

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Kate Macinanti
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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, September 26, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
LOCATION:	Town Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI
LIVESTREAM:	https://www.youtube.com/@sksbc/streams
PUBLIC COMMENT:	<p>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.</p> <p>Jeanine Silversmith provided advice on Abutter's Meeting. Ms. Silversmith also made a comment on flat roof design and solar energy capabilities. KM followed up by noting that design is subject to change. Phil Conte also made comments on RIDE requirements for 'solar ready'.</p> <p>Dorald Beasley made comments on his strong support for the most sustainable building possible and that the cost of a geothermal system could be reimbursed and will save significant money on energy cost. KM noted how we always comment on the cost of these systems because it will be absolutely brought up by the community. BM spoke of detailed presentations to come on funding and geothermal cost/benefit analysis. Phil Conte spoke on expected cost/benefit analysis.</p>

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Item	Topic
1.	<p>Call to Order/Roll Call:</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM</p> <p>Members present - Brian Silvia (BS), Brian Mahoney (BM), Kate Macinanti (KM), Lucas Murray(LM), Terry Lynch (TL), Michael Podraza (MP), James Manni (JM), Robert Littlefield <i>ex. Officio</i> (RL)</p> <p>Members absent – Chip McGair, David Palazzetti</p> <p>Also present: Chris Spiegel - LeftField, Mark Moore – Gilbane, Phil Conte – StudioJAED,</p>
New Business Items:	
2.	<p>Discussion: Public Correspondence:</p> <p>Mr. Spiegel reported that one email had been received pertaining to the Abutters Meeting.</p>

3.	<p>Discussion: Meeting Minutes</p> <p>KM reported that all outstanding meeting minutes have been uploaded to the Secretary of State and Project Website to the best of her knowledge.</p> <p>KM and Mr. Spiegel reported that moving forward, LeftField would oversee drafting the Meeting Minutes, which will be sent to the School Department for posting to the SoS's website. LeftField will remain responsible for uploading them to the project website.</p>
4.	<p>Discussion: Administrative Offices</p> <p>Discussion on future of administrative offices. M.P reiterated concerns on accessibility, community access, and needs of the Admin. J.M wanted to know the future of the current Admin building if Admin moves into the new HS or Hazard Field – Town is looking to potentially build a new EMS facility. CS discussed reimbursement if the District was to move the Admin to Hazard building. KM reiterated that this needs to be a District decision. TL & RL stated that we absolutely must have a press box and bathrooms, or the project would not be seen as successful in the eyes of the community. CS spoke about renovation vs construction cost. Action item was issued to Project Team to provide preliminary cost estimation on renovation vs new build for restrooms. BM clarified that the current plan does have a press box.</p>
5.	<p>Discussion: Sustainability Meeting</p> <p>Discussion on Sustainability Presentation and Federal Reimbursement opportunities at Town Council Meeting on 9/23/24. Meeting was well received by the TC Members. LeftField will continue to coordinate with presenter, UndauntedRI, on potential funding mechanisms.</p>
6.	<p>Discussion: Abutter's Meeting</p> <p>Mr. Spiegel gave update on Abutter's Meeting related to Geothermal system. BM and Chris Spiegel walked the neighborhood on 9/17 and distributor flyers and knocked on doors. An additional mailer was sent on 9/18 to residents – it came to our attention that the mailer was not received until 9/26, leaving little time for residents who did not received hand delivered mailers to attend the meeting. Second abutters meeting was scheduled by LeftField for 8/2 at 6:00 PM and will cover the same content of the first meeting. C. Spiegel will hand deliver mailers to every abutter identified through the process on 9/27.</p> <p>Abutter's meeting was attended by approx. 15 people and was well received by the public. Representatives from the SBC included KM and JM, as well as C.Spiegel, Phil Conte, Mark Moore, and additional project team members.</p>
7.	<p>Discussion: Land Swap</p> <p>LM gave a brief synopsis of process, process history, next steps, and expectations for this item moving forward. LM will continue to provide updates as process moves forward.</p>
8.	<p>Discussion: Geothermal</p> <p>General discussion on geothermal test well process. LeftField reiterated that Federal Funding is generally based on reimbursement, not up-front funding (as with Grants), and that the project must account for any added cost of this system through contingency spending, pay-go funding, or scope reduction, as well as other alternative funding strategies.</p> <p>LM recommended that</p>
	<p>Adjourn:</p> <p>MSV(1) - Motion to adjourn. Motion made by BM Motion seconded by RL Motion passes unanimously</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned at approx..7:30 PM</p>