

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/**  
**MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on April 20, 2011. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, John Hertz and Louis Gesualdi. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff. Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross and Hans Otto were absent.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Architect Project Status Report**

Architect Tom Arcari reported on the progress of Senior Center component of the project. In information gathering he noted his participation in senior center classes, interviews with end users, Park & Recreation staff, Youth Commission staff and the Darien Arts Center. He highlighted concerns from user group that focused on answer questions regarding the transition to a new facility. It was the architect's impression that the existing volume of space was sufficient for the program. He added that some spaces might be combined, but no major change in square footage was anticipated because Darien is unique in its hard crafts program which requires dedicated, fixed spaces.

Mr. Arcari noted that the Parks & Recreation Department can make an off-hours community center work. The Youth Commission would need to be relocated in the building. The Arts Center expressed a need to access dance class room space, music practice rooms and a community gallery space.

Mr. Arcari reported that the existing conditions assessment is almost done. He anticipated that a draft outline of the senior center program would be complete in the next week. The Committee planned to review the draft at its next meeting.

**b) Other Items Of Relevance to the Committee**

The minutes for April 13, 2011, were moved by Mr. Gesualdi, seconded by Ms. Woods, and approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Karl F. Kilduff  
Administrative Officer