

Arlington High School Building Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Conducted via Remote Participation

Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair
Elizabeth Homan, Superintendent, Co-vice chair
Jim Feeney Town Manager, Co-vice chair
Alex Magee, Deputy Town Manager, absent
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative
John Cole, Permanent Town Building Committee
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal, absent
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Rep
Brett Lambert, PTBC Representative
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative
Michael Mason, APS Chief Financial Officer, absent
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal, arrived 6:40
Judson Pierce, Community Member
Paul Raia, Disabilities Commission Rep, absent
Rob Behrent, Facilities Dir, Town of Arlington, absent
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative

Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, absent, Sy Nguyen, Jessica Mendez, Skanska
Lori Cowles, Arthur Duffy, HMFH Architects, Inc.
John LaMarre, Chris Weber, Consigli
John Amato
Karen Fitzgerald, AHSBC Recording Secretary

Jeff Thielman opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that we had one public participate in the meeting, Grant.

Skanska Update

- ◆ Athletic Field Discussion / Scheduling a follow-up meeting

The Arlington High School Building Committee will draft a Memorandum to the Arlington Conservation Commission no later than March 20, 2024 which provided background and rationale for the AHS Building Committee's request for an extension of an Order of Conditions of synthetic turf fields with crumb rubber infill at the new high school. The Order was granted three years ago by the Conservation Commission and due to going beyond a timeline and nothing has changed, the Conservation Commission needs to reaffirm this decision to go with chrome rubber for the project.

The committee members discussed the Conservation Commission's concerns about potential toxicity for fish in Mill Brook found in a study about the impact on Coho salmon and other fish of 6PPD-quinone. The project team and HMFH consultants have reviewed multiple studies and have concluded that the conditions needed to create 6PPD-quinone are not present in the AHS field design. Dr. Homan and the school department have done extensive research about alternative infill options to crumb rubber and concluded that crumb rubber is the most proven, safest and highest performing infill option. Cost implications of other infill options were also discussed. Ultimately, committee members reaffirmed their decision to keep the existing field design. All committee members were in agreement, therefore the following motion was made:

On a **motion** by Frank Callahan, seconded by Kirsi Allison-Ampe, it was approved that after studying alternative organic infills for the fields at our new high school, evaluating the possibility of using project contingency funds, studying the safety and usage patterns of alternative turf infills, reviewing scientific data distinguishing infill in the new fields and substances from tires on roadways near waterways that may harm aquatic life, and taking steps to limit potential inflow to Mill Brook through added safeguards in the design of the turf field's drainage system; the **Arlington High School Building Committee (AHSBC)** reiterates and restates its intention to purchase and install crumb rubber infill for the new high school fields, as approved by the Order of Conditions granted by the Conservation Commission in 2020, and respectfully requests the Commission to extend the Order as permitted by the Arlington Regulations for Wetland Protection.

Roll Call, Liz Homan, Yes, Jim Feeney, Yes, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Frank Callahan, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Brett Lambert, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Judson Pierce, Yes, Amy Speare, Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes.

◆ Multistack

Jim Burrows noted the issue is with failures of the Multistack ACHP (Air Conditioning Heat Pump) rooftop units to work at full capacity. Our Mechanical Subcontractor was formally put on notice by Consigli in a letter dated 2/20/24. There has been no impacts to the occupants i.e. heating/cooling of spaces but rather the units are not working at an optimal level. The committee will be made aware of issues and will be provided updates as they come in.

Consigli Update

◆ Schedule Update

- Phase 3 demolition was completed in early February. J.Derenzo/Keller mobilized at the end of January for pre-excavation and PIFs installation which is scheduled for completion in early March. Bldg. A concrete foundations are set to begin in March.
- PH 2 punch list completion continued in February for Bldg. B/C2. Significant portion of open items complete over February Break. Currently, overall punch list totals: (75) open items, (48) items ready for review. Subcontractors will continue to finalize punch list over the schools Good Friday holiday and April Vacation.
- Decisions required. A) District to provide direction for Phase 3 Super Graphics & Signage for formal issuance of design files in order to produce submittals, procure/release materials. B) Design for west parking lot PV.

- As of the 2/28/24 Schedule Update, Phase 3 TCO is currently on schedule for February 2025 turnover. Phase 4 and overall project completion are currently on schedule, and new fields are on track for use at the return of the Fall 2025 school year.

Subcommittee Reports

- ◆ Communications – Amy said committee met last week regarding Phase 3 schedule change
- ◆ Finance – Nothing to report
- ◆ Interiors – Liz, meeting scheduled on March 13 nothing new to report
- ◆ Landscape & Exteriors – Nothing to report
- ◆ Memorial – Nothing to report
- ◆ SMEPPF – Nothing to report
- ◆ Security – Nothing to report
- ◆ Temp Use-Phasing – Nothing to report

Meeting Minute Approval

AHS Building Committee approval of minutes from 2/6/2024

On a **motion** by Ryan Katofsky seconded by Liz Homan, it was voted to approve the AHS Building Committee minutes from February 6, 2024.

Roll Call, Liz Homan, Yes, Jim Feeney, Yes, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, abstained, Frank Callahan, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Judson Pierce, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Bill McCarthy, Yes, Amy Speare, Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes.

New Business

None

Adjournment

On a **motion** by John Cole, seconded by Kate Loosian, it was voted to adjourn at 7:14 pm.
Roll Call: Liz Homan, Yes, Jim Feeney, Yes, Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Yes, Frank Callahan, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Judson Pierce, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Bill McCarthy, Yes, Amy Speare, Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fitzgerald, Executive Assistant and AHS Building Committee Recording Secretary 3/30/24