

**Arlington High School Building Committee**  
Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Conducted via Remote Participation

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Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair  
Elizabeth Homan, Superintendent, Co-vice chair  
Jim Feeney Town Manager, Co-vice chair, absent  
Alex Magee, Deputy Town Manager  
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative, absent  
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative  
John Cole, Permanent Town Building Committee  
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative  
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal  
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  
Judson Pierce, Community Member  
Paul Raia, Disabilities Commission Rep  
Rob Behrent, Facilities Dir, Town of Arlington  
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative  
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative  
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative, absent

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

Mr. Thielman opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Skanska Update

Project Adventure Proposal Approval

The proposal for the Project Adventure had been reviewed and discussed at the last Finance subcommittee meeting and tonight they are recommending approval from the full AHS Building Committee for the climbing wall and issues a purchase order for the amount of \$175,996.75.

Frank Callahan had missed the last meeting but asked how this came up as proprietary, and why Project Adventure is the only company that can do this for Arlington. Lori did say that the Director of Wellness asked for them and Matt Janger agreed and said since Arlington has worked with Project Adventure before and we have this equipment in other schools, they can

maintain it, are able to provide service for the equipment, and provides curricular for us, this is a top rated long standing company. After the discussion the following motion was made:

On a **motion** by Matt Janger, seconded by Ryan Katofsky, it was moved to approve Project Adventure's proposal for the climbing wall and issue a purchase order for the amount of \$175,996.75.

Roll Call: Liz Homan, Yes, Alex Magee, Yes, Frank Callahan, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Brett Lambert, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Judson Pierce, Yes, Rob Behrent, Yes, Amy Speare Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes. Unanimous

#### ◆ Synthetic Turf Update

Jeff Thielman said the Conservation Commission voted to grant the AHSBC a one-year extension of an Order of Conditions for the turf surface of the fields in August 2023. The Conservation Commission requested that the AHSBC look at alternative fills and report back by no later than August 4, 2024. The project has a deadline of purchasing infill for the fields of approximately June 30, 2024.

It was noted that the project already has contracts with the materials and procured drainage for the field turf and had a plan in 2020 for a synthetic turf and it was approved. Many of the materials associated with the turf fields have already been purchased, which limits potential changes in the surface. The AHS Building Committee will appear before the Conservation Commission this spring (date to be determined) to discuss details of the sports field drainage from the turf to minimize infill runoff to Mill Brook, the water resource under the authority of the Conservation Commission.

HMFH provided graphics and explained the design of the drainage system, and the firm showed steps being taken to prevent the run off from the turf fields from entering Mill Brook. The committee does not have any alternative infill proposal that it recommends at this time and any change would necessitate usage of the project's contingency funds.

Work on the fields must commence in the summer of 2024. Jeff indicated that he will be meeting with the design team to prepare for a meeting with the Conservation Commission this spring to show how the drainage system works and to restate the reasons why the AHSBC voted for the synthetic turn infield fields. Jeff, Jim, Liz and Alex will meet set up a separate meeting and go through the findings with the Chair and the committee will explain the data and why Arlington went in this direction, the process and the design to the Conservation Commission.

#### Consigli Update Schedule Update

- Phase 3 demolition continued through January. Demolition of the FUSCO building structure has been completed. Ongoing existing building slab/foundation removal is ongoing and set to be complete by 2/9/24. Haul out of material will continue into February.
- J.Derenzo/Keller mobilized at the end of January (1/29) to start work of Temp SOE. Pre-Ex will start to take place in early February.

- PH 2 punch list completion continued in January for Bldg. B/C2. Significant portion of open items complete over MLK Day. Currently overall punch list totals: (188) open items, (77) items ready for review. Subcontractors will continue to finalize punch list over the schools February Break.
- 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. C) Design for EV Charging Meter
- As of the 1/25/23 Schedule Update, Phase 3 TCO is currently 2/14/25. While phase 3 turnover was shifted from December 2024 to February 2025, 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 spoke on a successful AHS Open House on January 20<sup>th</sup> with over 2,000 visitors. ACMI provided a short video on spaces and is on our website. Need to set up meeting.  
 Finance – Alex said the committee meet on January 11 reviewed Payments, change orders and all approved.  
 Interiors, Landscape & Exteriors – Interiors subcommittee needs to set up meeting.  
 Memorials – Bill found 1932 School Committee files and Amy is interested in reviewing that for her blog.  
 SMEFPF - no report.  
 Security and Temp Use-Phasing - no report.

Meeting Minute Approval

Approval of AHS Building Committee minutes of 1/9/2024.

On a **motion** by Kate Loosian, and seconded by Amy Speare, it was voted to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024.

Roll Call: Liz Homan, Yes, Alex Magee, Yes, Frank Callahan, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Bill McCarthy, Yes, Judson Pierce, Yes, Rob Behrent, Yes, Amy Speare Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes.

New Business

None

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Kate Loosian, and seconded by Amy Speare, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Roll Call: Liz Homan, Yes, Alex Magee, Yes, Frank Callahan, Yes, John Cole, Yes, Tobey Jackson, Yes, Matt Janger, Yes, Ryan Katofsky, Yes, Kate Loosian, Yes, Judson Pierce, Yes, Rob Behrent, Yes, Amy Speare Yes, and Jeff Thielman, Yes.

Respectfully submitted by  
 Karen Fitzgerald, Executive Assistant and AHSBC Recording Secretary  
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