These minutes are subject to approval by the Public Building and Site Commission

The Public Building and Site Commission held a regular meeting Tuesday, August 23, 2022. The meeting was held in the meeting room at the Newtown Police Department, 191 S. Main Street, Newtown. Vice Chairman Allen Adriani called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Present: Allen Adriani, Gus Brennan, Anthony D’Angelo, Sally Feuerberg, Gordon Johnson, Patrick McCleary, Kristian Otten (remote), Tom Catalina (7:09pm).  
Absent: Art Norton

Also Present: Michael Dell’Accio of Downes, Christopher Williams of Christopher Williams Architects, Dan Affleck of SWA (remote), First Selectman Rosenthal, Purchasing Agent Kerri Mubarek and one member of the press (remote).

Public Participation: none

Approval of Minutes G. Brennan moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 meeting.  
P. McCleary seconded. All in favor.

Hawley Elementary School
Documentation Status and Schedule Update: The MEP coordination is substantially complete. Demolition and abatement is ongoing. MEFT layout and penetration and openings is also ongoing. Work to start included demolition, steel and roofing. Downes reached out to other manufacturers. They are not doing any of the new design. Downes is working with the electrician. The switchgear will ship on May 26; other manufacturers are 10-20 weeks longer. They are working to use the existing power to start the units in order to stay on schedule. Mid July is the date to switch over to permanent power. All other areas are in good shape; the units are coming in November, December and January. All other items are released and procured. G. Johnson spoke about mold in one of the 1921 classrooms. Christopher Williams will consult with John Luby on this. If there are active mold spores it will be treated. There is an allowance for relocating existing MEP; electrical was taken down to remove part of the plaster ceiling. Gordon Johnson talked about the duct support system. Christopher Williams said it is a delegated design, there are options as long as it meets the design criteria. G. Johnson talked about storm piping, suggesting it be done with PVC piping. G. Johnson is impressed with the subcontractors.

Construction Manager - Update: The project is on schedule.

Project Budget and Phasing Review – Update & Summary: n/a

Invoices for Payment:
G. Johnson moved PCO #10 – PR #01 – Additional Value Engineering, roofing and painting, for a zero impact to the project. G. Brennan seconded. All in favor.

A. D’Angelo moved to approve invoice #003 for Downes in amount of $445,697.92. P. McCleary seconded. All in favor.

G. Johnson moved to approve invoice #2013.12 for Christopher Williams Architects, LLC in the amount of $4,550.20. G. Brennan seconded. All in favor.

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial:

Documentation Status - SWA Update: n/a
Construction Manager – Downes Status Update: There are fourteen punch list items. The rail will be painted this week. Downes is working on close out documents. Sally Feuerberg reported the irrigation is working well. Once the vegetation matures it will help with water retention. Gus Brennan thinks the ground lights at the sign will not last the winter due to plowing and thinks other options, such as raising them above ground level, or mounting to a bollard, should be considered. George Benson reached out to an aquaculture organization to investigate an aerator for the pond to see what the best course of action will be. M. Dell’Accio reported there is $18,000 in the CM Contingency and $15,000 in the Owner Contingency. There is a $6,000 placeholder for lightening protection.

Update on Construction Schedule: n/a

A. D’Angelo moved to approve PCO #044 – Flood Detection System, to be completed after contractual substantial completion date in the amount of $4,674.00. This is relative to the cellular auto dial if vault fills up. P. McCleary seconded. All in favor.

A. D’Angelo moved to approve PCO #049 – Pond Vacuum and Electrical Cord in the amount of $944.00. P. McCleary seconded. G. Brennan proposed JSA (job safety analysis) on the vacuum prior to use. P. McCleary seconded. All in favor.

Invoices for Payment:

A. D’Angelo moved to approve invoice #011 (previously noted at #003) for Downes Construction in the amount of $17,861.26. G. Brennan seconded. All in favor.

A. D’Angelo moved to approve invoice #191068 in the amount of $1,465.50 contingent upon certification of expenditures. G. Brennan seconded. All in favor.

Parks & Recreation and the Department of Public Works have been receiving training on different aspects of the site, including lighting and water. When the punch list is complete there will be a final walk through, likely in October. There is maintenance and warrantee, through Downes, that covers through June 2023.

The next meeting will be held on September 27, 2022 at the Newtown Municipal Center at 7:00p.m.

Adjournment: Having no further business the Public Building & Site Commission adjourned their regular meeting at 7:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek