

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

DATE: February 23, 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)

Chris Cykley

Not Present:

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Walko at 8:00 a.m
- **Update by Silver Petrucelli:**
 - Mr. Stein gave a brief update on the last ARC Meeting. He stated that Silver Petrucelli has requested a follow-up meeting with ARC to clarify details in order to get final approval from ARC.
 - Mr. Stein stated that the Silver Petrucelli team is at the design development stage. They met with GHS staff to develop the security desk and are working through the technology component. HVAC continues to progress.
 - Mr. Stein stated that at the next meeting he will be submitting a proposal for the landscape architect which will need to be reviewed by P&Z and ARC.

- Mr. Walko stated that today he would like to review and discuss ARC's design suggestions and whether a vote is needed to approve any changes.
- Mr. Walko stated that at the last ARC meeting, the committee asked for more details on how the corner meets the roof, the fascia of the roof/ where the glass wall meets the roof and the coloration. Mr. Walko noted that ARC stated that the design does not need to go back for full approval, but needs to be clarified and reviewed by the ARC Chairman and staff.
- Mr. Stein indicated in the presentation how the inverted corner can be continued to the top of the glass. He added that there was discussion at ARC regarding a column that supports the beam inside the glass. Mr. Stein stated that they need more clarification from ARC on this detail. Mr. Stein added that they will provide color chips for ARC's review.
- **Discussion:**
 - Mr. Walko noted that today's discussion should be on the question of how the glass meets the wood.
 - Ms. Cole asked if there were any elevations with a thinner band to look at. Mr. Stein clarified that ARC's critique is how the wood connects with the glass and added that there are no renderings yet.
 - Ms. Downey asked if the band is removed and the wood goes straight into glass, would there be issues in the design and/or construction. Mr. Stein responded that there is some complexity with putting the glass all around and there would be a cleaner construction connection with the band at the top.
 - Mr. Allen noted that if the band is removed, it will result in different sized glass pieces which will not look as good.
 - Ms. Cole noted that if the glass is brought up and there are different sizes, we would lose symmetry which is important to the design.
 - Mr. Contadino recommended that Mr. Stein should meet with the Chairman of ARC to explain how the removal of the band will make the design more complicated and more expensive and there are technical reasons for keeping the design as is.
 - Ms. Cowie agreed with Mr. Contadino and added that the suggested changes will become costly.
 - Mr. Contadino asked about thermal bridging and Mr. Stein responded that he would explore that aspect.
- **Motion to Approve Invoice:**
 - Mr. Walko confirmed with Ms. Moriarty that she will be reviewing all invoices.
 - Mr. Walko noted that there may be adjustments to Silver Petrucelli's fees due to the additional work required by ARC.

Motion was made by Jake Allen and seconded by Christina Downey to approve the Silver Petrucelli invoice #22-0018 in the amount of \$5,990. The motion was approved.

The Motion Passed 9-0-0

- **Timeline:**

- Mr. Walko noted that although we are moving through the process with the intent to have a shovel in the ground in June, the State reimbursement piece is not finalized. He added that the project cannot go out to bid without state sign off. He noted that a delay would not mean a year delay since we just need to have the foundation done during the summer months while the students are not there. Mr. Walko stated that there is not a plan for a temporary glass corridor.
- Mr. Walko introduced Mr. Cykley, who is part of CSG, the firm assisting the BOE with getting State Reimbursement on various projects.
- Mr. Walko noted that the state is requiring a specific RTM resolution. Mr. Walko explained that the prior RTM resolution generically allowed the BOE to seek state reimbursement but did not specifically reference the GHS project. He added that although we submitted the application for state reimbursement, the state has not accepted it. Mr. Walko concluded that we will need to go back to the RTM for a specific resolution.
- Ms. Downey stated that since we have made the application to the state twice, the BOE is looking into ways to expedite the process and/or go out to bid prior to getting state approval, while the application is under review. Ms. Downey suggested the design should be ready for the March BOE meeting to keep the project on schedule.
- Mr. Cykley confirmed that the project is on the agenda for the March RTM meeting, and the grant application will be resubmitted in April for May approval. Mr. Cykley is in talks with the State regarding going out to bid prior to the May approval.
- Mr. Cykley confirmed that BOE approval of the final set of drawings, the final set of specs and a cost estimate is required in order to go to the State. Mr. Walko stated that these documents will be available for the March 24th BOE meeting. Ms. Downey added that a special meeting, prior to the March meeting, can be convened if necessary. Mr. Stein confirmed that they should be ready by the 3/24 BOE meeting.
- Mr. Walko noted that the state approval could take approximately 2 months, however, Mr. Cykley noted that we may be able to go out to bid earlier than June.
- Ms. Downey confirmed that the RTM meeting is on March 14th.
- Mr. Allen then expressed his concern over the timing of securing materials for the project. Mr. Watson then asked about the availability of the glass and Mr. Stein confirmed that material sourcing is an issue and they will review the critical path for materials with the contractor.
- Mr. Watson also expressed his concern over the use of the corridor during construction. Mr. Walko noted that the only impact is the foundation work which will be over the summer. He added that the majority of the work is all external, and most of the work will be done while the corridor is in use.
- Mr. Cykley stated that the availability for the ballistic glass is 12-14 weeks. Mr. Stein stated that most of the structure is wood which is 10 weeks out. Mr. Stein added that there should not be delays on materials for the initial foundation work.

The connection of the ductwork and the piping will need to take place over the summer. The most disruptive work will be breaking through to the main office, and they will need some swing space to go to during that phase.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Jake Allen and seconded by Christina Downey to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2022 meeting. The motion was approved.

The Motion Passed 9-0-0

- **Going Forward:**

- Mr. Yeskey asked if we were on the agenda for ARC and Mr. Walko noted that he was advised that we only need a discussion sign-off from the ARC Chairman and one other member.
- Mr. Walko stated the next Committee meeting is March 23rd unless one is needed before then.

- **Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:58 am.

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on March 7th, 2022