

SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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EVENT DETAILS

TOPIC:	School Building Committee - Regular Meeting
DATE/TIME:	March 23, 2023 – 5:03 PM
LOCATION:	Town Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI
LIVESTREAM:	South Kingstown SBC meeting -03.23.2023
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Chair Murray reported receiving public correspondence regarding a community workshop. An FAQ page was proposed to address frequent questions and enhance community communication. Future discussion planned for broader community feedback and project-related queries.

MEETING MINUTES

Item	Topic
1.	<p>Call to Order/Roll Call:</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM</p> <p>Member present: Lucas Murray, James Manni, Kate Macinanti, Dave Palazzetti, Brian Mahoney, Phil Conte</p> <p>Members Absent: Raquel Pellerin, Mark Prince</p>
New Business Items:	
2.	<p>Discussion/Action: General Correspondence & Community Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent workshop attended by 40 community members. - Activities included reviewing architectural images for the proposed school. - Community favored traditional, brick-based designs. - Luke Murray Noted the community's interest in designs resembling historic structures like the Hazard Building. - Phil (Studio Jade) shared plans to gather additional input via an online platform.
3.	<p>Discussion: Site and Design Concepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presented by Phil (Studio JAED): - Overview of five preliminary building and site concepts, including Placement of key facilities like classrooms, gyms, and administration offices. - Incorporation of green spaces, courtyards, and walking tracks. <p>Dave Palazzetti: Advocated for building placement away from streets to minimize impact on residential areas.</p> <p>James Manni: Suggested flipping the building's entrance to face Hazard Field for a campus feel.</p>

4.	<p>Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucas Murray emphasized the need to hire an OPM for pre-referendum activities. - Scope Items Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Oversee architectural RFQs. o Manage cost estimation. o Assist with website and information distribution. - Phil's Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Select OPM based on qualifications, not cost. o Limit RFQ responses to 3-4 finalists. o Allow the selected OPM to continue into later project stages if terms are negotiated.
5.	<p>Bond Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucas Murray reported the draft bond legislation was reviewed by legal counsel and is ready for Town Council consideration. <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The bond includes provisions for flexibility in reallocating savings within school improvement projects. <p>Committee Input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jim Manni: Highlighted unanimous support from the Town Council as a positive step.
6.	<p>Public Outreach and Subcommittee Formation:</p> <p>Discussion on creating a public outreach subcommittee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase community engagement. - Utilize storytelling and other tools for effective communication. - Distribute project information across key community hubs. <p>Volunteer Input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew, a community member, offered to assist with storytelling workshops. <p>Resident Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise from HVAC systems and their proximity to residential areas. - Lighting and landscape buffers to minimize neighborhood impact. - Greg (Community Member): Recommended rooftop HVAC systems to reduce noise and enhance efficiency.
7.	<p>Next Steps and Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phil to deliver a boilerplate RFQ for OPM selection by next week. - Target date for OPM selection: April 30, 2023.
8.	<p>Adjourn:</p> <p>Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Lucas Murray Motion seconded by Brian Mahoney Motion passes unanimously</p> <p>The meeting is adjourned at approx..5:12 PM</p>

