

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MA
EASTON SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Minutes of the Virtual School Planning Committee Meeting, September 21, 2022, Virtual Meeting via Zoom, convened at 5:32 p.m. Present: Jacqueline Weisman, Sam Cederbaum, Tim Vamosi, Connor Read, Dottie Fulginiti, Ann Weintrob, Billy Sobieraj, Jane Martin, David Field, and Caroline O'Neill.

Also in Attendance:

Walter Hartley, Project Manager, PMA Consultants; Chris Loeffler, PMA Consultants; Dawn Guarriello, Perkins Eastman, Dan Colli, Perkins Eastman; and Joe Boerman, ECAT.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chair Weisman called the meeting to order by stating that in keeping with an act relative to extending certain Covid-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, the meeting will be conducted remotely over Zoom. Attendance by Board members will be remote and remote attendance shall count toward quorum. The meeting will be broadcast live on FaceBook and recorded on ECAT. To use zoom you will need to download the Zoom application or use the link on the agenda.

Minutes: 08/17/2022:

On a motion by Ms. Fulginiti, seconded by Mr. Cederbaum, with a roll call vote of 7-0, the minutes of 8/17/2022 were approved. (Some members were not in attendance at the time of the approval of minutes.)

Construction Progress Update

a. Diesel Heating Oil Spill Remediation Update

Mr. Hartley provided an update on the progress of the project. He provided photos showing the progress and comparison photos from August to September. Mr. Hartley displayed a photo of the new Blanche A. Ames Elementary School sign that is located in the new parking lot at the Easton Middle School. Mr. Hartley said he was happy to report that the work at the location of the oil spill has been authorized by the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) and LSP (Licensed Site Professional) to go back and continue work in that area and it is progressing well. He noted that for approximately one and a half years, there will be quarterly monitoring, test pits have been installed, and there are vapor emissions that will also be monitored.

Cash flow / Schedule Update:

Mr. Hartley provided an update on the cashflow:

- Billed to date \$62.1 million
- MSBA reimbursement to date to the Town \$25.48 million
- Pending MSBA audit \$4.5 million

Mr. Hartley provided an update on the construction lookahead:

- terrazzo floor tile installation in the cafeteria
- gymnasium scoreboard installation
- linear wood grill framing at A building
- toilet and sink installs continue
- gymnasium wood flooring to continue
- water bubbler installs continue
- resilient flooring installation to continue at A, C, and D buildings
- window shade installs continue in C, A, and B buildings
- generator has been delivered to the site and final connections have started
- classroom bench installs continue
- field stone seat walls at exterior of building are ongoing
- fiber cement panel installation to continue
- glue lan canopies continue at C building
- roof edge metal to continue at building exterior

Contingency Update:

b. Discretionary PCO review and Vote

Mr. Hartley provided an update on the contingency. He noted that almost 72% of the time of the project has elapsed. He noted that they have a change order that will be presented to the Selectboard on Wednesday next week and in anticipation of the change order being executed, the total change orders to date will be \$1.28 million with available at \$1.9 million. He said that they are in great shape with contingency and moving right along. The current exposure was \$477,000.

FF&E/IT Budget Update:

Mr. Hartley noted one adjustment; cable runs that were priced as part of the board installation were bid as a 9 foot run; unfortunately, they were closer to a 32 foot run. He said that this is \$9,000 that needs to be spent for twice the amount of cabling in each of the classrooms and added that they did confirm with the procurement specialist and that they were entitled to this value. He said that was taken care of and that they are still in great shape on the FF&E number that was approved in the amount of \$3 million and that there is \$123,533 remaining for miscellaneous items.

WWTP Upgrade Construction Update:

Mr. Hartley provided an update on the wastewater treatment plant and reviewed the following:

- weekly construction meetings taking place Wednesdays at 8:30 am
- exterior tank installations complete
- construction activities ongoing
 - prep and painting of 4 interior tanks
 - sitework repair and or replacement in kind
 - electrical disconnect work
 - tertiary tank material install

- remove fencing / restore parking lot
- daily pumping of tanks continues until scope is complete

Mr. Hartley added that the wastewater treatment plant is not up and running as of yet and that they are pumping it daily to every other day.

Dedication Plaque:

Chair Weisman presented 4 samples of the dedication plaques. She took pictures of other plaques in the district and those photos were displayed.

A discussion took place on the options presented and members expressed their opinions.

Chair Weisman said that she will work on some changes that were discussed and send it out to the members of the Committee then present it to the School Committee who will vote to approve.

A discussion took place over the material of the plaque and stainless steel was suggested as it is more of a modern look.

Upcoming Meetings:

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- October 19, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022

New Business:

Ms. O'Neill asked for guidance on how to handle requests from people who would like to memorialize a space in honor of a child.

Chair Weisman suggested that Ms. O'Neill contact Walter Hartley or Dawn Guarriello for a list of the spaces available to be discussed at a Naming Subcommittee meeting.

Chair Weisman stated that she would like to arrange another walk through with the Committee during the November meeting or perhaps on a different date.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Dr. Cabral, seconded by Mr. Hellen, with a roll call vote of 9-0, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Souza
Secretary