

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

DATE: April 3, 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:

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

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)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

- **Call to Order:**

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

- **Project Update:**

- Mr. Lampel stated that the curtain wall system is being installed, the header for the sprinklers is completed, the aluminum framing is going in as expected, the electricians are roughing in all of the power and lighting circuits and the plumbing and hvac have been completed.

- Mr. Washburn agreed that the project is going smoothly and there is only one outstanding RFI that they will sign today. Mr. Washburn stated that they need approval of the paint color for the horizontal siding.
- Mr. Walko then noted that the field report dated 3/13 indicated that the project was 33% complete but Mr. Washburn stated that the 3/27 report noted the project was 37% complete. Mr. Walko then noted that looking at the latest invoice, we are at 58% complete. Mr. Walko asked about the discrepancy and Mr. Washburn responded that it is due to some materials purchased but not installed.
- Mr. Washburn stated there has been a lot of progress on the roof so this will be reflected in field report #16. Mr. Lampel added that there is about \$150K of stored materials at Norwalk Glass that has not been installed.
- Mr. Giuliano stated that the project is now uploaded in the state's system, however, they revised it to include the most recent payment application. He added that he met with the new BOE person to review the Munis reports. Mr. Giuliano continued, that they will then submit a revised payment application to the state this week. Mr. Walko then asked if we had submitted any payment request and Mr. Giuliano responded that there will always be a delay since we need to wait for proof of payment to submit another request, which is about 2 months.
- Mr. Walko asked for an update on the landscaping and Mr. Lampel responded that the nursery is a reputable nursery in North Salem, NY and the manager recommends choosing the trees later in April after some blooming. Mr. Washburn confirmed that the installer is working with the landscape architect. Mr. Walko then asked if there is a downside to waiting and expressed his concern regarding available stock and Mr. Lampel responded that he did not think it would be a problem. Mr. Walko suggested we do it sooner rather than later.
- Mr. Lampel stated that the sign fabricator has prepared the signage, however the text has not been finalized and noted that Mr. Mayo needs to confirm the text and colors.
- Mr. Lampel stated that they are making arrangements to come inside during spring break to do interior work.
- Mr. Walko asked if the bricks had been received and Mr. Lampel responded that they have not confirmed yet.
- Mr. Walko stated that he had a meeting with Parks and Rec and other town officials to talk about the green wall. He noted that the greenwall is possible since there seems to be water there and they seemed interested in having it, but they asked if the donor is willing to have at least a 3-5 maintenance commitment, and on the BOE side, is this something they want, they will need to maintain it after 3-5 years. Ms. Cole stated that the donor is still interested but wants to get a better idea of the cost. Mr. Lampel will confirm the price but he needs to have an idea on how the water will be incorporated. Mr. Lampel will have a call with Mr. Watson, and Mr. Walko will circle back with the BOE to see if interested.

- **Approval of Motions:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Bonanno to approve the RTM Report through March 19, 2024. The motion was approved. The Motion Passed 7-0-0.

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Bonanno to approve Change Order #10 to return \$27,500 of the \$50,000 allowance for the polluted soil and off-site disposal. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Bonanno to approve Application #008 from Wenert in the amount of \$310,299.85. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Motion to Approve Minutes:**

Motion was made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. Contadino to approve the minutes from March 20th. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0.*

- **Moving Forward:**

- Mr. Walko asked if there were any material delays and he asked what was expected to be completed by the end of spring break. Mr. Lampel responded that all of the aluminum frames will be installed, the glass will start to be installed, light fixtures hung and ceiling framing inside, and work inside the office space and there are no material delays.
- Mr. Walko stated that due to the school spring break, the next meeting will be canceled and the committee will meet again on May 1st.

- **Adjourn:**

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

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on April 29, 2024