

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**New Milford Public Schools**  
**50 East Street**  
**New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

<b>DATE:</b> November 4, 2008
<b>TIME:</b> 6:30 P.M.
<b>PLACE:</b> Lillis Administration Building—Room 2

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**

The Board welcomes Public Participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Education personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.

- 3. Discussion and Possible Action**
  - A. Observatory Garden**
  - B. Energy Performance Contracting**
  - C. Creative Playground Site**
- 4. Adjourn**

**Sub-Committee Members:** **Mr. Thomas McSherry-Chairman**  
**Mrs. Amy Llerena**  
**Mrs. Alexandra Thomas**  
**Mrs. Julie Turk**

**Alternates:** **Mrs. Finney**  
**Mr. Lawson**

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Facilities Sub-Committee  
 November 4, 2008  
 Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present:	Mr. Thomas McSherry, Chairman*
	Mrs. Amy Llerena*
	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas*
	Mr. William Wellman
	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach
	Dr. Lisa Diamond, ex-officio Board chairperson
	* Committee Members

Also Present	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager
	Mr. Leo Rogoza, Assistant Facilities Manager
	Mr. John Turk, Director of Fiscal Services

1.	The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. McSherry.	Call to Order
2.	No public comment	Public Comment
3.	Discussion and possible action:	Discussion and Possible Action
3A.	<p>Observatory Garden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monty Robson, President, John J. McCarthy Observatory, presented plans of the solar system built to scale, to tie in with next year's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Galileo pointing a telescope at the heavens, the international year of astronomy. The six foot diameter sun will be at the observatory with scale models of Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars at the high school; Jupiter at Hill and Plain; Saturn at Harrybrook; Uranus at Sarah Noble; Neptune on the Village Green, Pluto at Canterbury, and 'beyond' at Northville.</li> <li>• A sundial will be erected at the observatory in conjunction with local artisans. Informational signs will be placed with each planet. Planets may be stainless steel and the sun will have a plywood frame covered with Styrofoam and fiberglass.</li> <li>• Applications will be submitted for grants including to the Harcourt Foundation. The garden will be dedicated in memory of Paul Altermatt.</li> <li>• Mr. Robson also discussed a plan to move the fence</li> </ul>	Observatory Garden

	<p>in the vicinity of the observatory back about 30 feet – this will give access to the roof. Mr. Calhoun did not feel moving the fence would be an issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Paddyfote asked for a letter from Mr. Robson in May or June to accept this project as a donation. The plan is to have this garden ready in September 2009 to coincide with the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Galileo’s first pointing a telescope at the heavens.</li> </ul>	
3B.	<p>Energy Performance Contracting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Calhoun reported the preliminary energy study performed by Siemens Building Technologies to identify savings with recommended improvements in an energy performance contracting program.</li> <li>• The preliminary study was conducted at Schaghticoke, Hill and Plain, John Pettibone and Northville. A savings of approximately \$119,152 is predicted if participating in the energy performance contracting program.</li> <li>• All upgrades and improvements recommended are paid by Siemens Building Technologies and repaid over 15 years with savings and no out of pocket costs.</li> <li>• Mr. Calhoun would like to have Siemens Building Technologies representatives at the December meetings of Facilities and full Board to make their proposal and enter into an agreement for the formal study.</li> <li>• Mr. McSherry asked the cost of such a study; Mr. Calhoun estimated between \$3-4,000. This cost would be included, if we go ahead with the study. The preliminary study was done over summer; the deadline for this study is December to have equipment installed over summer.</li> <li>• Mrs. Thomas asked about training of staff on new equipment; Mr. Calhoun replied training is included in the agreement.</li> <li>• Bid packages for equipment will be approved by the Facilities Department; equipment will be warranted; after installation maintenance is the responsibility of the staff. Mr. Calhoun added if all possible changes are included, all buildings could be energy star rated.</li> </ul>	Energy Performance Contracting
3C.	<p>Creative Playground Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Paddyfote met with the Mayor who asked that the Board turn the Creative Playground property back to the Town and have the Parks and Recreation</li> </ul>	Creative Playground Site

	<p>Department oversee maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Calhoun added that Parks and Rec is responsible for the playing fields, except for the mowing that is done by the Facilities Department staff.</li> <li>• Mrs. Thomas noted that parking is still with the Board of Education.</li> <li>• Mr. Wellman commented that a gift must be subject to assurance to the residents who came before this committee that their requests will be honored.</li> <li>• Dr. Paddyfote noted that the motion to turn the property over to the Town must allow time for the Facilities Department to complete the removal of the playground.</li> <li>• Mr. Calhoun explained the staff removes some sections on a daily basis and should have all removed by December 1, including topsoil placed on the site.</li> </ul> <p>Mrs. Llerena moved to bring to the full Board of Education for discussion and possible action the transfer of creative playground property over to the Town on or before January 1, 2009 as a site for a new playground. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to recommend to the Board that the district turn the Creative Playground site back to the Town on January 1, 2009.</p>
4	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Mrs. Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Llerena and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McSherry, Chairman  
 Facilities' Sub-Committee