

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

DATE: December 20th, 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

Karen Hirsh (BOE)

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Louis Contadino

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Tom Bobkowski (BOE - Central Office)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

Others Present:

David Stein (Silver Petrucelli)

Mike Lampel (Wernert)

Bob Washburn (Silver Petrucelli)

Christina Downey

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (**P&Z**)

Ashley Cole

Stephanie Cowie

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

- **Call to Order:**

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

- **Project Update:**

- Mr. Walko asked about the RFI regarding the existing columns and Mr. Lampel responded there were questions regarding the structural steel assembly but the structural engineer reviewed and they will be extending the concrete column higher and will make the steel extension as plumb as possible.
- Mr. Washburn and Mr. Lampel reviewed the exterior material samples with the committee and they will bring a board with interior finishes for the committee to review. The samples are all bone white and will match the existing.

- Mr. Walko asked about timing and Mr. Lampel responded that they are still trending on schedule and there are no delays on materials. Mr. Lampel noted that the glass will be delivered in February.
- Mr. Contadino asked about the masonry work given the weather and Mr. Lampel responded that it would be protected and there are no anticipated issues.
- Mr. Contadino asked about the column RFI and Mr. Lampel responded that the existing columns are only off by an inch, and should not be an issue.
- Mr. Lampel noted there is only one open RFI and they will work with Dan Watson on that.
- Mr. Walko stated that the forms from CSG for the change order need to be signed and then will be filed in early to mid January.
- **Landscaping/Brick Fundraising Campaign Update:**
 - Ms. Bonanno confirmed that 400 bricks have been sold and the campaign will continue until we sell all 500 bricks.
 - Ms. Bonanno added that another communication will be sent out by the GHS PTA and that should bring in some more sales.
 - Ms. Bonanno stated that she reached out to people interested in doing bigger donations for the benches and tables and has not heard back from anyone yet. She added, we received pricing on the benches from Mr. Lampel and the pricing is complicated given the different sizes and number of sections for the benches. Mr. Lampel noted that the dedication plaques cost approximately \$1,000 for each and the manufacturer would need to install them up front (adding inscription later). He added, there are 40 individual benches and that would mean an additional \$40K for the cost of the benches. Mr. Lampel stated that if we screw in a plaque into the teak slats ourselves, it would terminate the warranty on the benches.
 - Ms. Downey suggested putting up a collective plaque in the plaza.
 - Mr. Lampel noted that after one year, the warranty would be up, so we can put in our own plaques at that time.
 - Mr. Walko reviewed the funds raised to date, noting we have \$30K from the PTA, we should raise at least \$150k from the brick fundraiser and since the cost for the bricks is \$30k, we should end up with at least \$150k. Mr. Walko then asked for the subcommittee to prioritize what we want to fund with the funds raised, noting the foundation work should be done since we know that we have the funds for that.
 - Mr. Walko noted that as time goes on, we also may be able to use some of the contingency for hardscape
 - Ms. Downey asked about the timing, since we are doing the bench foundation work ahead of time and Mr. Lampel said we have until March to decide on the number of benches.
 - Mr. Walko then mentioned that there may be a possible donor for the green wall and Mr. Lampel said it is not an extended lead time for the green wall.
 - Mr. Bonanno stated that they are having a meeting with Parks and Rec tomorrow to discuss a maintenance plan for the green wall.
 - Ms. Bonanno asked about the height of the tables and Mr. Stein responded that the table height can be adjusted as needed and there is a requirement to have a percentage that is ADA compatible and since there are only 4-5 tables we would likely only need to do 1 table.

- Ms. Bonanno asked about plaques for the tables and Mr. Stein responded it depends on the size and how they would want to adhere, and he suggested there are other options and we can discuss this at a later time.
- Mr. Walko noted that we can vote at a later time on the number of ADA tables.
- Mr. Walko asked about timing on the landscaping and suggested they begin working with the town Tree Warden as early as possible.
- Mr. Contadino asked about irrigation for the green wall and Ms. Downey responded that there is no irrigation yet and that could be part of the donation.
- Mr. Watson stated there are some limited irrigation systems at the schools and Parks and Rec is responsible for that.
- **Motion to Approve Invoices:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Moriarty to approve the CMT invoice #2023-19974, reviewed by Wernert and Silver Petrucelli in the amount of \$2,117.18. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 6-0-0.*

- **Moving Forward:**
 - Mr. Walko noted that we will meet on January 3rd.
- **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Mr Allen to approve the December 6th meeting minutes. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 5-0-1. Mr. Contadino abstained*

- **Adjourn:**
 - The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:30 am

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on January 2, 2024