



**TOWN OF DARIEN
HHR BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2023
VIRTUAL MEETING 6:00 PM**

Participants

Sarah Neumann
David Martin
Tom Harris
Chris Price
Jill McCammon
Patrick Hayes
Jameson Riley

Dr. Alan Addley, DPS
Travis Schnell, KG&D
Erik Kaeyer, KG&D
Kevin Munrett, DPS
Tom Walsh, APC
Lorell Purcell, O&G/APC
Dave Cravanzola, O&G/APC
Paula Bleakley, Holmes Principal
Natasha Torre, Royle Principal
Keri Snowden, Hindley Principal
Cory Visi, Holmes Parent Rep.

Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from HHRBC Meeting on November 8, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM. Motion to approve minutes from November 8th was made by David Martin and seconded by Jameson Riley. All voted in favor.

2. Public Comment*

Cory Visi, 13 Lake Drive

3. Chair's Report

4. Presentation and Proposal by O&G/APC on Rebidding of HHRBC Packages

5. Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion Pursuant to CGS 1-200(6) (E) 1-120 (24)

Motion made by Patrick Hayes to move to Executive Session and seconded by David Martin. All voted in favor.

Executive Session Motion included Lorel Purcell, Dave Cravanzola, Tom Walsh, Erik Kaeyer, Travis Schnell, Cory Visi, Alan Addley, and Kevin Munret.

6. Adjourn to Open Session

- Motion made by Tom Harris to adjourn to Open Session, and David Martin seconded it. All voted in favor.
- Dave Cravanzola went through the rebid process and results and compared the two bid rounds from the summer to November.
- In big picture, overall, the rebidding had greater bid participation that reduced overall bid numbers. Percentages varied from up to down in costs. Specifically, more favorable bid turnout due to increased participation which increased competitiveness. Some bid savings diminished due to the delayed project. Some trades have withdrawn glaringly low bids. Did not see an amount of savings that was anticipated. Process should proceed.
- 7 of 19 bids did not get re-bid; scopes have already happened with these 7.
- Scope review to continue with re-bids. Recommendations will be made by O&G/APC for some bids - Lowest qualified bidder and overall cost summary will be presented. Scope review should be completed by November 29th. Then the cost summary and owner's soft costs will be updated. The committee will then need to ask for the appropriation from the overall budget increase.
- HHRBC took a sense of the committee to move forward to pursue an appropriation - no questions by committee members; HHRBC to be proceeding with the process to ask for an increase in appropriation for increased trade costs and soft costs.
- Dr. Addley received word from the State regarding accelerated timeline. In order for an adjusted submission with revised costs to be on the priority list, it would have to be submitted by 12/1. The Governor's office will be receiving the final priority list at 12/15. There has been a request to see if we can get a submission in by 12/14 for the cost differential of the budget increase for this project. If we do not hit the deadline due to the current approval cycle with the town (such as BOS, BOF, etc.), we would be pushed back to be on the 2024-2025 Legislative calendar. However, reimbursements may not happen until after construction starts, the project baseline has already been approved, and the differential would be over the life of the 3-year project. Board of Finance would like to see the most complete numbers, as would the Board of Selectmen.

7. Review upcoming milestones (e.g., FFE/Soft Costs) and appropriation timeline

- Working backwards from BOS meeting on 12/18 and BOF on 12/19, HHRBC should vote on these bids and the modified appropriation request should vote by 12/13. We could meet to discuss on 12/6.
- David Martin to meet with Lorel and Dave Cravanzola and Kevin Munrett to work on updated budgets.
- RTM meeting will be in January. Contracts are held until the end of January/early February for a 10-day period after the appropriation from the RTM.

- Bids will expire on February 8th.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jill McCammon, Sarah Neumann seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.