

# Elementary School Building Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 7:30 AM

## Meeting Recording

Members Present: Diane Chamberlain, Dwayne Chamble, Anthony Delaney, Allison Estes, Benjamin Herrington, Sean Mangano, Phoebe Merriam, Jonathan Salvon, Cathy Schoen, Stephen Schreiber, Paul Bockelman, Michael Morris, Rupert Roy-Clark (joined late)

Members Not Present: None

Others: Margaret Wood (OPM)

Next meeting: To be determined

### **1. Call to Order**

Ms. Schoen called the meeting to order at 7:30am, conducted via remote participation pursuant to the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL ch. 30A §18. The meeting was recorded for subsequent posting on the Town website.

### **2. Report on MSBA OPM June 7 panel decision**

Ms. Schoen reported on the panel decision and noted MSBA praise for the project. Dr. Morris described how positive the MSBA meeting went and that Anser gave a very professional presentation. Mr. Bockelman noted that the committee will have to work hard to stay on the timeline. The committee discussed what the process will look like now that the OPM is on board.

### **3. Discuss timeline and next steps in feasibility/design phase of the project**

Dr. Morris gave an overview of next steps including the designer selection process. In addition, he noted how the process will begin to accelerate once a designer is on board. Ms. Schoen commented on the aggressiveness of the timeline and how it was discussed at the MSBA panel but said that work done in prior feasibility studies will help make the timeline work. Dr. Morris talked about the level of involvement of the School Committee. Mr. Salvon shared thoughts on what work from the prior feasibility study may be able to be incorporated into the current process.

### **4. Pending MSBA Decisions: Potential introduction of the Anser team**

Ms. Schoen introduced Margaret Wood (joined at 7:50 AM) the OPM from Anser. The committee introduced themselves to Ms. Wood. Ms. Wood introduced herself and Anser to the committee including their office locations and connections to the area. Ms. Wood shared her screen and presented a timeline and process for the project. Mr. Salvon highlighted the importance of the committee's input into the designer request for services (RFS). Ms. Wood continued describing the process and timeline in greater detail. Ms. Schoen stressed the importance of public engagement and asked the committee to think about how it will engage the public. Ms. Wood described her experience with override votes and public engagement, particularly that the building committee helped inform a strong community group and a structured set of opportunities, small and large, to share information about the project. The committee then discussed development of the designer RFS and future meeting dates.

## **5. Public Comment**

No public comment.

## **6. Items Not Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours before the Meeting**

Mr. Mangano updated the committee on a meeting with Eversource and the availability of funds for sustainability portions of the project.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34am.

## **8. Documents Presented**

OPM Prepared Schedule