

Public Building Commission
May 9, 2012 – 6:00pm
CHS Locker Room/Field House Committee Meeting
Room 210, Town Hall

Members Present: Mr. Mark Nash, Committee Chairman
Mr. Art Crooker, PBC Member
Mr. Edward Hill, PBC Member
Mr. John Purtill, PBC Chairman

Others Present: Mr. Dave Schrumm, Town Council (left at 7:08pm)
Mr. Jim Sima, Town Council (left at 7:08pm)
Mr. Michael Ecke, Town Council
Mr. Vincent Masciana, Cheshire Public Schools
Mr. Dan Marseglia, Cheshire Public Schools
Mr. Steve Trifone, Cheshire Public Schools
Mr. George Noewatne, Cheshire Public Works
Ms. Lauresha Xhihaní, Waterbury Republican-American

Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

The committee is charged with looking at the feasibility of options that include upgrading the existing locker room, building a field house, or other possibilities.

Timing:

- The capital budget must be submitted to the Town Council by June 1.
- Board of Education Planning Committee meets on May 11.
- Board of Education approves 5-year capital plan on May 17.
- Board of Education will likely put a place holder in the capital budget for the field house option.
- The Council begins acting on the capital budget in late July.
- There is the possibility of State funding being available.
- The Town is under State/Federal ADA/Women's Rights requirements to remedy items on the attached list within 2 years (the deadline was 2011). Cheshire Public Schools has submitted the list to the State and received conditional approval for the current plan (completion of all items by 2016).

Main questions and concerns:

The committee discussed the alternatives. Should the existing locker room be renovated, a new field house constructed, or the existing locker room expanded?

What is the need for a locker facility? (1) A larger locker room is needed for men's and women's sports; and to comply with Title IX, and (2) There is a need for lockers for 140 kids at any one time (football – 70; lacrosse – 70; wrestling – 30; soccer – 40; indoor track – 40; and baseball – 40).

The new structure would need to accommodate home and visiting teams. Visiting teams only need a meeting area and lavatories. The Cheshire teams need shower facilities.

The Cheshire facilities are not attractive for CIAC tournaments due to locker room constraints.

A review was conducted of the proposed locker room renovation that has been previously designed.

Mr. Masciana stated that the pressbox options have been previously discussed to include installing an elevator in the existing pressbox or putting the press at ground level. The pressbox might be able to be included as part of a field house building.

The need for new concession stands and public bathrooms were discussed as being included or excluded from this project.

Size and location:

The committee felt that renovating the existing 3,700 sf locker room would not be the most judicious use of Town funds. Mr. Masciana distributed a conceptual sketch of a separate field house structure, approximately 8,000 square feet, and projected to cost \$2M. This structure would address the locker needs of the home and visiting teams, as well as public bathroom facilities

A discussion of converting the facilities building to a field house was considered, but the cost was felt to be prohibitive.

The location of a field house could be behind the home stands, or outside the west end of the field. A field walk was conducted and the location behind the home stands seems to be the most desirable. The location behind the stands might allow for the construction of an ADA accessible pressbox with the building.

Other items:

The lockers could be replaced by cubbies.

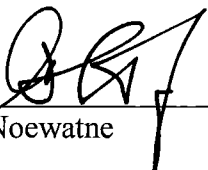
The existing locker room was last renovated in the early 1980's.

Next steps:

- Develop needs and funding requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Submitted by:


George Noewatne