

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Academy Community Center Building Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Town Campus, Room A

Meeting Minutes

Chair Joe Ballantine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Ballantine, David Speerli, AJ Miller, Anne Kelley, Eileen Davis, Joan Walker and Joe Paradiso.

Staff Present: Al Goldberg, Board of Selectmen Liaison; Bill McMinn, Facilities Director; Erin Mannix, Town Planner; Jaclyn Lehet, Executive Assistant.

1. Public Comment.

None.

2. Discuss and vote to recommend an Owner's Project Manager to the Board of Selectmen

Chair, Joe Ballantine suggested the Committee try to eliminate one of the four firms via a straw poll. The Committee eliminated L M Stewart and focused their discussions on Colliers Project Leaders, Orr and STV. After further discussion the Committee eliminated Orr mainly based on concerns with their location.

Discussion on the pros and cons of each company. STV presented well to the Committee, came across very detailed, have a vast amount of resources, were the lowest bidder and have extensive experience, including with publicly visible buildings such as the school rebuild in Newtown, CT. Some concerns were the community liaison and the project getting lost in the shuffle/not being a priority. Colliers offers a large grant writing department, has extensive history with the building and has the most vested interest in the project. Some concerns, Colliers was not the lowest bidder and the Committee had extensive conversation if Colliers is too familiar with the project/already have their minds made up on the layout etc. They noted Colliers is also the Owners Project Manager for New Elementary School Committee.

Many members felt they would be in good hands with either company, but ultimately felt Colliers would make the project a priority and felt confident that any issues that may arise would be answered and/or handled immediately by the firm.

MOTION BY Eileen Davis and seconded by Joe Paradiso to recommend Collier's Project Leaders as an Owner's Project Manager to the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. August 18, 2022

MOTION BY Joan Walker and seconded by Eileen Davis to approve the August 18, 2022

meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

b. August 29, 2022

MOTION BY Joan Walker and seconded by Eileen Davis to approve the August 29, 2022 meeting minutes as presented

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

c. August 30, 2022

MOTION BY Joan Walker and seconded by Eileen Davis to approve the August 30, 2022 meeting minutes as presented

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment.

None

5. Remarks.

Joe Ballantine thanked the committee for their hard work and thoughtful deliberations tonight. He also thanked all the firms for their presentations. Tonight's recommendation will be on the Board of Selectmen agenda for approval on Tuesday, September 13th at 8:00 a.m. The committee would like to discuss any potential reservations they may have before the contract is signed.

6. Adjourn.

There being no objection, the Committee adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet