

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

DATE: May 1, 2024

LOCATION: GHS and Virtual via Zoom

TIME: 8:00 am

Committee Members Present:

Stephen Walko - Chairman

Jake Allen - Vice Chairman

Maureen Bonanno-Secretary

Ashley Cole

Louis Contadino

Stephanie Cowie

Karen Hirsh (BOE)

Leslie Moriarty (BET)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Craig Amundson (RTM)

Ralph Mayo (GHS Principal)

Dan Watson (BOE- Central Office)

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)

Will Schwartz (DPW)

Lauren Rabin (Board of Selectmen)

Steven Swidler (BOE Staff)

- **Call to Order:**

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

- **Project Update:**

- Mr. Lampel started with an updated on the project, noting that the storefront system framing has been installed, the doors are in on the blast resistant curtain wall, Norwalk Glass is currently installing the inner ballistic doors, the carpenters are installing the plywood for the

aluminum fascia system, and on the inside, the ceiling is framed, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and the sprinklers are roughed in and almost ready to sheetrock.

- Mr. Walko asked about the materials and Mr. Lampel responded that all materials have been ordered and are in hand, noting that the glass is in Norwalk and will arrive next week.
- Mr. Walko asked if that delivery will cause any issues logistically and Mr. Lampel responded that there will be a lot of work around the front of the building over the next few weeks, but he does believe the parking will be affected and any work affecting the parking will take place over the summer.
- Ms. Downey asked about planting over the summer, and asked if it should be done sooner and Mr. Lampel noted that the nursery was not concerned with planting in June.
- The committee expressed their concern with seasonality of planting and Mr. Walko suggested that the planting take place sooner rather than later.
- Ms. Moriarty asked about work on the interior during break and Mr. Lampel noted that work was done and so far, they found nothing of concern.
- Mr. Walko then discussed the cost of the 2 outstanding change orders, the one for the wiring around \$1,000 and the potential one for the door position switches which Mr. Lampel responded it should be less than \$10K, but likely around \$5K. Mr. Walko asked if there were any other additional change orders, other than the benches and tables, and Mr. Lampel responded there were none at this time.
- Mr. Lampel stated that the project is at 66% completion. Mr. Walko noted that there is a deadline coming up with the BET if we need to go back for more funding.
- Mr. Lampel stated that there is a 12 week lead time for the benches and tables and Mr. Walko suggested that we make a decision on ordering them at our next meeting.
- Mr. Walko asked Mr. Giuliano to give a recommendation on what we have remaining and what we have in contingency and whether we should use some of the contingency at this point to purchase the benches and tables.
- Ms. Moriarty confirmed that we would need \$28.6K to purchase all of the benches and tables but noted that it would be helpful to have CSG's cost. Mr. Walko asked Mr. Giuliano to provide an update from CSG.
- Mr. Washburn gave an update from the architect's side, echoing Mr. Lampel's update and noted that the project is moving along smoothly.
- Mr. Lampel noted that they needed to finalize the sign language and paint colors and Mr. Mayo confirmed that was done.
- Mr. Giuliano stated they are waiting to hear when they are getting the reimbursement from the state and will then submit the next payment.
- Mr. Walko stated that there was staffing turnover in the BOE Purchasing Department, which has resulted in the delay of some payments but they are working to get everyone paid in time.
- Mr. Walko asked Mr. Giuliano for a copy of State Change Order #1.
- Mr. Lampel gave an update on the landscaping, stating that they had a successful site visit to the nursery to view the trees and everything was tagged. He noted that they did not have 1-2 trees, which they are waiting to come in. There will be a second visit.
- Mr. Walko stated that they had a Zoom meeting on the greenwall and are waiting on the professionals to give an estimate for the donor. Mr. Lampel stated that the original cost was \$18-20K for the greenwall however, this did not include the irrigation, since this was not in the

plans. Mr. Walko noted that the BOE has supported this initiative, but we need to understand the total scope so that Ms. Cole can go back to the donor, then we would go back to the BOE for an agreement with the donor to maintain it for 2 or 3 years. Mr. Stein will work with Mr. Lampel to get an estimate for the greenwall. Mr. Walko would like to get this wrapped up by the next meeting.

- Mr. Walko asked if it the greenwall was reimbursable and Mr. Giuliano responded that if it was an add alternate, it should be reimbursable.
- Ms. Downey then noted that the donation may need to go through the town approval processes for approval since it is a gift, so the timeline would be pushed out, unless the PTA makes the donation.
- Mr. Allen suggested running the water line over now so that when we get approvals, it will be ready.
- Mr. Wernert confirmed that the bricks arrived on site.
- Mr. Walko noted that Ms. Moriarty sent out a report on the cost breakdown and she noted that we are down to about \$200K for a contingency balance.

- **Approval of Invoices:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the CSG invoice #23015 project #005 for \$608.75. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the Silver Petrucelli #24257 for Construction Administration in the amount of \$5,336. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the CMT invoice #2023-20272 in the amount of \$3,954.76. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the CMT invoice #2023-20343 in the amount of \$849.84 The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 8-0-0.*

- **Motion to Approve Minutes:**

Motion was made by Ms. Moriarty seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the minutes from April 3rd. The motion was approved. *The Motion Passed 7-0-0. Ms. Hirsh Abstained*

- **Adjourn:**

- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Walko at 8:41 am.

Submitted by Maureen Bonanno on May 13, 2024