



TOWN OF GREENWICH

Old Greenwich School Building Committee Neighborhood Engagement Session

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:00 pm

Old Greenwich School Media Center and via Zoom

Meeting Notes

Attendance

Name	Present	Absent
Voting Members		
James Waters (Chair)	P	
Jackie Welsh (Vice Chair)	P	
Barbara O'Neill (Secretary)	Zoom	
Jason Brown		A
Cristina Dawson	P	
Leigh Erin Izzo		A
Leander Krueger	P	
Stephen Selbst (BET Rep)		A
Michael Joseph Mercanti-Anthony (BOE Rep)		A
Ex Officio Members		
Jennifer Bencivengo (Principal)	P	
Janet Stone McGuigan (BOS)	P	
Molly Saleeby (RTM)		A
John Vallerie (DPW)		A
Peter Lowe (P&Z)		A
Liaisons		
Peter Schweinfurth (Liaison, EMAC)		A
Alan Gunzburg (Liaison, FSAC4PWD)		A
Project Team		
Lawrence Rosati (Morganti Group)	P	
David Stein (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	P	
Paul Jorgensen (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Amanda Cleveland (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	P	
Dean Petrucelli (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Guests		
Stephanie Cowie (FSAC4PWD)	Zoom	
John Freedman	Zoom	
Peg Wentworth, 305 Sound Beach Avenue	P	
Melanie Garnett, 11 Edgewater Drive	P	
Marc & Maureen Ducret, 5 Edgewater Drive	P	
Linda Whitridge	Zoom	

Agenda Item	TOPIC	Description
1.00	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
2.00	Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman introduced members of the building committee, Principal Bencivengo, Lawrence Rosati (Owners Representative, Morganti Group), and David Stein and Amanda Cleveland (Architect, Silver Petrucelli & Associates) The purpose of the meeting is to gather the neighbors input and answer their questions The construction schedule is contingent on BET funding. OGSBC is ready to start construction as soon as next year if the project is funded. To date we have had 41 meetings. Municipal Improvement process will commence this summer. OGSBC tasked with following the Education Specifications (ED Specs) approved 11/2021 by the BOE. The project is a limited scope alteration and addition with a limited budget.
3.00	Discussion led by Silver Petrucelli & Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Stein (SP&A) presented a brief power point. The Ed Specs call for Security, Health, Welfare and Accessibility. The entry will be redesigned to be ADA compliant. Drainage will be addressed with the goal of improving it. The first slide was an aerial view of the school site. He discussed the logic of the potential siting of the addition in the area of the existing blacktop and efforts to design a one-story compact addition. Pre K, K and First grades must be on the ground floor per code. This location will complete an interior circulation loop and is the only space suitable on this tight site. Construction will occur while school is in session. Slide 2 showed the overall scale of the project and the ED spec program Slide 3 indicated accessibility challenge the change of floor levels created. An elevator, lifts and ramps are some of the solutions considered. Site security and limiting the number of door access points and site lighting will help address security. The site lighting will be shielded. A secure main entrance is part of the project. Slide 4 was the current projected schedule illustrating the complexity of the numerous steps.
4.00	Questions & Answers	<p>Neighbor comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern of closeness to the property line, site lines...asked building committee to keep addition as tight to school as possible and within same character Construction Phasing, building committee will need to communicate once established Drainage issues, storm drains sometimes blocked by kids, asked that drainage along property line be considered Tree removal? Building committee assessing whether any will need to be removed

- Fencing condition at perimeter, possible to replace/upgrade?
- Playground is unsafe and dark at night, don't love basketball backboard noise and teenagers doing "teenage things" there at night. Asked building committee to consider motion sensor or better lighting around playground
- PTA shed needs attention, kids climb on it
- Want more bike racks
- Will parking lot be altered? Some ADA parking will be added, building committee to assess how much
- Are solar panels possible?
- Plaza is important public space. Appear to be ok with stair removal as a possible solution and felt school needed a grand entry
- Drainage line from river and manhole bubbling discussed
- Environmental and hazardous testing, neighbors aware
- Not a total renovation; mechanical systems the bulk of the project, noisy unit ventilators will be removed once HVAC
- No desire to tear down historic school
- Gym & stage heavily used and new construction would likely down size this space.
- 8:19pm Motion to Adjourn by Chair, second Jackie Welsh

5.00

Adjourn