

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

Wednesday June 1, 2011

A regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on June 1, 2011. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, John Hertz, Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross and Louis Gesualdi, Director of Facilities and Operations Darien Public Schools Hans Otto, Rusty Malik, Tom Acari, and Bruce Bienfield.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of minutes Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross motioned, Robin Woods seconded, all approved.
- B. Contract update. Relationship and insurance issues are being worked out between Architects and the Town of Darien. It is hoped issues will be resolved post haste.
- C. Concept Review of both projects
 - 1. Rusty Malik reported on B of E building plans. After discussions with staff, minor adjustments were made in regard to workplace adjacencies and the loading dock was moved. An alternative plan was introduced keeping center reading room more open and allowing for better natural light. General discussion concerning the size and use of the meeting room. Second floor work appears to be minor in nature with as little structural work as possible. Plans were well received.
 - 2. Bruce Beinfield and Tom Acari presented three concepts for the Darien Senior Center. Attempts were made to simplify construction and the entrance was moved to the lower level. Plan "B" seemed to be the best choice as it allowed for more light, better circulation, better outdoor space, and easier access to the main rooms. There was however, a reduction in program space. It was decided to refine plan "B". Traffic circulation was a general concern.

ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully,

John D. Hertz