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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

PRESENT: First Selectman William Brennan, Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter **ABSENT:** Selectman Richard Creeth

GUESTS: Karen Birck (BOE), Dr. Gary Richards (School Superintendent), Bruce Hampson (Building Committee), Sean O'Toole, Ty Tregallas (Turner Const.), Joseph Dolan (CFO), approximately 10 members of public, Jan Andras (clerk)

Discussion and possible action

1. Wilton High School Renovation project

First Selectman Brennan gave an overview of the background of this project. On September 16, 2008, an appropriation of \$20,300,000 was approved for the planning, design and construction of renovations of the HVAC, Little Theater, and science rooms/labs at Wilton High School. On November 17, 2008, the Building Committee recommended the construction drawings be completed and the project to proceed to bid. At a meeting on December 13, 2008, the Board of Selectmen requested that the Building Committee develop contingency plans to possibly segment the project to reduce expenditures, recognizing the critical matter of the current 37 year old HVAC system. The bids were received on January 23, 2009 indicating a 19.15% or \$3,932,460 reduction over the August estimates for the entire project. Mr. Brennan pointed out that bids are lower than originally approved due to the current economic downturn, as well as historically low interest rates on financing.

Ms. Birck reported that delaying the Little Theater component of the project would cost an additional \$259,550 even if done one year later, including the design work to break out the HVAC portion. The Council on Public Facilities voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the entire project as outlined in the bid proposals.

Mr. Brennan asked if due diligence has been done and we can be confident that all of these companies are strong enough to finish the project. Mr. Tregallas advised that Turner Construction has pre-qualified the bidders and that they all have performance and payment bonds. Mr. Dolan was asked to produce a time line as to the bonding for this project.

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve proceeding with the Construction of Renovations and Upgrades to the Town of Wilton High School HVAC System, Little Theater, and Science Laboratories/Classrooms, as voted by the Special Town Meeting of September 16, 2008. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Clark moved to authorize First Selectman William Brennan to execute contracts necessary to move forward with the Wilton High School Renovations Project. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary