

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

DATE: September 27, 2023

LOCATION: GHS and 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

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Tom Bobkowski (BOE - Central Office)

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Others Present:

Max Wernert (Wernert)

David Stein (Silver Petrucelli)

Mike Lampel (Wernert)

Bob Washburn (Silver Petrucelli)

Randy Feda (Wernert)

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (P&Z)

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

Christina Downey (BOE)

Stephanie Cowie

- **Call to Order:**

- Meeting was called to order by Mr. Walko at 8:00 a.m.

- **Project Update:**

- Mr. Lambert gave an update on the construction process; the demolition is just about complete, they have started excavating, for new footings and foundations, they are laying gravel and starting forming the footings and they have stockpiles of the excavating material.

- Mr. Walko then introduced Randy Feda who is working for Wernert and noted that Randy has done previous work with GPS.
- Mr. Walko noted that the flagpole is down and will be installed within the next two weeks with the footing and foundation walls.
- Mr. Walko then asked about the cost for testing noting this amount is outside of any contract, either with Wernert or Silver Petrucelli, so we will need an estimate for testing and Mr. Stein suggested they sit down with Wernert to come up with an estimate which is likely around \$15,000-\$20,000
- Mr. Walko asked about the RFI's and Mr. Lambert noted that there are no outstanding RFI's.
- Mr. Walko asked if there were any potential change orders and Mr. Lambert responded that they may need to excavate an additional six inches and replace with gravel because it was sandy silky film material and not suitable for structural bearing, and, since the soil is classified as contaminated, any that they don't reuse on-site will have to be taken off site, but both of these can be applied to allowances within the current contract value.
- Mr. Walko asked if the contaminated soil was consistent with what was tested prior and Mr. Wernert responded it was, but there is more than needed so would need to go through the proper removal process. Mr. Lambert continued, we have a \$10,000 allowance for unsuitable soil and a \$50,000 allowance for contaminated soil and we are not close to those values yet.
- Mr. Stein stated that based on the boring logs, right at that footing, the elevation or bottom of footing made reference to sandy silts, so within inches of where they landed this is consistent with the geotechnical borings that were taken, and then shown on the soil, boring report.
- Mr. Walko asked if there were any supply chain issues or issues on the architect side and Mr. Washburn responded there were no open submittals and no known delays now with regards to the supply chain.
- Mr. Lambert noted that they are waiting to hear back from the electrician because right now electrical panels and equipment of that nature have incredible lead times, But as far as everything else, the ballistic systems, that's all 10 to 12 weeks out.
- **Timeline Discussion:**
 - Mr. Walko noted the timeline, and suggested that we stay with the schedule of meeting every 2 weeks, and keep the November 22nd meeting, which is the day before Thanksgiving and the schedule will be posted through January 17th and there were no objections to this schedule.
 - Mr. Walko suggested that we review the budget at the next meeting.
 - Mr. Walko asked about the timing for the next 2 weeks since we are ahead of schedule and Mr. Lambert responded they will form and pour the foundations and footings, the backfill and make the site ready to pour the slab and then get ready for structural steel. The next two weeks will be all concrete work. Mr. Lambert noted that the slab should be poured prior to the next meeting and the foundation should be done and backfilled.
 - Mr. Contadino asked about heating the slab and Mr. Walko responded that was eliminated once the project was downsized and just the foundation walls will be insulated.
 - Ms. Bonanno asked about the logistics on the day of the concrete pouring and Mr. Lambert responded that they will do it as early in the morning as possible to not get in the way of drop-off.

- Mr. Walko asked about timing, if Wernert has a schedule of days off and Mr. Lambert responded that they have the school calendar and regarding Election Day, everything takes place in the back of the school.
- **Motion to Approve GC Invoices:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Moriarty to approve the Wernert Invoice approved by the architect Application #714002 in the amount of \$127,052.40. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 6-0-0.*

- **Motion to approve the RTM Report:**
 - Mr. Walko noted that he circulated the RTM report to the committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Moriarty to approve the RTM Report. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 6-0-0.*

- **Landscaping Update:**
 - Mr. Walko stated that Stephanie Cowie has started the conversation on the brick fundraiser with the PTA and he asked if we were going to look at samples and Mr. Walko asked Silver Petrucelli to take one of the existing bricks to the vendor to match.
 - Mr. Lambert stated that the brick distributors don't usually get involved in this and we need to work with a brick donor company to identify the bricks that will be engraved and will match.
 - Ms. Bonanno noted that Ms. Cowie mentioned working with Bricks R Us.
 - Mr. Walko stated that the bricks need to be shown on the plans, where they will go and how many we need to make sure it is done correctly.
- **Adjourn:**
 - The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:28 am

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on October 9th, 2023