

**Canton School Building Committee Meeting
Galvin Middle School Cafetorium
October 23, 2024
Minutes**

1. Call to Order: Superintendent Folan convened the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Canton School Building Committee at 5:44 pm.

Attendees:

Bob Benedetti
John Connolly
Derek Folan
Charlie Doody
Mary Graziano
Brian Lynch
Bob McCarthy
Kristian Merenda
Jonathan Mulhern
Randy Scollins
Public/Press

Guests:

Linda Liporto, LeftField
Alyssa Chatani, LeftField
Jonathan Quell, Ai3
Justin Thibeault, Ai3
Bill O'Rourke, Consigli Construction
Jeremiah Driscoll, Consigli Construction
Tim Ericson, Consigli Construction

2. Project Approvals: Linda Liporto of LeftField, confirmed the evening's agenda, then reviewed and requested votes of approval for project meeting minutes and professional invoices.

a. VOTE to approve August 21, 2024, SBC Meeting Minutes: Mr. Folan asked for a motion to enter into discussion and possible approval of the Minutes from Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Mr. Benedetti made the motion; Mr. McCarthy seconded. Hearing no requests for discussion of proposed minutes, Mr. Folan then called for a vote to approve the minutes. Ensuing roll call vote was recorded as 8-0:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

8 yeas 0 nays

b. VOTE to approve LeftField Invoices: Ms. Liporto reviewed August and September 2024 invoices from LeftField for Feasibility Study Services in the amount of \$17,300 per month, \$34,600 in total. Mr. Scollins indicated that, after review, these invoices are within contractual agreements, and professional fees are as expected. Hearing no requests for discussion on these invoices, Mr. Folan asked for a motion to approve LeftField invoices as written and presented. Mr. Scollins made the motion; Mr. Benedetti seconded. Ensuing roll call vote was recorded as 8-0:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

8 yeas 0 nays

3. Budget Overview: Ms. Liporto reported that the Feasibility Study Project Budget is 99% committed and 93% expended with one more invoice expected for October 2024 services for the Feasibility Study. Uncommitted funds remain at \$11,632.

Update on Geothermal System: The Geothermal system is in the investigative stage. Consigli Construction has hired a third party expert firm, McPhail Associates, to complete the initial testing on the site. The firm is currently in the “Paper Study” where they are evaluating existing conditions, schematic design documentation, and building reports on local resource zones. Next steps include providing opinions on the geothermal testing well and full well field location. They anticipate minimal impacts and expect to reach out to local officials to begin the permitting process shortly. Testing on site is expected to take place over the Holiday break. LeftField will continue to update

the committee on the progress of this phase. Mr. Folan indicated that abutters will be advised on the progress of the testing for notification purposes.

4. Recap and Upcoming Dates: CPS expects MSBA to issue Budget and Scope Agreement and a Project Funding Agreement (PFA). The Town continues to campaign and prepare for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 18th and, optimistically, a vote on December 12th. A reminder that the 11/18 vote is a yes or no vote to put the project on the ballot. This vote requires a 2/3 majority. There will be continued presence within town events-town meetings, Cantonstock, the Canton Senior Center, and CAPT meetings. Mr. Folan announced a new video, produced by CPS students, that may be found at <https://galvinmsproject.com> and a GMS video tour narrated by Mr. Mulhern, GMS Principal.

A question was raised about the availability of babysitting for the December 12 voting. Mr. Folan indicated that a plan was in progress with the assistance of the Child Studies students at CHS. More details to follow.

Mr. Thibault of Ai3 presented an updated rendering of the new GMS building at dusk to highlight the building's glazing and special lighting.

A question was raised regarding logistics for the 12.12 vote. Mr. Folan reported that town officials recently held a logistics meeting and devised a robust pre-plan for voter turnout. Details will be available as the date approaches.

5. Public Comment: No public comment was heard in person or virtually.

6. Next Meeting: TBD

7. Adjournment: Hearing no questions or requests for further discussion, Mr. Folan called for a motion to adjourn the Wednesday, October 23, 2024 School Building Committee meeting at 6:05 pm. Mr. McCarthy made the motion; Ms. Graziano seconded. Roll call vote was unanimous at 8-0 and recorded as follows:

Bob Benedetti	yea
John Connolly	yea
Charlie Doody	yea
Derek Folan	yea
Mary Graziano	yea
Bob McCarthy	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Randy Scollins	yea

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