

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

DATE: January 3, 2024

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

Stephanie Cowie

Ashley Cole

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Tom Bobkowski (BOE - Central Office)

Brent Reeves (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

Max Wernert (Wernert)

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (P&Z)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

- **Call to Order:**

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

- **Landscaping/Brick Fundraising Campaign Update:**

- Ms. Cowie confirmed that we have sold 507 bricks but we need to pay for the 564 bricks and she is waiting on a price for the bricks including the ones that will not be inscribed. Ms. Cowie continued, the 507 bricks will bring in \$152K, the cost of the brick fabrication is approximately \$32,500 and with the PTA donation of \$30,000 we should end up with \$150K in profit.

- Ms. Bonanno stated that there are some interested donors for the benches and tables and asked whether we should wait a year to install the plaques on the benches (after the warranty ends) or put one plaque up in a nearby location with the donors names. Ms. Bonanno noted that she needs to let the donors know which way their name will be displayed.
- Mr. Walko stated that we would need town approvals and Ms. Bonanno stated that is included in the correspondence to the donors, that any donation will need to run through the town approval process.
- Mr. Walko suggested that we wait a year and do a plaque for each bench.
- Ms. Bonanno asked if there was any concern with putting a plaque on the bench and Mr. Stein and Mr. Lampel responded that they did not have any concerns given the benches were teak and it would be easy to screw the plaques into the teak.
- Mr. Walko then discussed the need for irrigation on the green wall. Mr. Stein confirmed that the current plan does not require irrigation. Ms. Cowie stated that the subcommittee met with Parks and Rec and the Town Tree Warden, Dr. Kramer, to discuss the green wall. Ms. Cowie noted that they felt the green wall would need irrigation and they discussed different types of plantings that would be appropriate Ms. Cowie would forward to Mr. Stein. Ms. Cole suggested a type of evergreen would be better and irrigation should be part of the project. Ms. Downey noted that Parks and Rec suggested the donor provide a 5 year maintenance agreement and Ms. Cowie believes that the donor would be in agreement with that.
- Ms. Bonanno noted that Parks and Rec confirmed that they have entered into agreements with other donors for maintenance of projects.
- Ms. Bonanno asked if there was access to water near the green wall and Mr. Lampel responded that they did not know yet and if they had to go across the courtyard, this would be a bigger job.
- Mr. Watson responded that there was no water nearby but lines could run over the roof and they could get the water there. Ms. Downey asked about the cost to get the water there. Mr. Walko suggested that the donor meet with Mr. Watson to see if it is feasible and if they would fund it and Ms. Cowie emphasized that there should be no cost to the building committee.

- **Motion to Approve Donation Plaque Placement:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Cole to approve the placement of individual donation plaques on the benches and tables, one year after installation. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

- **Landscaping/Brick Fundraising Campaign Update continued:**

- Mr. Walko asked about the change order and asked about the cost of adding \$14,300 and Mr. Lampel responded that the footings for the benches were part of the add alternate, not part of the contract. Alternate #2 was \$200K which included everything and Mr. Walko noted his concern that the cost does not exceed the original amount. Ms. Downey noted that the difference should be between the old footings and the new footings and Mr. Lampel responded that the pricing is current pricing not the pricing during the bid process and Mr. Stein confirmed that typically there is a certain period to honor the original pricing.
- Mr. Contadino suggested that they look back at the original agreement regarding timing and Mr. Stein will review this.

- Mr. Lampel asked about the tables and if we were going forward with tables as well and the change order only addresses the footings for the benches.
- Mr. Walko responded that since we know that we have \$150K, we can pay for the footings now and prioritize the number of tables and benches.
- Ms. Cole suggested that we do a push to sell the benches and the tables.
- Mr. Contadino asked if the cost of the benches decreased since we simplified the design and Mr. Lampel stated that they streamlined the installation, but did not reduce the cost of the benches.
- The committee then discussed the tables and whether they could be set in the stone dust and avoid putting in a foundation to give some more flexibility.
- Mr. Wernert stated that they will provide pricing for the add alternates at the next meeting.
- **Project Update:**
 - Mr. Lampel, gave an update on the project noting that the mason work will continue for the next 2 weeks
 - Mr. Lampel noted that they are still scheduled to break through the administrative area in February during the break and no one will need to relocate.
 - Mr. Lampel stated that there are no material delays or open RFI's.
 - Mr. Walko noted that the Owner's Rep could not be here today, but will be at the next meeting.
- **Motion to Approve Change Order:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Hirsh to approve Change order #4 with a total amount of \$14,300. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

- **Motion to Approve Invoice:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Ms. Hirsh to approve the Silver Petrucelli invoice #23-1605 dated 12/1/23 in the amount of \$5,336. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

- **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Mr Allen to approve the December 20th meeting minutes. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

- **Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:40 am

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on January 16, 2024