

**WETHERSFIELD TOWN HALL / LIBRARY RENOVATIONS BUILDING
COMMITTEE
MINUTES – THURSDAY January 17, 2008**

Chairman Coombs called the Meeting to order at 5:05 P.M. in Conference Room One.

Present

Committee Member Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Joseph Coombs, Chairman	X		
Tim Tuell, Vice Chairman	X		
Paul Camarco, Clerk			X
Raymond Grasso	X		
Luke McEntire	X		
Carmen Pace	X		
Stuart Temple	X		
Liaison Present			
Paul Montinieri, Council Liaison	X		
Tony Martino, Staff Liaison	X		
Mike Turner, Staff Liaison	X		
Staff & Guests Present			

Today is day 243 of the Project

1. Public Comments:

1. None

2. Projects for Discussion:

I. Town Hall / Library Renovations – Phase 2

A. Change Orders

1. PCO 25 – Structural Steel - \$14,384.68 – Chairman Coombs advised this is the change order for the bracing that is currently being installed. Chairman Coombs advised he had expected a higher price. The structural engineer, John Thomas of Szewczak Associates was here yesterday (1-16-08) to observe the work. Some bracing has to be redesigned due to the interference of existing and new piping, also have HVAC ductwork and existing structural conditions. Our concern also is metal of piping being in contact with the structural bracing. Tim Tuell had questions on the plate, Chairman Coombs using the two braces installed in Conference Room One showed members the problems and what had to be changed or modified. Tim Tuell asked if the person who designed the bracing also did the design where the piping would go. Did their design ignore overlap? Chairman Coombs advised Phase Two work was done during Phase One. Designs for Phase One and Phase Two, was accomplished by the same people. Tim Tuell asked of the pipes where there why weren't they taken into consideration? Chairman Coombs advised the tabs were added to the plate design afterwards and the tabs are what are causing the problem. The tabs were fabricated at the shop. Luke McEntire asked if we approve this PCO what happens to the second opinion. Chairman Coombs advised one engineer declined; one had questions that Chairman Coombs answered today and we have not heard yet from the third. The Designer of Record is aware we are doing this and has no concerns with us doing it. He is giving us his calculations to expedite the second review process. Luke McEntire asked what will happen if the second opinion says PCO 25 will not work. If so we will have to go back to the original engineer for comments or get a third opinion. Motion made by Tim Tuell seconded by Luke McEntire to approve PCO 25 in the amount of \$14,384.08. **All members voted in favor.** Question asked about stopping the work until the opinion is received. The Chairman advised if we don't continue the clock stops and we don't know when it will start again. Tim Tuell commented he expects the second opinion to agree with the

current design. Mike Turner advised that peer reviews are done by independent firms when projects are over a certain size. Tim Tuell asked who will check out the bracing welding. Mike Turner advised STL our testing firm will check their work and provide us with a report of their findings. STL monitor's structural like EnviroScience monitor's asbestos removal.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting:

A. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday January 28, 2008 at 6:00 PM in Conference Room One.

4. Adjournment: Motion by Tim Tuell seconded by Raymond Grasso to adjourn. **All members voted in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Town Hall Renovations Committee.

Paul T. Camarco, Clerk

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