

Greenwich Board of Education Minutes of the GHS Front Entry Committee Meeting

DATE: February 2, 2022

LOCATION: Virtual via Google Meet

TIME: 8:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman

Jake Allen- Vice Chairman

Maureen Bonanno-Secretary

Ashley Cole

Louis Contadino

Stephanie Cowie

Christina Downey (BOE)

Megan Galleta

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Dennis Yeskey (P&Z)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Tom Bobkowski (BOE - Central Office)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

Others Present:

David Stein (Silver Petrucelli)

Not Present:

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Walko at 8:00 a.m.
 - Mr. Walko noted that they will be meeting with ARC tonight.
- **Update by Silver Petrucelli:**
 - Mr. Stein stated S&P worked with the subcommittee to address the concerns of ARC. They addressed 3 elements; (1) Bringing the roofline outward; (2) Creating a slope to the fascia (3) Adjusting the diameter of the base and bringing wood closer to the concrete. Some other subtle changes were made to the bolt patterns as well.
- **Discussion:**
 - Ms. Downey asked about the pitched roof and maintenance. Mr. Stein described the roof as a low sloped roof where the water will drain from front to back. There will be internal roof drains which go down to internal leaders which will connect to

storm drainage. The existing building pitches to gutters around the perimeter. The unit on the flat roof will not be seen from the front.

- Ms. Cole wanted to confirm that the units will not be seen from any direction and Mr. Stein responded that they will not be seen.

- **Approval of Design Changes:**

Motion was made by Jake Allen and seconded by Stephanie Cowie to approve the proposed design changes. The motion was approved.

The Motion Passed 9-0-0

- **Timeline:**

- Mr. Walko noted that the project timeline needs to be adjusted due to the State funding. He added that we cannot go out to bid until the State approves the project. Therefore, Mr. Walko has been working with S&P on an alternate timeline, should the State not approve the project in accordance with our current timeline. He added that this should not delay the project by a full year. We will need a few weeks over the summer to do the foundation work and the goal will be to have the glass corridor open for the entire school year.
- Ms. Downey added that they are working with the state to see about facilitating the process to keep us on the current timeline.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Jake Allen and seconded by Stephanie Cowie to approve the minutes of the January 21st 2022 meeting. The motion was approved.

The Motion Passed 9-0-0

- **Going Forward:**

- Mr. Walko stated that if ARC approves the project at tonight's meeting, we will continue to work on construction drawings and landscaping.
- Mr. Walko stated that he circulated the report from the soil scientists to the committee. Per the report, the soil can be used on the site. Mr. Stein added that although the intent is to reuse the soil, he could not confirm whether they can reuse it all. He added that if it cannot be repurposed, it can be repurposed at other sites. S&P is working to validate the process. Mr. Stein confirmed that if the soil cannot be used on site, it would need to be transported out to a site out of state for an added cost.
- Mr. Walko will send the soil report to P&Z per their request.
- Ms. Cowie asked if there were concerns regarding removing soil that would impact the students at school. Mr. Stein responded that he does not believe it will.
- Mr. Walko stated that the next scheduled meeting is Feb. 23rd.

- **Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:27 am.