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MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2009 MEETING OF  
THE NATHANIEL WITHERELL TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

The thirty-eighth meeting of the members of The Nathaniel Witherell Town Building Committee was held in the conference room at Nathaniel Witherell at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2009.

Present were:

Voting Members: Andy Fox, Paul Toretta, Jeremy Kaye, Leslie Tarkington, Bill Hughes (by telephone), and Lloyd Bankson (by telephone).

Non-voting Members: Thomas Saccardi.

Mr. Toretta called the meeting to order. He asked whether the minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting were reviewed by all and were approved. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes were approved.

Mr. Toretta then requested a motion to approve payment of the most recent bills presented to the Committee members from SLAM and Pepe & Hazard. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the bills were approved for payment. Ms. Tarkington abstained from voting on payment of the SLAM bill.

Mr. Saccardi then raised the issue of whether the Committee felt it was appropriate to pay for the pursuit of an application to obtain potential tax credits for the construction of the Project. Mr. Soler had raised the issue previously and indicated that monies might be available, but an application would need to be submitted first to the State of Connecticut and if credits were available, a private/public partnership would need to be arranged in order to take advantage of the credits. Ms. Lavery had agreed in early July to review the issue of pursuing an application and to report to the Committee.

Mr. Bankson indicated that he thought the Committee should pursue such an application.

Mr. Kaye indicated that while, if available, tax credits would be helpful in defraying cost of the Project, it was not the Committee's place to undertake such an application.

Mr. Toretta agreed that the Committee should not undertake such an application.

Mr. Saccardi stated that he thought the Committee should pursue such an application to assist in research to determine which parts of the current buildings should be retained given the fact that the ability to obtain credits could influence that decision.

Mr. Fox said that while he understood Mr. Saccardi's point, he thinks that the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell or the Board of Nathaniel Witherell should pursue this issue and that the Committee should assist in the design process to facilitate the issue, but should not be the party paying for the application.

Mr. Toretta reported that the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell are having a meeting this month and that they should discuss the issue at that meeting.

Mr. Kaye moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Tarkington seconded and upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on August 5, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Kaye, Committee Clerk