

From: Anne P. Hatfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2007 2:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: meeting

Frank,

So far two of the attorneys may have issues with August 23, 2007 meeting date. I will not have a meeting unless the attorneys are present. I'll let you know when I know.

Further, I read in the paper that you were never told about taping the meetings. For the record, it was mentioned more than once when we first started meeting and you even stopped by P& Z (as has been reported to me) a couple times to borrow the tape recorder. Also, you had made arrangements to borrow a tape recorder from Russell Hanes.

Anne Hatfield

From: Frank Everett [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 17, 2007 6:29 AM

To: Anne P. Hatfield

Cc: 'Al Souza'; 'Heather Edge'; 'Ben Hull'; 'Elizabeth Longacre'; 'John Faulise'; 'John Taylor'; 'Peter Dorff'; 'Russell Hanes'; 'Stuart Norman, Jr.'; 'Elizabeth Osga'

Subject: RE: meeting

Importance: High

Anne,

Thank you for the information. However, I am gravely concerned that any delays for whatever reason to make progress on those actions that are necessary to obtain the services of professionals needed for the project is detrimental to everyone. We must find a way to have this meeting as soon as possible. Let me know what I can do to help.

Frank

Frank Everett

Griswold School Building Committee Chair

(H) [REDACTED]

(W) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

(C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Anne P. Hatfield [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 17, 2007 4:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Al Souza; Heather Edge; Ben Hull; Elizabeth Longacre; John Faulise; John Taylor; Peter Dorff; Russell Hanes; Stuart Norman, Jr.; Elizabeth Osga

Subject: RE: meeting

Frank,

I met with the attorneys today and they would like to meet with you, me and Stuart Norman in Hartford next week and meet with all of us on Wednesday August 29, 2007. I will not meet without the Attorneys present. You, along with the rest of the building committee need to hear what they have to say. Further, I will be resending you all the documents I have sent you over the last year in order to refresh your memory as to why we have had delays. I would hope you will start to accept the suggestions of the attorneys and the information I have provided over the last year. Had this been done from the start, we would not be in the situation we are now in.

Anne

From: Frank Everett [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2007 11:35 AM
To: 'Al Souza'; 'Heather Edge'; 'Ben Hull'; 'Elizabeth Longacre'; 'John Faulise'; 'John Taylor'; 'Peter Dorff'; 'Russell Hanes'; 'Stuart Norman, Jr.'; Anne P. Hatfield
Cc: 'Elizabeth Osga'
Subject: Special Meeting August 23
Importance: High

The School Building Committee will be holding a special meeting Thursday night August 23, 2007 immediately following the joint special meeting called by the First Selectman for the following Boards; Selectmen, Finance, Education and the School Building Committee. Please make your calendars and more information will follow.

Frank Everett
Griswold School Building Committee Chair

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From: Anne P. Hatfield [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2007 11:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Al Souza; Heather Edge; Ben Hull; Elizabeth Longacre; John Faulise; John Taylor; Peter Dorff; Russell Hanes; Stuart Norman, Jr.; Elizabeth Osga

Subject: RE: meeting

Dear Committee members:

The Attorneys have told me that they will be at the meeting on August 29, 2007. Where do you want to have it?

In regard to the issues with the contract, the attorneys are reviewing it to make sure that we get the funding at the end of the project. The issue is with bidding.

Last year I had reported to the Committee that everything over \$3,000.00 had to go out to bid per local ordinance. The prequalification proposal went out and at that time Kaestel Boos was selected. Several members of the Committee promised to provide Kaestel Boos with the entire contract which placed the Town in a difficult situation as it was in violation of our ordinance. At that time, the attorneys had to come up with a solution to overcome the mistakes by committee members (note it was not voted the Committee) and comply with necessary laws to insure state reimbursement. You can find this discussion on tape at Town Hall between a couple of the Building Committee members (Stuart Norman, John Faulise, Frank Everett), Board of Selectmen (Anne Hatfield, Paul Brycki, Bill Stetson) and Town Attorney Mike Zizka. The meeting occurred April 20, 2007 and I can supply a tape to any member who wishes to hear the conversation. In any event, in order to get around the mistake, language was placed in the referendum approving Kaestel Boos as the architect. On June 21, 2007, I was under the assumption that upon receiving the contract, I could sign it.

Referendum passed on June 21, 2007. Stuart Norman then came to my office on June 27, 2007 with a contract draft that was dated June 21, 2007. He apologized for not getting it to me sooner and I immediately sent it to the Town Attorney for review (as is standard practice). Derek Warner, our Town Council, has the contract dated stamped June 28, 2007. Despite the statement by a member of the Committee and Architect, the Town did not hold up the contract. On Friday, June 29, 2007 Frank sent me an e-mail stating that Stuart, Peter, and John F. would be going to KBA on July 2, 2007 to review the terms of the proposed contract. Further, bond council, Joe Fasi, reported to me that he spoke with Stuart Norman regarding this meeting. In any event, the group that went did not report back any changes and I was under the impression I could go ahead and sign the contract.

Upon review of the contract in July, Derek mentioned to me that there were a few minor changes to the contract that needed to be made and the Selectmen could approve it. I spoke with Derek in July and asked him to send back the contract upon completion so that the Board of Selectmen could approve it. I did not receive back the contract and went to Hartford to meet with the Attorneys yesterday.

Yesterday, the Town Attorneys reported to me that P.A. 07-249 was passed at the last minute late at night at the end of the session in Hartford. The problem that it created for the Town is that it requires school building contracts go out to bid. If it doesn't go out to bid there is a possibility that the Town won't get reimbursed by the state and the town would be on the hook for the full 70 million. As a result, they are looking into all options and working with opposing council to overcome yet another obstacle. State Rep. Steven Mikutel voted for this bill (according to the website) and he may be beneficial for us to speak with as well.

I asked the attorneys to come down August 23, 2007 to meet to discuss this serious matter with the Committee but their schedules are not conducive and they will be here on August 29, 2007. I strongly urge every member to be there.

On a positive note, they indicated to me that we would not lose our reimbursement rate. Worst case, we would have to go out to bid for the contract. It is currently being worked on and hopefully they will provide us more of a solution by August 29, 2007.

Our chairman and Stuart Norman were concerned at the meeting on August 15, 2007 that things were not moving along and that the Town was stalling. These characterizations and statements made were inappropriate and inaccurate and I hope this e-mail clears up their concerns as well as the rest of the members that may have concerns. Further, I would hope that Frank and Stuart can contribute what they have learned from their discussions with the Town Attorneys (as Frank was given authority to negotiate with our attorneys by the Town back on March) and their direct communications with Kaestel Boos as it will benefit all of us. I would like their suggestion on solving this problem and I am asking both of them to go with me to meet with the attorneys in Hartford prior to August 29, 2007 due to our deadlines. This will also provide them necessary direction so further issues will not develop down the road. Also, the attorneys have assured me they are aware of our deadlines and we are working the best we can to move as quickly as possible.

In short, if the Board of Selectmen were to sign the contract today, we could potentially be holding the Town with a non-reimbursed 70 million dollar bill and we would not be doing our jobs nor would we have done our due diligence on this matter. We have made every effort to look out for the best interest of the Town and residents.

For those of you who know me you are well aware that I am in favor of this project and have been troubled by the slowness of the process. I will be happy to submit my comments to the press so everyone is aware as to what is going on.

Sincerely,
Anne P. Hatfield

From: Anne P. Hatfield

Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2007 11:45 AM

To: [REDACTED]; 'Al Souza'; 'Heather Edge'; 'Ben Hull'; 'Elizabeth Longacre'; 'John Faulise'; 'John Taylor'; 'Peter Dorff'; 'Russell Hanes'; 'Stuart Norman, Jr.'

Cc: 'Elizabeth Osga'

Subject: RE: Special Meeting August 23

Frank

The meeting is August 29, 2007 not the 23rd.

Anne

From: Anne P. Hatfield
Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2007 9:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Scheduling

Frank,

You have failed to respond to any of my e-mails or my phone call regarding the meetings. Please note once again the meeting is August 29 not August 23rd. I would appreciate you responding to acknowledge the dates and also when you can go to Hartford this week.

Due to the fact you were in charge of negotiation of the contract since March of this year, I have not been aware of all your communications as you have not told me.

Let's move this forward.

Anne Hatfield

From: Frank Everett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 12:08 PM
To: Anne P. Hatfield; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Elizabeth

Osga
Subject: School Building Committee Special Meeting August 23rd

The joint meeting called by the BOS has been moved to August 29th. I have called for a special meeting Thursday night. Attached is the agenda for Thursday meeting. My email is down for several more hours, I am sending this remotely and will not be able to check back. Any problems, please give me a call. Thanks.

Frank

From: Anne P. Hatfield

Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 1:34 PM

To: 'Frank Everett'; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Elizabeth

Osga

Cc: 'Michael A. Zizka'; 'Derek T. Werner'; 'Joseph P. Fasi'

Subject: RE: School Building Committee Special Meeting August 23rd

Frank,

This is inappropriate prior to the attorneys stating the issues. It is not wise to hold this meeting without council. I am cc'ing the attorneys on this and requesting they appear that night. I will not attend without the attorneys present. I am concerned that you could be creating liability for the Town. I am further requesting the attorneys provide guidance as to whether the meeting should be held.

Anne

From: Frank Everett [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2007 6:30 AM

To: Anne P. Hatfield

Cc: 'Al Souza'; 'Heather Edge'; 'Ben Hull'; 'Elizabeth Longacre'; 'John Faulise'; 'John Taylor'; 'Peter Dorff'; 'Russell Hanes'; 'Stuart Norman, Jr.'; 'Elizabeth Osga'

Subject: RE: meeting

I did not call this meeting, therefore I don't believe I should have a say in where to have the meeting. But thank you for the offer.

Respectfully,

Frank Everett

Griswold School Building Committee Chair

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From: Frank Everett [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2007 6:33 AM

To: Anne P. Hatfield

Cc: 'Al Souza'; 'Heather Edge'; 'Ben Hull'; 'Elizabeth Longacre'; 'John Faulise'; 'John Taylor'; 'Peter Dorff'; 'Russell Hanes'; 'Stuart Norman, Jr.'; 'Elizabeth Osga'

Subject: RE: meeting

Anne,

I am not sure what this meeting is about. I would like to see an agenda on what is going to be discussed. You state that myself and the rest of the building committee need to hear what the attorneys have to say, then I suggest that either their come to Griswold or we hold a teleconference and invite the entire building committee and the other Selectmen.

Respectfully,

Frank Everett

Griswold School Building Committee Chair

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(W) [REDACTED]

(C) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Anne P. Hatfield

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2007 9:09 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: 'Al Souza'; 'Heather Edge'; 'Ben Hull'; 'Elizabeth Longacre'; 'John Faulise'; 'John Taylor'; 'Peter Dorff'; 'Russell Hanes'; 'Stuart Norman, Jr.'; 'Elizabeth Osga'; 'Michael A. Zizka'; 'Joseph P. Fasi'; 'Derek T. Werner'

Subject: RE: meeting

Frank,

You are the Chairman of the Building Committee and you were given the authority to negotiate back in March. You have failed to communicate the issues to the Committee or the attorneys. Further, you have failed to follow the Town guidelines I, and Town attorneys, have provided you over the last year and a half. You are now saying there is no communication.

I have had to step in to correct problems. When I try to speak with you, you are very aggressive towards me as noted to some extent at the last meeting. At one meeting you threatened me and it was observed by the Town Attorney. Your conduct towards me personally outside of meetings makes it impossible to conduct business with you. My secretary was even surprised by your conduct when you last appeared at my office. You have made this process difficult and continue to guide the Committee in the wrong direction. It is an embarrassment to the Town.

There is no agenda for this meeting. It is confidential meeting between the attorneys and the Town (you and Stuart are representatives) It is a meeting that the attorneys are requesting specifically with you and Stuart Norman prior to the meeting on August 29, 2007. They want to meet with you both in person not speaker phone. I would appreciate your cooperation as we need to move this project along and it only hurts the children for the process to be unnecessarily slowed. I am appreciative of the fact that Stuart has been trying to fit this into his schedule and I would hope you will do the same.

Further, you are well aware of the situation as the attorneys have reported to me that they have spoken with you directly. You continue to go against advice of Town counsel and are potentially subjected the town to liability. Every time I have tried to provide you guidance you do not listen to me and then you claim you never received the information.

You have stated that you are not paid to be chairman and therefore have less of a responsibility to fulfill your obligations. If you can not fulfill your duties as chairman, I would strongly suggest we have another member of the committee replace you in this capacity.

Anne Hatfield