoning Commission hearing for 35 Leroy was scheduled for April 24 to address questions left from the last meeting which included storm water management, quality of run-off, use of the building and sight lines. Responses to questions and items submitted were discussed briefly. He offered that final approval might come in June following conversations with Planning & Zoning staff.

In other developments, Mr. Malik noted that construction drawings were continuing to be developed. He was also planning on meeting with Richard Huot of the Board of Education to finalize the State reimbursement grant. He also provided a brief discussion on filing for “renovate-as-new” status which would require bringing all building elements up to modern code and remove the ineligible expenses. It was noted that this option would not be pursued.

Mr. Malik would give the Committee an overview of the project plans at the next meeting to review some areas where changes were made to reflect existing conditions which kept some walls in place to control costs.

**b) Project Update on Mather Center Phase**

Mr. Malik provided the report for Mr. Arcari. He reviewed a change to the 3D art room which was in response to a load bearing wall which could not be moved. While this change resulted in a space which was not a wide open room, there is increased program storage. He added that the changes were reviewed with the users of the space.

The design team is still working with AP Construction on the project budget update in an effort to keep the construction estimate down.

Mr. Malik noted that the Mather Center would appear before the Planning & Zoning Commission for the first time on April 24.

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**c) Other Items of Relevance to the Committee**

Chairman Campbell noted that the Town had pricing from Yankee Gas to connection to 35 Leroy. He asked the Committee for its preference in funding this aspect of the project. It was highlighted that in the case of schools and the Town Hall, the Board of Finance paid for the whole amount. The Committee decided to ask the Board of Finance for the full cost to connect the building to natural gas.

Ms. Hagerty-Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Gesauldi, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2012. The motion passed 3-0 with Ms. Woods abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff

Administrative Officer