

# LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

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## **PK-8 Building Committee Meeting**

February 26, 2024

*Committee Members Present:* Susan Fogliano, Chair; Xander Lowry, Co-Chair, Alan Sheiness, Mary Powell-St. Louis, Andy Russell, Cara Zimmerman, Sara Hrinak, Tom Kelo, John Hartman, Ken Biega, Darren Favello, Dan Adanti.

*Administration Present:* Ian Neviasser, Superintendent of Schools; Ronald Turner, Director of Facilities & Technology, Brian Howe, Assistant Director of Facilities & Technology; Mark Ambruso, Middle School Principal; Allison Hine, Lyme Consolidated School Principal; Kelly Enoch, Mile Creek School Principal.

The meeting was called to order by Susan Fogliano at 6:00 PM. Before the minutes were voted upon, Susan introduced Daniel Adanti; a new member of the Building Committee. Dan introduced himself and shared his personal background and his enthusiasm to be part of the committee. Susan also mentioned that the variance that was needed for Lyme Consolidated project is no longer needed from P&Z as the building inspector decided that the placement of a pump house would be located elsewhere. The variance was approved for the Mile Creek project. Susan has also reached out to the state representatives to bring to attention the need for an extension of the project completion due to supply chain issues. Currently the state does not have a process for grant extensions.

### *Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2024 Meeting*

**MOTION:** Mary Powell-Saint Louis made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded Tom Kelo.

**VOTE:** the committee voted in favor of the motion.

### *Silver & Petrucelli Architects Update*

Tanya Cutolo, Project Architect from S&PA provided a general update of the regulatory information. ZBA was approved and the project goes to P&Z on March 11, 2024. With the Drawings and Design of all 4 schools they are continuing to fine tune and working towards the Construction documents. Scott Scholl (S&PA) reported on the Hazmat investigations that have been completed for each school. The reported shows the areas in each school to be sectioned off which allows the architects to move forward in the scheduling and phasing portion of the project. Bid packages for Phase 1 will include HVAC, Ceiling Removal, Demo & Abatement, Electrical and Fire Protection. Phasing schedules will be reviewed and open for questions by the school principals and superintendent.

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Superintendent Neviaser reiterated that the education of the children is a priority. As we go through phasing that will be the focus and try to be achieved with the least amount of disruption to the students.

### *Downes Construction Company Update*

Jeff Anderson noted that Scott Scholl (S&PA) provided the full update. To add; March 6<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for budget reconciliation which takes about a week to go through and make any final adjustments. Susan raised the concern as to our timeline with the bid package portion and decisions to be made once received. Jeff replied that generally 8 weeks are needed on a school construction project in order to bid, scope, review and award, which would put us around June to get started.

A committee member questioned school calendar flexibility and changes that might be made. Superintendent Neviaser made clear that there is the ability to change the school calendar and will address that in a timely manner, if needed. Changes to the calendar would be voted on by the Board of Ed.

A committee member brought up concerns that the number of classrooms may have changed and it was clarified that the number remains the same as voted on in the referendum. Superintendent Neviaser also explained that during certain stages of phasing, students would need to be relocated so construction could be completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41PM upon a motion by Tom Kelo and a second by Andy Russell.