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

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on July 27, 2011. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, John Hertz and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Louis Gesauldi was absent. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, architects Rusty Malik and Tom Arcari, and Nick Everett of AP Construction.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Architect's Report

Chairman Guimond opened the meeting emphasizing that the purpose of the meeting was for the Committee to give feedback to the design team on ways to adjust the project design to fit within the anticipated budget and discuss a memo from the architects.

Mr. Malik discussed the items in the memo that were driving the cost of the Board of Education design. He noted that the front entry design would be changed to reduce the amount of work, however the egress from the large meeting room would have to be reworked in order to keep it handicapped accessible.

He then proceeded to review areas where the project grew beyond the original budget. He suggested that the large meeting room be modified to have minimal changes; providing bathrooms near the large meeting room was not in the original concept and the committee offered that access to the basement be restored to provide bathrooms; the design assumed the replacement of all windows; the design was going to replace the entire HVAC system which was not assumed originally; and site lighting was planned to increase. The Committee discussed how HVAC replacement was the primary cost driver. The Committee discussed general changes to the design which might reduce cost if evaluated by AP Construction in its cost estimating exercise.

Mr. Arcari discussed aspects of the memo which pertained to where the Mather Center project grew beyond the original budget. He noted that the design increased the space of the building but providing for additions which were not originally considered; the change in use will increase the amount of HVAC required to adequately heat and cool the project; the notion of cooling the gym was also raised; with the addition of new HVAC units on the roof repairs would have to be made to the room where it would be penetrated; the skylight was not anticipated at first but became an important aspect to the design by providing natural light; the plans assumed replacement of all windows; the project also assumed the installation of a rain screen to re-skin the building, but this could be reduced in volume and it was important to the design team for aesthetic considerations; site work was added to provide for a vehicle turnaround, external patios, walks and a relocated entrance; work in the vestibule connecting the Center to the Darien Arts Center space and new windows for their space; sprinklers were

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not originally assumed as part of the project but may be needed following a code review; and slab changes to create space for the kitchen adjacent to the multipurpose room. The Committee discussed general changes to the design which might reduce cost if evaluated by AP Construction in its cost estimating exercise.

b) Construction Manager's Report

There was no report from the Construction Manager

c) Other Items Of Relevance to the Committee

There was no further business for the Committee to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff
Administrative Officer