

**EAST WINDSOR PERMANENT BUILDING COMMISSION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT'**

**MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015 - SPECIAL MEETING**

**I. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Rodrigue at 5:30 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall meeting room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Building Commission Members: Chairman Al Rodrigue, Peter Larese, Dick Pippin, Joe Sauerhoefer, Tom Stremper, Tom Talamini and Jim Thurz.

Also present: Denise Menard, First Selectman; Len Norton, Town Engineer/Director of Public Works; Kim Lord, Town Treasurer; Richard Labrie of Futures Education, Consultant to the East Windsor school system; Dr. Christina DeBarge, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Cathy Simonelli, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education; Jason Bowsza, Board of Selectmen liaison to the Building Committee; and Dale Nelson, Board of Selectmen member.

Chairman Rodrigue welcomed Peter Larese as a new member of the Building Commission.

**III. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Upon **MOTION** by Mr. Sauerhoefer;           Seconded by Mr. Talamini, it was  
**VOTED:**       To approve the minutes of April 7, 2015.  
**In Favor:**     Sauerhoefer; Talamini; Rodrigue; Pippin; Thurz  
**Abstain:**      Larese; Stremper

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. BROAD BROOK SCHOOL MODULAR CLASSROOMS**

Chairman Rodrigue noted that the referendum passed by two votes. Now they need to go forward. Richard Labrie said one thing that needs to be done is an extension of the current grant. It needs to be filed by May 30<sup>th</sup>. He said we also need to submit an ED049R to the State requesting additional funding. It is done electronically.

Mr. Labrie indicated that the contingency cost before was \$411,000 and now is \$619,000. The cost went from 2.7 million dollars to 5.2 million dollars. He said he had a conversation with State Representative Chris Davis as to the time line for the State to approve once the Building Commission approves the direction to take. He said they could go to this legislative session if he files within the next several days. Mr. Davis told him he felt it is a relatively small amount of money for the State and he is thinking positively that they can approve it this session.

Mr. Labrie noted that Mod Space has agreed to hold their bid price until the end of May. He distributed copies of a draft of the ED049R to the Commission members. He also distributed copies of a letter to the State Department of Administrative Services, Office of School Facilities asking for the extension. He said they will be asking the Board of Education to approve and sign tomorrow night.

A lengthy discussion took place as to whether to go with Mod Space or to go for a rebid and possibly a redesign. Mr. Sauerhoefer said he would like to go out for a rebid. He said they don't have to get it done during the summer. They can do the four classrooms right away and then move the students. They can do the demolition and they could be ready by this time next year. Mr. Thurz questioned what if it comes back higher? Mr. Sauerhoefer said extending the time table will be more competitive and he felt that they would get more bids.

Mr. Rodrigue explained the process if they go to a rebid. It would move the time frame quite a bit. He felt there would be a cost escalation along with the longer time frame. Mr. Stremper said there is inflation in the building industry and he was nervous about rebidding.

Mr. Norton felt they should go with a rebid. He said if they went with a rebid they wouldn't have to redesign. The last time some of the builders didn't bid because they couldn't meet the time line. He said he thought they could get more bidders if it is with a more realistic time line.

A motion was made by Mr. Sauerhoefer to put it out for a rebid. There was no second.

Cathy Simonelli said 6.5 million is the amount that was approved. Her concern is that people will see that their bids will reflect that there is more money available. She said she didn't think that the bids would go down. She said we are at 5.1 million. Why risk going up from there?



permanent structure. It will be as well built as the original buildings as opposed to modulars that have a shorter lifetime. Those were not designed or built as permanent structures. The new ones are entirely different. They will have a steel frame and concrete floors.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon **MOTION** by Mr. Sauerhoefer;  
**VOTED:** To adjourn at 6:30 p.m.  
**In Favor:** Unanimous

Seconded by Mr. Stremper, it was

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Bauer  
Recording Secretary