

**New Milford Board of Education
 Facilities Sub-Committee
 Date: September 5, 2006
 Catherine Lillis Administration Building – Rm 2**

Present: Mr. Tom McSherry, Sub-Committee Chair – Facility
 Mrs. Dian Traisci-Marandola
 Mr. Robin Ruggiero ~ 6:55 pm
 Mr. Joe Vita
 Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chair – BOE
 Vacancy

Also Present Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent
 Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent
 Mr. Thomas Corbett, Director of Operations
 Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services
 Mr. John Calhoun, Director of Facilities
 Mr. David Elmore, Director of Technology
 Mr. Michael Crespan, Health Department Director, New Milford
 Chief McCormack, Chief of Police, New Milford Police Department
 Mr. Ted Zaloski

1. Mr. McSherry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.	Call to Order
2. There was no public comment.	Public Comment
3. Discussion and Possible Action Items	Discussion
A. Sarah Noble Emergency Generator Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Crespan stated that over a year ago, an engineering study was conducted to determine the best school site for an emergency generator, with Sarah Noble Intermediate School determined to be the most feasible site. ▪ The funding for the generator and its installation will be funded by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the Town of New Milford. ▪ The State will put the actual generator and the transfer switch out to bid and New Milford will put the installation work out to bid. The Town will be awarding its part of the bid Thursday, September 7, 2006. ▪ The generator will be installed just North of the main entrance to Sarah Noble School. The main electrical room, boiler room, and custodial/maintenance rooms are all located close by on the front wall of the building. ▪ Mr. Crespan showed the Committee a picture of what the generator might look like and stated that aesthetics would, of course, be considered. ▪ One issue that has to be considered is that, during installation, SNIS will be without power for approximately one week. In order to keep school disruption at a minimum, installation may be scheduled during April vacation or possibly during summer break. ▪ One of the benefits of having this generator at SNIS is that there are possible energy savings/rebates for sites that have these emergency power sources. ▪ The generator that has been the subject of the bid is an oil-fired unit that has a “daytank”- a unit that “feeds” off larger storage tanks. 	Sarah Noble Emergency Generator Update

- As of October 1, 2006, SNIS will switch over to the use of natural gas as its main heating source but this switch over should not affect the LEPC's plans.

B. District-Wide Project Summary

- Mr. John Calhoun highlighted some of the major projects that have been taken care of this summer, including a review of annual accomplishments.
- Classrooms were prepared to accommodate the new "Head Start" program in two schools and office space was cleaned and, in some cases, reconfigured.
- Routine maintenance was performed at all six schools and some carpets were replaced at three schools.
- Ceiling fans were installed at two of the elementary schools and walls were washed or painted throughout all the buildings.
- Plumbing issues and controls for the oil to gas switch-over were assessed and replaced/repared/refit. Yankee Gas inspected to insure that all three schools were up to code in this area.
- High school classrooms were converted for use as Science labs.
- Parking lots at a number of our schools were repaired, re-painted, and missing/damaged signage was replaced.
- All custodial projects should be completed in the next few weeks.
- Mr. Calhoun commended the town maintenance crews for their help and expertise on some of the bigger parking lot projects.

District-Wide
Project Summary

C. Field of Reality

- Mr. Ted Zaloski reported to the Committee that he has a growing committee dedicated to raising the funds necessary to "in-fill turf" at least two of the fields at the high school, the stadium field (football) and the practice field, with the possibility of building a field house between the two. Another goal of this group is the upgrade the snack bar and storage sheds.
- The marketing for turf companies is very competitive right now and it should benefit the project, especially since multiple fields command a better price break.
- An architect will be hired to do the underground structures, possibly the firm that was involved with the initial field structures.
- The Committee hopes to advertise as an Alumni project by using fundraising techniques that may possibly include "buy a brick", "booster walls", dedication plaques, and/or a "major donor board".

- A news article will appear in the Spectrum within the next few weeks detailing this endeavor.
- An estimate of possible costs ranges from \$1.5 to \$2 million dollars.

Field of Reality

▪ East Street Building Status

- Mr. Calhoun stated that a problem at East Street was detected during routine maintenance and has caused some considerable

East Street Building
Status

concern. Six sections of the sectioned boiler have shown signs of cracking. This is a serious situation as the cracks indicate that the boiler will not make it through this winter without repairs. Mr. Calhoun handed out a sheet of cost scenarios of other boiler problems provided by our insurance company.

- If done soon, Mr. Calhoun estimates that these boiler repairs will cost \$18,000.
- Mr. Calhoun pointed out to the Committee that there is a Capital Budget plan for \$25,000 for barn repairs to the Larson Road barn that we may be able to utilize to underwrite the necessary boiler repairs.
- Mr. McSherry stated that this would require a simple budget transfer from the capital budget
- Mrs. Marandola questioned if perhaps the Capital Reserve could be used to underwrite these expenses.
- Mrs. Faulenbach stated that, among the many town boards, there are many interpretations of the Capital Reserve account and how it should be used.
- Mr. McSherry indicated that he thinks that the Capital Reserve is usually used for big ticket items under emergency circumstances.
- Mr. Vita recommends that this be brought to the full Board.
- Mr. Ruggiero agrees that the funds should be transferred and the repairs made.

▪ Energy Education, Inc. Update

- Mr. John Turk reported that a selection committee has interviewed five candidates and has recommended Mr. William Knipple as Energy Manager.
- Superintendent Paddyfote has interviewed Mr. Knipple and has offered him the job, which Mr. Knipple has since accepted.
- Mr. John Crop, Energy Education, will spend 4-5 hours of training time with Mr. Knipple after school hours on September 18th. Mr. Crop will also spend some time with Mr. Turk reviewing plans and discussing overall program points.

Energy Education,
Inc. Update

F. Larson Farm, Barn Restoration Grant

- Mr. Vita stated that he was approached by a member of the public about restoring the Larson Farm Barn on Larson Road.
- Currently the barn is used as a main storage area for large pieces of maintenance equipment, some large sporting equipment, scenery and props from the High School, and building supplies.
- The Connecticut Committee on Culture and Tourism has matching grant monies available to be used for historic building restoration.
- The range of these grants is from \$5,000 to \$200,000 with the applicant matching the awarded grant amount.
- Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Turk will look into our qualifications for these grant monies and will begin the application process.

Larson Farm, Barn
Restoration Grant

4. Motion by Mr. Vita Move to adjourn.

Seconded by Mrs. Marandola
Aye: Mr. McSherry, Mrs. Marandola, Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Vita

Motion made and
passed to adjourn.

Nay: Abstain: Motion: Passed Unanimously 4-0-0
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McSherry, Facilities Committee Chair