

City of Bristol CT
Purchasing Committee for the Board of Finance
Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Purchasing Committee of the Board of Finance was held on June 9, 2022 at 5:15pm in the City Hall West Meeting Room 2 within City Hall West (131 North Main Street).

Present: Mark Whitford, John Smith, Ron Burns.

Also Present: Roger Rousseau

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm.

To discuss impact of CT Public Act 22-118 relating to use of construction managers for construction projects and to public advertising requirements for construction managers, and to take any action as necessary.

Roger Rousseau provided background on legislation that was recently passed; the legislation impacts C.G.S. 10-287 relating to school construction. In recent prior legislation, the statute was modified to specifically require contracts with construction managers to contain a “Guaranteed Maximum Price” (GMP), effectively requiring such contract to be a construction manager at risk. The legislation went further and specifically permitted such a contract to have work self-performed by the construction manager, in lieu of work being done by other trade contractors.

The new legislation contained in Public Act 22-118 reversed the language relating to self-performed work; self-performed work (i.e. construction work performed by the construction manager) is now specifically prohibited.

The new legislation also contained requirement for municipalities to post solicitations (e.g. requests for proposals, invitations to bid) on the CT state portal, and removed requirement for municipalities to publicly advertise in a newspaper, for school construction projects involving state funding.

A motion was made by Mark Whitford as follows:

To accept incorporation of revisions to the Purchasing guidelines, and forward to the Board of Finance for approval, reading as follows:

To modify Article 3.C (Advertising Guidelines) to waive publication of newspaper advertisements, but to require the posting of notice of such opportunities on the State Contracting Portal, for contracts involving school building construction receiving state assistance under C.G.S. 10-287.

To add Article 3.G.7 (Construction Considerations) to incorporate that a construction manager shall not be eligible to submit a bid for any construction trade element for school building construction receiving state assistance under C.G.S. 10-287.

To modify Article 4.H.2 (Professional Services) to incorporate that a construction manager shall not be eligible to submit a bid for any construction trade element for school building construction receiving state assistance under C.G.S. 10-287.

Motion was seconded by John Smith and unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.