

**TOWN OF HAMDEN SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 25, 2023**

A meeting of the School Building Committee was held Wednesday, January 25, 2023, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by the Chairman, Michael Mendick.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Mendick, Chair; John DeRosa, Vice-Chair; Dominique Baez; Joe Baez; Jay Kaye; Steve Nero

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Walter Morton IV.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Frank Tomack, Downes Construction; Michael Scott, TSKP; and Vincent Salines; STV; Alexa

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Karlen Meinsen of Peck Lane, stated she was interested as a tax payer but also as a member of the HDAC Steering Committee. She stated that the importance of leveling the playing field for all young children with regards to the Pre-K program plans.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Mendick asked for a motion for approval of January 11, 2023 School Building Committee minutes. Moved by Mr. DeRosa and seconded by Mr. Kaye. The motion passes unanimously.

**HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Mendick requested a motion for approval of STV Invoice #4 in the amount of \$2,693.00. Moved by Mr. DeRosa and seconded by Mr. Baez. Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Scott stated they were getting ready for the PCR meeting with the State with the main emphasis on getting the project plans and budget approved by the Board of Education and the School Building Committee.

Mr. Salines stated that he met with Downes to get all the documentation ready for the PCR meeting. His understanding is that Mr. Scott would like to present once to both the Board of Education and the School Building Committee.

Ms. Baez stated that the Board of Education still has not submitted anything on the redistricting plan.

Mr. Mendick stated if the PCR meeting is postponed the project will be pushed out. He also stated that it is probably best to pause the project so that no more costs are incurred by the consultants and contractors.

Mr. Salines stated he will let the State know that the PCR meeting will need to be postponed.

Mr. Nero asked what approvals were actually needed. Mr. Mendick stated a joint meeting with Board of Education to a presentation by TSKP. Ms. Baez stated on the part of the Council they are waiting a plan from Board of Education so they can approve the money. She stated that the State is waiting for confirmation that the Town will have the money for their part of the project. Mr. DeRosa asked if putting off the PCR meeting will look badly to the State. Mr. Scott stated that it wouldn't help but the State Statute is to start construction within 2 years upon receiving the grant which he believes would be July or August 2024. Mr. DeRosa stated he doesn't want to jeopardize funding. Mr. Salines stated that the effective date was May 7, 2022 so therefore May 2024.

Mr. Salines wanted to confirm that he is to postpone the PCR meeting with the State. Mr. Mendick stated yes, that is correct. Mr. Kaye asked when that would happen. Mr. Salines stated by tomorrow.

Mr. DeRosa asked if there was any more information on the tabled item from last meeting. Mr. Mendick stated there was no new information on that.

There being no further business Mr. Mendick asked for a motion to adjourn, made by Mr. DeRosa, seconded by Mr. Baez and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rissa Webb,  
Clerk for School Building Committee