

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Kate Macinanti
Chair
Brian Mahoney
Vice-Chair
Brian Silvia
Member
Lucas Murray
Member
James Manni
Town Manager



Terry Lynch
Member
Chip McGair
Member
David Palazzetti
Member
Michael Podraza
Superintendent

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EVENT DETAILS

TOPIC:	School Building Committee - Regular Meeting
DATE/TIME:	Thursday, August 22, 2024 @ 8:30 AM
LOCATION:	Town Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI
LIVESTREAM:	https://www.youtube.com/@sksbc/streams
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Public comments must be made in person. Comments must be kept to the agenda topic being discussed at that time. The committee chair may limit the duration of comments to ensure members have adequate time to address business items.

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Item	Topic
1.	<p>Call to Order/Roll Call</p> <p>Members present: Kate Macinanti, Brian Mahoney, Brian Silvia, Lucas Murray, James Manni, Terry Lynch, David Palazzetti, Michael Podraza</p> <p>Members absent: Chip McGair</p> <p>Other Attendees: Chris Spiegel, Phil Conte, Mark Moore, Robert Littlefield</p>
New Business Items:	
2.	<p>Discussion: Communications from the Public:</p> <p>SK Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – The SK Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee reached out to share recommendations regarding programming at the high school which relies on Old Mountain Field; safe passage for students, faculty, and staff when crossing Kingstown Road; adequate parking. Discussion ensued regarding the Planning Department’s plan for a bike path connection. Further discussion regarding a future meeting to discuss Columbia Street and the infrastructure around the high school.</p> <p>Communication received from community member requesting better audio on YouTube</p>
3.	<p>Discussion/Action: Project Status Update</p> <p>Chris Spiegel of LeftField provided an update on the project (website; project remaining on budget and schedule; second community forum; geothermal well testing; project labor agreement).</p> <p>Phil Conte updated the Committee on the status of the schematic design.</p>
4.	<p>Discussion/Action: Geothermal Test Update</p> <p>Chris Spiegel discussed the plans for and status of the geothermal test well, including the scope review and presentation to the School Committee.</p>
5.	Public Comment

	<p>Dorald Beasley – Mr. Beasley would like to know the percentage of well tests that fail and the drilling process. He shared his enthusiasm that the School Committee voted to approve the \$100,000 expenditure for this process.</p>
6.	<p>Discussion/Action: Set Next Meeting Date, Time, and Agenda Items</p> <p>This is last early meeting with school starting as well as fall schedules. Discussion ensued as to possible meeting days and times. Meetings will now take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Town Council Chambers.</p> <p>Ms. Macinanti spoke regarding a possible upcoming meeting for a presentation on federal funding opportunities to defray costs for installing highly efficient clean energy technologies in the context of new school building projects. Discussion ensued – the meeting is tentatively planned for September 23, 2024 just before the Town Council Meeting at the Town Council Chambers.</p> <p>Mr. Mahoney asked that an update on Curtis Corner be placed on the next meeting agenda.</p>
7.	<p>Adjourn Motion made to Adjourn. Motion made by Terry Lynch Motion seconded by Brian Mahoney Motion passes</p>