

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

DATE: March 20, 2024

LOCATION: GHS and Virtual via Zoom

TIME: 8:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman

Jake Allen - Vice Chairman

Maureen Bonanno-Secretary

Louis Contadino

Stephanie Cowie

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Ashley Cole

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Others Present:

David Stein (Silver Petrucelli)

Christina Downey

Mike Lampel (Wernert)

Max Wernert (Wernert)

Jim Giuliano (CSG)

Bob Washburn(Silver Petrucelli)

Not Present:

Dennis Yeskey (**P&Z**)

Brent Reeves (BOE - Central Office)

Karen Hirsh (BOE)

- **Call to Order:**

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

- **Project Update:**

- Mr. Lampel stated that the temporary wall to keep the space heated has been erected, the carpenters have framed out all of the soffits on the roof overhang, the sprinkler pipes are being delivered and will be installed by end of week, glass work will start next week and the

HVAC units are set. He noted that there was an incident yesterday regarding the timing of the installation of the HVAC units which were rigged while students were there. Mr. Walko emphasized that we cannot have any issues with students in the glass corridor and future work in occupied areas should be done when the students are not there.

- Ms. Cole asked how long the glass would take and Mr. Lampel responded it would take about 3 weeks.
- Mr. Walko asked about work over the next break and Mr. Lampel responded that there is nothing scheduled for the next long weekend but they have plans to do interior work over spring break in a few weeks.
- Mr. Walko asked about lead times and materials and Mr. Lampel responded that they have everything ordered or have in hand.
- Mr. Lampel confirmed that the brick supplier confirmed there are 2 pallets of bricks which are on the way. Ms. Cowie asked if Mr. Lampel could notify Ms. Cowie when the bricks will be installed.
- Mr. Walko asked about the proposed change order for certain security features and Mr. Stein stated that there was a coordination meeting with the new GPS Security Director and the IT person. Mr. Stein stated that from the meeting, there were some suggestions for added scope and they have produced a sketch which he gave to Mr. Lampel to look into any price changes. He noted that the changes are minor in content. Mr. Walko then noted his concern that the original scope was fully vetted, and even though it may not be a lot of money, we need to make sure the changes are necessary.
- Mr. Walko then asked for an update from the architects and Mr. Washburn responded there were no open RFI's.
- Mr. Walko asked if we were done with the testing company and Mr. Stein responded that there are no action items at this time, however, he will reach out to the company to confirm.
- Mr. Lampel confirmed that in the last report from CMTL, all steel issues had been resolved, but one more site visit may be needed.
- Mr. Amundsen asked about the status of the state reimbursement and Mr. Walko responded that Mr. Giuliano will give an update at the next meeting.
- Ms. Moriarty, asked about the change order for the sprinklers and Mr. Walko responded that the amount was under \$24K and was approved by Mr. Allen, Mr. Walko and Mr. Contadino as directed during our the last meeting.
- Mr. Walko asked about the checks from the PTA and Ms. Cowie noted that the checks were delivered to Linda Valentine at the BOE to be put in their safe.
- Mr. Walko stated that the last quote for the hardscape materials is still valid, and the lead time is 10-12 weeks. Mr. Lampel confirmed that there is no price increase in the near future and this price is good for 90 days.
- Mr. Walko confirmed that we ordered and allocated funds for the bases of the benches but not for the tables.
- Ms. Downey asked for a breakout of the pads for the tables and Mr. Lampel responded the table pads would be \$40K. Ms. Downey then asked if there were alternatives for the tables that would cost less and Ms. Cowie asked if there was another table that would meet the aesthetics but would not require a base, given the high cost of the bases. Mr. Stein stated he can speak with the landscape architect but noted that they chose these tables because they

wanted something with weight to it from a safety perspective, to keep them secure so they could not tip over.

- Mr. Walko noted that we cannot install the tables until the summer, so we should wait on ordering them now and then we will have a better idea of our contingency at that time. Mr. Lampel noted that we need to order at least 12 weeks ahead.
- Mr. Walko stated that May 17th is the date to submit paperwork for the RTM June meeting if we need additional funds to complete the project.
- Ms. Downey asked if we can still get a CO for the project without the tables and Mr. Walko confirmed that we can.
- Mr. Walko emphasized that the landscaping needs to be delivered, installed and planted in time and Mr. Lampel will give an update on the landscaping at the next meeting.
- Mr. Lampel asked if they should use the remaining owners allowances of \$27.5K in the contract if they issued a change order and Mr. Walko confirmed they could.

- **Motion to Approve Minutes:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Cowie to approve the minutes from March 6th. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Moving Forward:**

- Mr. Walko confirmed the committee will meet on April 3rd.

- **Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:25 am.

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on April 1 , 2024