



TOWN OF GREENWICH

Old Greenwich School Building Committee
Neighbor Forum
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
6:00pm
Old Greenwich School Media Center and via Zoom

Meeting Notes

Committee Roster

Name	Present	Absent
Voting Members		
James Waters (Chair)	P	
Jackie Welsh (Vice Chair)	Zoom	
Barbara O'Neill (Secretary)	P	
Jason Brown		A
Cristina Dawson	P	
Leigh Erin Izzo	Zoom	
Leander Krueger	P	
Stephen Selbst (BET Rep)	P	
Michael Joseph Mercanti-Anthony (BOE Rep)		A
Ex Officio Members		
Jennifer Bencivengo (Principal)	P	
Janet Stone McGuigan (BOS)		A
Molly Saleeby (RTM)		A
Jim Michel (DPW)		A
Peter Lowe (P&Z)		A
Liaisons		
Peter Schweinfurth (Liaison, EMAC)		A
Alan Gunzburg (Liaison, FSAC4PWD)		A
Project Team		
David Stein (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Paul Jorgensen (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)	P	
Dean Petrucelli (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Amanda Cleveland (Silver Petrucelli & Associates)		A
Lawrence Rosati (Morganti Group)	P	
Jeff Anderson (Downes Construction Company)	Zoom	
Guests		
Commissioning Agent RFP Respondent Firms	Zoom	
Jessica Simms (Greenwich Time)	Zoom	
Jake Van Naarden (Neighbor)	Zoom	
Kristen Beecher (OGS parent)	Zoom	
Tracy Brown (OGS parent)	Zoom	
Berendowski Family (OGS parent)	Zoom	
Romina Puckett	Zoom	
Marc Ducret (OGS Neighbor)	P	
Rich Bittenbender (OGS Neighbor)	P	

Agenda Item	TOPIC	Description
1.00	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm.
2.00	Welcome and introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair presented a brief introduction about the committee's work and then introduced Paul Jorgensen from SP+A.
3.00	Project Update led by Silver Petrucelli & Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Jorgensen of SP+A began his presentation with an overview of the mission statement adopted by the building committee. This was followed by a description of landscaping changes and the floor plan of the building and working with FEMA requirements. The nurse's and principal's office locations were changed for functionality and safety. He explained there are no additional classrooms but the four classrooms needed to be repositioned due to achieving ADA compliance and relocation of the current nurse's and principal's offices. He explained the elevator will be added to be ADA compliant. The rendering of the front entry was described as very traditional, matching the rest of the building. The entrance is secure with cameras, a buzzer system, and ballistic glass. All of this will be coordinated with the district School Security Officer. Improving drainage is essential. In the front of the school, the water will flow away from the school and be caught in a catchment. Around the back, drainage improvements will be submitted with the site plan. The addition in the back requires a ramp because of the 14ft requirement. The addition will help create a courtyard for secure, outdoor education.
4.00	Questions & Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Two guests expressed that the corner windows in the new addition don't match the school window style. SP+A mentioned that it is still being designed and would bring that feedback to the design team.</i> <i>One neighbor asked the building committee to look at replacing the chain link fence along the property line with something more decorative. Chair said the committee would look into whether that is possible.</i> <i>One neighbor asked about the lights on the exterior of the building, although he wanted them due to play areas being used well into the night. SP+A explained that lights are needed for security and will be "downlights", not shine towards houses.</i> <i>One neighbor was concerned with the potential water runoff from OGS, which had mostly been resolved since sewer work in 2017. He wondered if the playground would push water "toward my house". SP+A explained that portions of the interior building are being raised, the addition will be above the floodplain level, and the design will ensure that water does not reach the neighbor's yard.</i>
5.00	Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:58pm Motion to Adjourn from Leander Krueger, second Cristina Dawson.