

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

DATE: February 21, 2024

LOCATION: GHS and Virtual via Zoom

TIME: 8:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman

Jake Allen - Vice Chairman

Maureen Bonanno-Secretary

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Louis Contadino

Stephanie Cowie

Ashley Cole

Karen Hirsh (BOE)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Others Present:

David Stein (Silver Petrucelli)

Mike Lampel (Wernert)

Max Wernert (Wernert)

Christina Downey

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (**P&Z**)

Brent Reeves (BOE - Central Office)

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

- **Call to Order:**

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

- **Project Update:**

- Mr. Lampel gave an update on the project. He stated that they continue to remain on schedule; the sprinkler mains have been run, during the February break they broke through into the new main office area to begin work there.
- Mr. Walko asked about the additional sprinklers that the town Fire Marshall is requiring. Mr. Stein responded that he sent an email to the Fire Marshall on why they believe the sprinklers are not required by code but has not heard back from him.

- Mr. Walko asked what the impact of the additional sprinklers would be and he stated that the committee could meet next week to approve the change order to keep the project on schedule.
- Mr. Stein noted that if the Fire Marshall comes back saying we are required to have the additional sprinklers, he will then develop a sketch, which he will send to Wernert, who will then contact the trades to get the cost.
- Ms. Downey asked if someone from the committee could contact the Fire Marshall and Mr. Contadino responded that he did reach out.
- Mr. Allen asked what the issue was for the construction. Mr. Lampel responded that the canopy ceiling is currently in the process of being framed and if we need to add the sprinklers, the elevation of the canopy ceiling would need to be adjusted and sides would need to be added. He added that the glass has not been cut yet so there is no issue with the glass and nothing in front would be changed. Mr. Stein stated that it would be a very subtle change aesthetically.
- Mr. Walko then asked about the issue with the HVAC approval. He stated that the town said they did not issue a permit or approve the HVAC component, despite all of the discussions on the HVAC. Mr. Wernert responded that the paperwork is being reviewed by all of the appropriate department heads and they expect to have sign off today.
- Mr. Walko asked about any lead time issues and Mr. Lampel responded there was none.
- Mr. Lampel stated that he needs final approval from Mr. Mayo and the school on the signage and noted that this is not a change order
- Mr. Stein stated that there are no further updates from architects.
- Mr. Walko asked about CT Materials Testing Lab and if there were any additional issues. Mr. Lampel noted that they have resolved one set of issues and they expect them to come back one final time.
- Mr. Walko stated that Wernert had presented change request #7, which was circulated to the committee, for the benches and tables in the amount of \$207k which includes all of the benches at \$109K, the tables at \$16K and the surveying at \$7K and the installation at \$40K the plus bond and insurance.
- Mr. Lampel stated that the greenwall is not included in the \$207K. Mr. Moriarity clarified that we have already paid \$14.3K for the concrete footings for benches, which would bring the total cost for the benches and tables to \$222K.
- Mr. Walko then stated that we have \$160K in hand, bringing a shortfall of \$62K and Mr. Walko noted that Mr. Giuliano had advised the committee not to use contingency funds yet to cover the shortfall.
- Mr. Walko stated that the concrete padding for the benches has been paid, but the concrete bases for the tables is included in the \$207K. The committee discussed whether we should wait to approve the change order. Mr. Lampel stated that they will get started on the concrete bases for the benches, which has already been approved. Mr. Lampel confirmed that it is not necessary to do the concrete for the benches and the tables at the same time and they can't do the work in the area where the tables are going until at least the summer, because of the temporary egress location. He noted that there is an anticipated cost increase April 1st for the benches and tables, so Mr. Walko suggested that we wait to approve this change order until

just prior to April 1st, to see where we are with the project and our funding. Mr. Lampel confirmed that the lead time is 12 weeks for the tables and benches.

- Mr. Allen asked if we could get a CO if this is not completed, and Mr. Stein responded that they would need to have a discussion with ARC.
- Mr. Walko then asked for an updated timeline which would highlight the work to be done during spring break. Mr. Walko noted that we should start planning now if they need extra custodial work for that week.
- Mr. Walko stated that the state still has not input the project into their system for the reimbursement.

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

- Ms. Cole stated that she would like to meet with Mr. Watson and the donor regarding the maintenance of the greenwall. Mr. Walko asked about the irrigation aspect, and Mr. Stein has noted that there is water nearby.
- Mr. Walko asked if we are all set with the trees coming in and Mr. Lampel responded that the landscaping work is in the scope of the site contractor and Silver Petrucelli's landscape architect will also be involved. Mr. Lampel noted that this work should take place late spring. Ms. Cole asked if the tree selection was set and Mr. Walko responded that the landscaping plan was fully vetted with all of the tree selections. Mr. Lampel noted that they will invite the landscape architects to the nursery and if there is not a specific tree they would offer substitutes. Mr. Walko suggested they begin that process.
- Ms. Cowie stated that she hoped to get the fabricated bricks by the 2nd week of March, however, this will now be no earlier than March 18th since they are piecemealing the prepping for the fabrication. She noted that the latest would be 3/21-3/25 and Mr. Lampel confirmed that this timing would work and a slight delay will not be an issue.
- will invite S&P landscapers to the site.

- **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Moriarty to approve the February 7th meeting minutes. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

- **Moving Forward:**

- Mr. Walko confirmed the committee will meet again on February 28th if necessary.

- **Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:38 am

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on February 27, 2024