

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

DATE: September 13, 2023

LOCATION: GHS and Virtual via Google Meet

TIME: 8:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman

Jake Allen - Vice Chairman

Ashley Cole

Stephanie Cowie

Louis Contadino

Christina Downey (BOE)

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Tom Bobkowski (BOE - Central Office)

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Others Present:

Max Wernert (Wernert)

David Stein (Silver Petrucelli)

Mike Lampel (Wernert)

Bob Washburn (Silver Petrucelli)

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (P&Z)

Maureen Bonanno-Secretary

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

● Call to Order and Project Update:

- Meeting was called to order by Mr. Walko at 8:00 a.m.
- Mr. Walko asked Wernert to give an update on the construction process.
- Mr. Lambert responded that they are just about done with selective demolition on the building, they have taken out the exterior wall in the Vice Principal's former office and have set up a construction field office there, they are starting to chop concrete and excavate for new footings and foundations and have brought the project surveyor to do layout starting early next week, the rest of this week and next week, they will start excavating and the begin work on the concrete footings.

- Mr. Walko then asked about the timeline and whether we are still on target to have the footings poured by 10/13 and Mr. Lambert responded that they are currently ahead of that timing and the footings will be completed in September.
- Mr. Walko asked in terms of the testing, have they been in contact with Dan Watson or our testing company and Mr. Lambert responded that he has not been in touch with Dan but he reached out to the owner of CMTL (Connecticut Materials Testing Laboratory) and asked them to start the paperwork process and he doesn't see any delay issues on that side.
- Mr. Walko asked if there were any questions from the committee on the construction side and there were none.
- Mr. Walko then asked if there were any slow downs relative to purchasing materials and Mr. Lambert responded there were none and the flow between their office and Silver Petrocelli has been seamless.
- Mr. Lambert noted that the big product on the job is the glazing and aluminum systems, which have been purchased, shop drawings have been submitted and are in for review now.
- Mr. Walko asked about the lead time and Mr. Lambert responded that the blast resistant glass lead time is not extensive and the ballistic resistant glass on the inside is 18 to 20 weeks from release, which should arrive by February.
- Mr. Washburn stated there are no open RFI's.
- Mr. Lambert noted that between now and February, they have to get the foundations completed, the slabs, the structural steel and make the openings ready, so that should work out well for the schedule.
- Mr. Walko asked if there is anything that should slow us down from a seasonal state and Mr. Lambert responded that there should not be since they will be out of the ground before the cold weather.
- Mr. Lambert stated that they would like to get rid of the concrete benches which take up a lot of space.
- **Owners Rep Discussion:**
 - Mr. Walko reiterated that all communications should go through Dan Watson, not the custodians, and added the contract for the Owner's Rep went through purchasing yesterday. Mr. Walko reminded the committee that the fee is capped at \$40K and the details on timing need to be worked out.
- **Motion to Approve Invoice:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Downey to approve the Silver Petrucelli Invoice 23-1061 in the amount of \$5,336. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Discussion on Timing:**
 - Mr. Walko noted that the RTM will meet in October, so at the next meeting, we should vote on the RTM report.
 - Mr. Walko stated that committee meetings will take place twice a month, with construction invoices to be approved at the 2nd meeting of the month.
 - The next meeting will be on September 27th at 8am at GHS>
- **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Downey to approve the August 30th meeting minutes amended to reflect an in person and virtual meeting. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:22 am

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on September 25th, 2023