

Reference e checks on Harriman Architects and Engineers, and Lavallee Brensinger Architects

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Jeff white, Facilities Director for the Dover School District

Harriman

Chris Bowlen with Rochester Recreation Department, acting as OPM

Facilities analysis only, on the ice Rink, 2 stories 36,000 sqft 150 page report to help with long-term capital planning. Cost was approximately \$23K

Harriman was able to handle everything themselves except for the life safety portion of the project and they worked really with them.

Harriman stayed on time and on budget

Worked very well with owner and the small committee that they had for this project.

Highlighted employees, Keith Brenner structural engineer, very knowledgeable and helpful, he actually helped them at no cost to assess condition of rink during winter of 2015. Rick Myles Mechanical engineer accommodating and professional. Dan Beson primary contact for the job and the reason they will use Harriman again.

Mr. Bowlen could not be happier with their service, his only complaint is they tend to be a little bit higher in price, but totally worth the money.

Mr. Bowlen wishes he could write a PO to complete the whole project

Advice to us is to visit their sites to see their work you will be impressed

Lavallee

Dan Noyes, Facilities Director with Kearsarge Regional Middle School, he was not the OPM

This is the 3rd time Mr. Noyes has worked with Lavallee, currently working on a Dining Hall, Exit Stairway, and a Library renovation. Approximate cost of the project is \$750K to \$800K.

Lavallee designed and implemented the project, one project I believe the exterior stairs they only had a 3 week window of time to complete, and they did. They worked very closely with the JBC, and are professional and very responsive to needs and questions.

Lavallee worked with Milestone construction and Mr. Noyes is not aware of any issues between the two firms. Lavallee was able to stay within their budget. Not many changes, they were very proactive in their approach.

There was some VE on mechanical, electrical, and not much change on finishes.

Highlighted employees, John Harper, Ryan Terrell, Kristina Mellor and Jeff Galvan.

Mr. Noyes intent is to use Lavallee whenever he can.

Lavallee is very thorough and proactive.

Lavallee was not 100% up to speed on the life safety and electrical codes for NH during the project, they were conflicting with the city and state.

Mr. Noyes suggested we make sure a large group of stakeholders have input into the project including the Facilities staff.

Mr. Noyes closed by telling us to pay attention to the details.

Lavallee

Bill Breault Captain of the Dover Police Department, acting as OPM, but was difficult for a project of this size especially trying to handle day to day operations and change orders.

Project was new Police station in Dover, close to 30,000 sqft, budget of 9.9mil for station and 11.6mil for the garage. Came in under budget by approximately \$450 to \$500K. From 2013 to 2016

Lavallee performed the feasibility study that included space needs, site location, long term plans, sqft calculation and ultimately complete the project.

Lavallee partnered with Harvey construction, Captain Breault did not observe anything that they were not able to work thru, but if decision needed to be made they could not agree on it went to the owner for the final decision. Harvey construction did a fabulous job, both companies very passionate about what they do.

Minimal work orders and change orders

Lavallee was very receptive to the owner's questions and input, always open communication.

Lavallee was able to save \$800k on the project by not excavation a portion of the area underneath the parking garage.

Highlighted staff member was Will Gatchell, always accessible and reachable even after hours and weekends, very down to earth personality, took criticism very well from the public and others, and he know his stuff, very professional.

Best part of the project was working with Will Gatchell great listener, they did not dictate how to do things, wanted the project to be unique.

Worst part of the project, the original design came in at \$4mil over budget, and Will Gatchell left Lavallee to work for Harriman before the end of the project. Captian Breault felt like Lavallee had moved on towards the end of the project, and the person who replace Will Gatchell was difficult to work with.

Captain Breault feels like they should not have cut out the 35 spots they lost by not excavating though at the time of the decision it was a savings of \$800K

If we hire Lavalle do not let them shoot over the budget on their design.

Captain Breault closed by saying do not be afraid of change orders some of them make sense and can save you a lot of money.

Harriman

Mike Tursi, Superintendent in Milton/Wakefield, was not the OPM

Facility analysis of multiple school in the school district, average sqft of the buildings was 40K sqft, the bids came in within budget at around \$30K, the study revealed a capital plan of \$5mil

Harriman was very easy to work with and very professional, they are very down to earth and a realistic company to work with.

Harriman was able to meet and beat the agreed upon timeframes

Harriman is very receptive and open to communication, they take criticism well, and always listen to the owner. Create a very comfortable environment for all who involved.

VE they provided a line by line cost and also provided multiple extra information and ideas "Pro Bono"

Mr. Tursi Highly recommends Harriman.

The most valuable staff member and the best part of the project was working with Dan Bisson, he is a valuable asset, the best around, always willing to talk, and knows what he is talking about.

No complaints at all.

Mr. Tursi agrees that they are worth the money even if they are little bit more expensive, you get what you pay for. Very detailed, supportive, committed, and experts.

Mr. Tursi wants us to know that Harriman is very responsive and his recommendation is to hire Harriman.

Harriman

Kathleen Sargent, BA for the Weare School District

Facility Analysis on overcrowded school along with a curriculum study as well. Budget of \$24Km for the Facility analysis and \$30K for the curriculum analysis. 65,000 sqft building.

Harriman performed a full analysis of the school structure along with the student body, staff, and the curriculum.

They did not partner with anyone on this project.

Harriman stayed on on time and on budget.

Harriman did all that they could to accommodate our thoughts ideas and recommendations, we went thru multiple designs and was a very good working relationship.

Highlighted Dan Bisson he is very professional, easy to talk to, he understands schools, passionate, committed to the project from start to finish; and beyond.

Best part of the project working with Dan Bisson, constant communication, timeliness of reports, very detailed drawings, open communication. They handle criticism and the public very well.

Nothing negative to say.

Be open and honest with your communication

They are fair in their pricing, Dan Bisson used to be with Team Design. Kathy considers them a superior company.