

**MEETING MINUTES**

Project: Newton Countryside Elementary School  
 Subject: School Building Committee Meeting  
 Location: Zoom Conference Call  
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Project No: 22-0123  
 Meeting Date: 4/25/2023  
 Time: 6:00 PM  
 Prepared By: Aidan Place

Present	Name	Affiliation	Present	Name	Affiliation
	Jonathan Yeo* WG	Chief Operating Officer	✓	Mike Burton	DWMP
	Ruthann Fuller	Mayor		Christina Dell Angelo	DWMP
✓	Emily Prenner* WG	School Committee		Mike Cox	DWMP
	Bill Humphrey	City Council	✓	Aidan Place	DWMP
	Kathy Smith	Superintendent of Schools		Rachel Rincon	DWMP
✓	Josh Morse* WG	Commissioner of Public Buildings	✓	Steve Brown	DWMP
✓	Beth Herlihy* WG	Principal Countryside E.S.	✓	Donna DiNisco	DiNisco
	Ayesha Farag*	Asst. Superintendent of Elementary		Jim Shuttleworth	DiNisco
	Maureen Lemieux*	Chief Financial Officer	✓	Vivian Low	DiNisco
	Nick Read	Chief Procurement Officer	✓	Anne Davis Woodacre	DiNisco
✓	Tom Gloria	DRC		Janet Bernardo	
	Ellen Light	DRC			
	Tamika Olszewski	School Committee (Chair)		Carol Schein	
✓	Cove Davis*	School Committee	✓	Christina Oliver	
✓	Stacy Klickstein*	Resident	✓	Adam Bernstein	
✓	Liam Hurley* WG	Asst. Superintendent/ Chief Fin. &		Melissa Monokroussos	
✓	Andreae Downs* WG	City Council	✓	Amy MacKrell	
✓	David Kalis*	City Council	✓	Sing-Ning Kuo	
	Lori Zinner*	Resident		Cherylann S	
	Andrew Lee	Asst. City Solicitor	✓	Steven Siegal	
✓	Stephanie Gilman WG	Dir. Planning, Project Mgt, &		David Geffen	
	David Stickney	Director of Facilities		Deb Crossley	
✓	Alex Valcarce WG	Deputy Commissioner	✓	Mark Kaufman	
✓	Adam Lipson	Resident	✓	Andrea Kelley	
	Maura Tynes WG	Director of Elementary Special Ed.		Jonathan Kantar	
✓	Lisa Reibstein	Public			
	Brian Hunter	Public			

\* SBC Voting Member | WG Working Group

Item No.	Description	Action
13.1	<b>Call to Order:</b> 6:05 pm meeting was called to order by J. Morse with 8 of 12 voting members in attendance.	Record
13.2	<b>Approval of the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting Minutes (Vote Expected):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Will be voted on at the next SBC meeting.</li> </ul>	Record
13.3	<b>Review and Approval of Preferred Schematic Report (Vote Expected):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ C. Oliver wants the utilities to go underground for the new project. Hopes that on this project the utilities can go underground.</li> <li>➤ D. Kalis asks if there is a way for the countryside school to have underground utilities. J. Morse responds saying that it would be paid for in full by Newton and no MSBA reimbursement. A. Valcarce says they will work with Eversource and will look at it to see what is feasible.</li> <li>➤ Motion to authorize OPM Dore + Whitter Management Partners to submit the Preferred Schematic Report on behalf of the City of Newton to the Massachusetts School Building Authority made by A. Downs and seconded by C. Davis. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: E. Prenner – Yes J. Morse – Yes - B. Herlihy – Yes – S. Klickstein – Yes – C. Davis – Yes – L. Hurley – Yes – A. Downs – Yes – D. Kalis – Yes. Abstention: None. Motion passes, Preferred Schematic Report approved to submit.</li> <li>➤ D. DiNisco goes over the site plan that is in the slideshow. Also shows early renderings of the building on the site.</li> <li>➤ C. Oliver mentions that the softball field isn't used much of the year. Asks if they can study the usage of the softball field. J. Morse responds saying that they need to provide a softball field for Newton South High School Girls Softball. They are working with the Parks and Rec and Athletic Director to explore options.</li> <li>➤ A. Lipson also talks about the size of the softball field and notes that when hosting PTO events there wouldn't be much green space for them.</li> <li>➤ D. Kalis says that he disagrees and that there looks to be space for all those events for the PTO. A. Lipson mentions that there is a big spring fest, and they can view this and see what could work.</li> <li>➤ T. Gloria says to consider the water table regarding the softball field, and to consider the design issues associated with it.</li> </ul>	Record

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ S. Ning Kuo is concerned about the drop-off area and its proposed location. J. Morse says they are studying many drop off solutions and will continue studying.</li> <li>➤ L. Reibstein is concerned with people hitting balls into the playground area. J. Morse responds saying that it's over 300 feet from the playground area and isn't terribly concerned with this.</li> <li>➤ T. Gloria says he likes the Dedham Street to Walnut Street intersection and is a great design attribute.</li> <li>➤ D. Kalis asks about solar for the project. J. Morse says they will study this option as they move forward with the project.</li> <li>➤ L. Reibstein is concerned with the crosswalk prohibiting the buses from pulling into traffic. D. DiNisco responds saying that they met with their traffic consultants, and they felt this was an appropriate solution and the buses will be able to merge effectively.</li> </ul>	
13.4	<p><b>Schedule/Timeline Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Will discuss at the next SBC meeting.</li> </ul>	Record
13.5	<p><b>Public Comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ None.</li> </ul>	Record
13.6	<p><b>Next Meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SBC Meeting – Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM on Zoom.</li> </ul>	Record
13.7	<p><b>Adjourn:</b> 6:32 pm A motion to adjourn was made by E. Prenner and seconded by J. Morse. Discussion: None.</p>	Record

Sincerely,  
**DORE + WHITTIER**  
 Aidan Place  
 Assistant Project Manager  
 Cc: Attendees, File

The above is my summation of our meeting. If you have any additions and/or corrections, please contact me for incorporation into these minutes.