

Town of Watertown School  
Building Committee  
Three Elementary School Projects  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022  
via ZOOM 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

M I N U T E S

Committee Members Present: Mark Sideris (chair), John Portz (vice-chair), Vincent Piccirilli Heidi Perkins, Deanne Galdston, Kelly Kurlbaum, Steve Magoon, Leo Patterson, Paul Anastasi, James Kane, and Tom Tracy

Committee Members Absent: Lindsay Mosca

Others Present: Daren Sawyer, John Jordan & Nate Williams (Ai3 Architects); Thomas Finnegan, Mark Krikorian and Alana Forbes (OPM, Hill International), Christy Murphy (Compass Project Management)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Mark Sideris called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. John Portz took a roll call of School Building Committee members present.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2022

Chairman Sideris made a motion to approve the Elementary Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2022. Vincent Piccirilli motions to approve the Elementary school meeting minutes and Steve Magoon seconded. All were in favor on a roll call vote.

3. Review / Approval of Elementary Schools Monthly Invoices and Lowell Change Order No.2

Chairman Sideris presented the Elementary schools July invoices. Thomas Finnegan reviewed and presented Lowell Change Order No.2

July 2022 invoices are as follows w/total at \$2,460,314.65:

- Hill International – \$90,210.00
- Ai3 Architects (Basic Services) - \$37,140.46
- Ai3 Architects – (Extra Services) - \$65,668.87
- Ai3 Architects (Reimbursables Services) - \$502.42
- Brait Builders (Payment Req # 26) – \$818,436.72
- CTA Construction Managers (Payment Req #5) - \$1,371,429.67
- Ridgeline Energy Analytics - \$1,275.00
- UTS Invoices - \$10,715.63
- FF&E Invoices - \$42,062.63
- Colliers International - \$8,783.25
- Eversource Electric - \$14,090.00

Chairman Mark Sideris made a motion to approve the Elementary School projects invoices. Vincent Piccirilli motions to approve the Elementary school project invoices totally \$2,460,314.65. Tom Tracy seconded.

All were in favor on a roll call vote.

## **Lowell Elementary Change Order No. 2**

Thomas Finnegan presented and reviewed LES Change Order No.2 totaling \$70,320.87. Tom Finnegan briefly highlighted some PCOs beginning with a credit for temporary parking binder and top course. In the early phases of the project, paving of the front lawn for teachers to park and have overlap on the schedule but the phasing changed to the point that there was no phasing at all so credit of (\$34,182.69) was given. Another credit was given for Electrical Service Alterations of (\$11,354.77). This was a change to the main service into the building reducing the linear footage of the temporary electric of the permanent primary cables of the area. Also, in the gym area a credit was given of (\$73,768.44) for Ceiling Hung Acoustic Baffles. It seemed redundant to have more sound protection therefore credit was given. The last credit of (\$131.25) was for Refrigerator Ice Maker Box location. Some adds were before the rough plumbing in the school during the demolition phase. The underground plumbing underneath the slab, the old and 1996 section was placed on camera to make sure the pitch was going in the right direction. Due to having the camera what was found was that the piping was leveled or back pitched. A decision was made to go in and cut the slab, excavate, and replace the main piping in the corridor that fed the lower level of the 1996 section as well as the replacing the rain leader of the underground piping in the gym.

Mark Sideris made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2. Vincent Piccirilli moves with Tom Tracy seconded; all were in favor on a roll call vote.

## **4. Executive Summary**

Thomas Finnegan reviewed and presented the Executive Summary highlights for July 2022. Hosmer Elementary school working in front of Hosmer ES with final paving and line painting of access road including crosswalks. Sidewalks will be placed along Concord Road to be ready for school opening. The playground in front of the school will not be ready when school opens but expected to be ready November 1<sup>st</sup>. Ballfield drainage currently under review by DPW but would be ready by end of the year. Cunniff Elementary school is completed but site work is being done with crosswalks finished before school opens. The main entrance to stair to the school and near intersection crosswalks are being redone. Lowell Elementary school structural steel erection is almost complete in Zone 2. The last beam was topped off this week with expectation of another 3-4 weeks of detail work. Concrete will then be placed on the decks. Site Contractor continues work with utilities and excavation/backfill foundations.

## **5. Elementary School Questions / Comments**

**Question 1** – Kelly Kurlbaum asked if there is an acoustical consultant to make sure there isn't any issues during auditoriums meetings or all school meetings?

**Response** – Daren Sawyer of Ai3 Architects explained that they double checked with an acoustical engineer. He stated that there are other acoustical treatments on the walls throughout the gym. There are acoustical baffles but more esthetics.

**Question 2** – John Portz asked if the Solar Panels near Mt. Auburn have been there for a while but assume it is not active. What is needed to have it move forward? Also, when school starts in September, will all this area in front where the playground and solar panels are be fenced in?

**Response** – Tom Finnegan stated that all needs to be online. The battery storage needs to be up and running. A lot of this equipment would not be in until this fall. Yes, the area in front where the playground and solar panels are will be fenced in. You have access to all the sidewalks around the construction area.

## **End of Elementary School Project Business Meeting**

Chairman Sideris ended the Elementary School Project Business meeting at 6:17 pm.