

Joint Facilities Committee

Thursday, October 26, 2023

6:00pm Virtual Via TEAMS

1. Call to Order

6:13pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Gina Cekala, Bethany Ouellette, Tim Neville, Scott Ryder, John Unghire, Tina LeBlanc, and Bob Cressotti. Also present were Fred Gerber, Donald Nunes, Sam D'Agostino, and Jim Guiliano.

Absent: Jonathan LeBlanc, Marie Pyznar, Melissa Everett, and Doug Maxellon.

3. Approval of Minutes – Sept. 28, 2023

Motion to approve by Tim Neville, seconded by Tina LeBlanc. All were in favor.

4. Special Guests

None.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Roof Reimbursement status

Sam D'Agostino stated that the town should be getting the reimbursement payment by the end of the day tomorrow. She mentioned that as soon as we receive that payment, we can get prepared to submit another one. She stated that the BOE needs to accept the Project Completion Memos. She said once the BOE accepts them we have a year to close out the project. She stated that she and Jim worked very hard with the state to get the change orders approved for reimbursement.

For Eli Whitney there were eight change orders. The total amount of eligible change orders ended up being \$258,516.97, which the town will now receive a 70% reimbursement for. The ineligible amount ended up being \$2,800. Change orders #3 and #7 were deemed out of scope work. PCO #9 was then submitted to the state in the amount of \$15,368.60, and this was also deemed out of scope work. The 70% reimbursement amount will be \$180,961.88. The town share is \$95,723.69.

Sam stated that they were able to find a memo that stated that we were within the six-month rule, so the state was able to switch the determination on these.

Jim Juliano stated that you can take the \$18,000 to special legislation, but he suggested saving that for larger requests in the future if needed.

Sam agreed that she thinks it is best to close out the projects and get them completed.

Gina stated that if these are properly deemed ineligible there is no reason to fight it and hold up closing out the projects.

For Hazardville Memorial there were seven change orders. The total amount of eligible change orders ended up being \$257,006.9716, which the town will now receive a 70% reimbursement for. The ineligible amount ended up being \$627.00. Change orders #6 and #7 were considered maintenance. The 70% reimbursement amount will be \$179,904.31. The town share is \$77,728.85.

Sam D'Agostino stated that we should be receiving payment by the end of the day tomorrow. The Eli Whitney payment should be \$720,313.87, the state is holding a retainage of \$37,911.26. For Hazardville Memorial the payment will be \$738,573.61, with a retainage of \$38,872.30.

Jim Juliano stated that the state will not release the retainage until they receive the SCG 049F. This can't be submitted until the BOE accepts the project as complete. You want the amortization on the grant to start as quickly as possible because it is a 20-year period.

B. Transfer Station

No new updates.

6. New Business

A. Acceptance of invoices- Silktown

Fred Gerber stated that the substantial completion date for Eli Whitney was 10/19/22. This is when the warranty starts.

Motion by Tim Neville, seconded by Scott Ryder to approve the final invoice for Silktown for Eli Whitney School dated 10/19/23 in the amount of \$111,518.19, all were in favor.

Fred Gerber stated that the substantial completion date for Hazardville Memorial was 10/19/22.

Gina Cekala stated that all punch list items have been completed.

Motion by Tim Neville, seconded by Bethany Ouellette to approve the final invoice for Silktown for Hazardville Memorial School dated 10/19/23 in the amount of \$110,756.33, all were in favor.

B. Acceptance of invoices – CSG

Motion by Tim Neville, seconded by Bethany Ouellette to approve the invoice for CSG for Eli Whitney dated 10/23/23 in the amount of \$490.00 which is 90% completion. The remaining balance is \$1,000. All were in favor.

Motion by Tim Neville, seconded by Scott Ryder to approve the invoice for CSG for Hazardville Memorial dated 10/23/23 in the amount of \$490.00 which is 90% completion. The remaining balance is \$1,000. All were in favor.

C. Acceptance of Project Completion Memos for BOE Approval

The Recommendation is:

The BOE takes the following actions:

Accept the Eli Whitney Elementary School Roof Replacement Project (State Project 049-0143RR) as complete and file a final grant application for a School Building Project, form EDO-049F with State of Connecticut Office of Construction Grants and Review.

Motion to submit to BOE by Tim Neville, seconded by Bob Cressotti, all were in favor.

Accept the Hazardville Memorial Elementary School Roof Replacement Project (State Project 049-0144RR) as complete and file a final grant application for a School Building Project, form EDO-049F with State of Connecticut Office of Construction Grants and Review.

Motion to submit to BOE by Tim Neville, seconded by Bob Cressotti, all were in favor.

D. Roof referendum update

Gina Cekala stated that the proposed roof referendum schedule is not set in stone. We have changes and holds because of other pending projects. One of the holds is the Public Safety Complex and Police Department. Another is the possibly of different use of school buildings depending on what happens with the School Modernization Committee. She mentioned that there was a possibility of adding the library roof on because it is leaking. The library is on the continuation list for roofs. Alcorn is still in the design phase and is a little behind schedule.

Fred Gerber stated that as soon as the Alcorn architecture work is done, they will start on the Annex. The same firm is doing both. He mentioned that the hang-up with Alcorn is the state reimbursement process.

Fred mentioned that even with the School Modernization plan, Prudence Crandall will be a school for at least 10 more years. The roof is currently 26 years old and in poor condition. The roof lasting another 10 to 15 years is a discussion point. Until we have a finalized School Modernization plan, we don't know what is going to happen.

Scott Ryder mentioned that Parkman and Enfield Street will live on as schools.

Fred stated that he is proceeding with Alcorn design, and he is getting a quote from Silver Petrocelli for the Library design. After Alcorn design is done, he will move on to the Annex.

Fred stated that we need to see if the site near Mark Twain is approved for the school modernization plan before we make any other decisions.

7. Committee Comments

8. Next Meeting Date

November 30, 2023

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tim Neville, seconded by Bob Cressotti at 7:03pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Demers
Joint Facilities Committee Secretary