


**New Milford Board of Education  
 Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes  
 April 9, 2019  
 Lillis Administration Building—Room 2**

**Present:** Mr. Brian McCauley, Chairperson  
 Mrs. Angela C. Chastain  
 Mr. Joseph Failla  
 Mrs. Eileen P. Monaghan

**Also Present:** Dr. Stephen Tracy, Interim Superintendent  
 Mr. Kevin Munrett, Facilities Director  
 Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Operations and Fiscal Services

1.	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p>The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. McCauley.</p>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>
2.	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was none.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p>A. SNIS roof repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Munrett referenced his memo, which speaks to the ongoing leaks at SNIS. The funding requested is for masonry work towards a temporary fix while waiting on bonding.</li> <li>• Mr. Failla asked how quickly the Board will have access to the bonding funds, since this patchwork is not getting us anywhere.</li> <li>• Mr. Giovannone said it is his understanding that a municipal building committee is being formed to oversee this and other projects.</li> <li>• Mrs. Chastain said the leaks need to be addressed in the meantime. She asked where the funding is coming from for the temporary patches.</li> <li>• Mr. Giovannone said it is from high school insurance money, specifically the solar study which the Board funded and is now being reimbursed for.</li> <li>• Mr. McCauley said it is a shame that this money</li> </ul>	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p>A. SNIS roof repairs</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>RECEIVED        TOWN CLERK</p> <p>2019 APR 11 P 12:57</p>  </div>

	<p>needs to be spent because we are waiting on the project to get going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Munrett said the actual request for funds will show up on the Purchase Resolution at the Operations meeting to follow.</li></ul> <p><b>B. Scout donations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Munrett said he had informed the Board in the fall of a boy scout donation to NES of a compost bin. He said the scout is about to start work, and while the project is under the \$1,000 threshold for Board approval, he wanted the Board to know it is happening. Similarly, the girl scouts are donating picnic tables to SNIS, also under the \$1,000 approval threshold.</li><li>• Mr. McCauley suggested that the scouts should be recognized in front of the full Board.</li></ul> <p><b>C. Lillis Oil tank</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. McCauley said there had been numerous discussions and meetings on this topic. The Town Council voted last night to approve the Board's request for funding from capital reserve to pay for additional expenses related to the project. He said the vendor came to a meeting with the Town and was very helpful in explaining the issues.</li><li>• Mr. Munrett said the Board of Finance needs to approve the request on Wednesday and then he hopes to have the project finished shortly thereafter. He said the last step will be paving and that should only take a few days at the end.</li><li>• Dr. Tracy said he wanted to reiterate his concern with comments of mismanagement that have been made. He said that is not the case. The ledge and sewer line would not have been found even if expensive pre-engineering had been done. Even if they had somehow been identified pre-bid, the initial bids would have been much higher as a result. He said the cost is the cost, no matter when identified.</li></ul>	<p><b>B. Scout donations</b></p> <p><b>C. Lillis Oil tank</b></p>
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<p><b>D. Roofs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Munrett said the roofs have been discussed for many months. They are what they are, with urgent repairs needed at SNIS and NMHS. It is his understanding that the Town is bonding shortly.</li><li>• Mrs. Monaghan said she was at a meeting this week with the Town where it was said that bonding numbers are still under discussion.</li><li>• Mr. McCauley asked what roof will go first if the bonding is successful. Mr. Munrett said at the last meeting he attended, the Mayor said the most money would be bonded towards SNIS replacement. SNIS is the worst roof in the district. He was told that any money left would go towards a shingle option for the high school, to remove existing shingles and replace with new shingles.</li><li>• Mr. Failla said he is very concerned that the Town will not bond enough to do both roofs properly. He said this is a continuous problem.</li><li>• Mrs. Chastain said she doesn't understand the concern with using a shingle roof. She said she is from the Midwest where they have tornadoes, and all the roofs are shingled.</li><li>• Mr. Failla said it is his understanding that the high school is not architecturally designed to handle the wind draft of the area where it is. He said the original specs called for a metal roof. Mr. Failla said we are spending \$10,000 to \$20,000 per year to replace shingles and getting criticized for it by some Town representatives.</li><li>• Mrs. Monaghan said she was on the original high school building committee and they ran out of funding so could not do the metal roof. She said the Town might need to consider taking money from other projects to do the high school roof properly.</li><li>• Mr. Failla said the Board gets criticized for not doing the best job with its assets but are not given the funds to work with for the best benefit.</li></ul>	<p><b>D. Roofs</b></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Monaghan asked what the next roof coming up will be. Mr. Munrett said they will reassess as they get closer, but the next one will probably be NES, which is original to 1983. He said the HPS roof is over 50 years old but is metal and doing relatively well.</li> </ul> <p><b>E. New Milford Diamond Club donation update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Munrett said they are working with the Club now. He distributed photos of the clay brick work to the pitcher's mound and home plate areas. There were bricks left over so they did the jv field too. The rest of the work will wait until after the season.</li> </ul> <p><b>F. SNIS roof top unit replacement update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Munrett said approval from the Board of Finance will hopefully come tomorrow and then we will move forward with Trane on the project, with the goal being to complete it before the air conditioning is needed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>E. New Milford Diamond Club donation update</b></p> <p><b>F. SNIS roof top unit replacement update</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was none.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Mrs. Chastain moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Monaghan and passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.</b></p>

Respectfully submitted:



Brian McCauley, Chairperson  
Facilities Sub-Committee