

East Greenwich School Committee

Building Committee

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Minutes

Attendees: Bob Wilmarth, Kevin Murphy, Alyson Powell, Michael Podraza, Maggie Baker, Alexis Meyer, Andy Nota, Renu Englehart, Mark Schwager, Chris Speigel, Manuel Cordero, Phil Conte, Kieth Doucette, Lilly Picchione

Discussion:

1. Students from the EGHS architecture class present their proposals for additions and renovation of the high school building. The presentation included expanded classroom and art space, improved locker room and PE office access, an expanded life skills suite with apartment, and a repurposing of the upper gym to provide additional collaborative areas for students and staff. The presentation was excellent, and the student proposal will be included in the Stage II application submitted by the district in February 2023.
2. Colliers presented and reviewed the milestone schedule for moving through the master plan construction project, highlighting key dates and deliverables.
3. Throughout the month of May, Colliers attempted to hold additional faculty visioning and distributed surveys to staff in order to respond to the SC concern that the proposed construction plan is primarily driven by educational considerations, as opposed to logistical, structural, or budgetary constraints. Unfortunately the response rate was very low, so we will continue to do outreach. Consensus from responses was positive and indicated that the program meets approval of educators in the district.
4. Discussion of next steps and second presentation of proposal to the SC. Feedback collected to this point suggested that additional data regarding transportation concerns re: a 3-5 at frenchtown is needed for the BC to return to the SC with a proposal for a master plan. Colliers will work to collect data on traffic/transport impact of 3-5 at frenchtown, as well as cost of using Eldredge site and bring it back to BC for consideration at an additional BC meeting to be scheduled prior to July.