

Meeting Minutes
Farmington High School Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Attendees:

Meg Guerrera, Chair
Johnny Carrier
Sharon Mazzochi
Ellen Siuta
Wendy Ku
Michael Smith
Chris Fagan, Town Council Liaison
Beth Kintner, Board of Ed Liaison
Kat Krajewski, Assistant Town Manager
Alicia Bowman, Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Tim Harris, Director of School Facilities
Lisa Kapcinski, FHS Assistant Principal
Devon Aldave, Clerk of the Committee
Mark Garilli, Construction Solutions Group
Ryszard Szczypek, TSKP Studio

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

The committee members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment.

None.

D. Minutes.

1) To approve the attached August 12, 2020 minutes.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Mazzochi/Siuta) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the attached August 12, 2020 minutes.

E. Correspondence.

1) Correspondence Received 8/11/2020 – 9/7/2020

Meg Guerrera reviewed the correspondences received and will respond accordingly.

F. Reports.

1) Chair Report.

Meg Guerrera welcomed Wendy Ku to the FHS Building Committee. Wendy introduced herself to the committee. Meg then gave her Chair Report presentation, which is recorded with these minutes as Attachment A.

2) Communications Subcommittee Report.

Kat Krajewski stated that the Communications Subcommittee met in August and discussed several items of business including website updates, side-by-side comparison photos of the FHS facility with other schools, and video tours of the FHS facility. Kat stated that the Communications Subcommittee will meet tomorrow.

3) Board of Education Liaison Report.

Beth Kintner reported that schools started up last Wednesday using a hybrid schedule. Beth stated that the older school facilities in Town have not been as flexible and adaptable as the newer school facilities in dealing with the challenges presented by COVID-19. Beth reported that the Board of Education created an ad hoc committee charged with reviewing the use of the Indian mascot for the high school. This committee will hold its first meeting on September 15, 2020.

4) Town Council Liaison Report.

Chris Fagan welcomed Wendy to the committee. Chris reiterated that the Town will have a clearer sense of its financial situation when all revenues from the tax deferment are collected after the October 1 deadline.

5) Financial Report.

Kat Krajewski gave the financial report which was included as an attachment on the agenda.

6) State/Legislative Update.

Mark Garilli of Construction Solutions Group stated that there have not been any relevant updates from the State regarding this project.

7) Industry Update.

Meg Guerrera stated that Kohler Ronan created a presentation regarding design elements that can be included in new buildings to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Meg stated that Kohler Ronan is working to include the appropriate amount of detail and further evaluation is needed regarding the appropriate amount of detail for the FHS Building Committee. At this time, we do know that most potential updates will have minimal impact to the overall cost of the new building.

Ryszard Szczypek discussed activity going on in the construction industry. Ryszard reported that TSKP Studio has monitored the impact of COVID-19 on escalation costs, and after consulting independent cost estimators, found that construction escalation costs have fallen for public building projects. Ryszard stated that he will put this information together as a formal presentation.

Johnny Carrier stated that his experience on the residential side of construction has been the opposite of what Ryszard described. Johnny stated that materials are more costly and harder to obtain. Ryszard agreed that the cost of material has increased but noted that an industry report that he read stated that overall construction costs have dropped, which he believes demonstrates that contractors are cutting their profits in order to keep busy.

Michael Smith shared that the escalation costs for a project in his industry (healthcare) is currently 1%. Michael stated that he believes bringing in a pre-construction consultant would be valuable and would like to discuss the timing of this in the near future. Meg Guerrera stated that she will reach out to CSG to discuss this.

G. Adjournment.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Carrier/Mazzochi) it was unanimously VOTED: to adjourn at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devon Aldave
Clerk of the Committee

New FHSBC Resident Committee Member



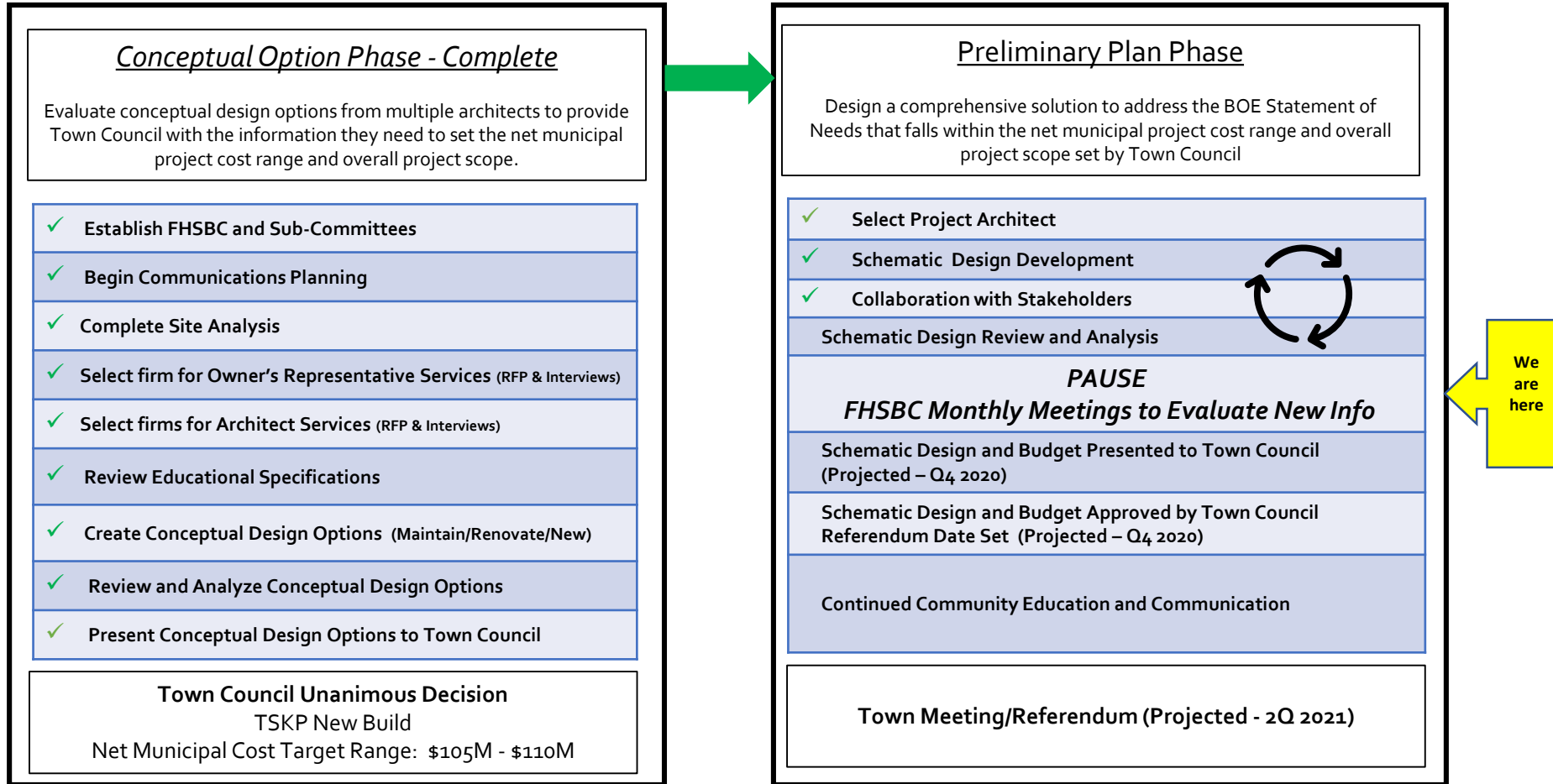
Welcome Wendy Ku!

How is the FHSBC responding to the project pause?



- Created a new project information landing page on fhsbuildingproject.org including FAQs and project information most relevant during the timeline pause
- Continues to meet monthly to evaluate new information as it is received
- Working collaboratively with the Town Council and Board of Ed to establish a new project timeline based on a projected referendum date
- Staying connected to the the Farmington community

FHSBC Process and Timeline – 9/9/20



DRAFT: This is a planning document that represents high-level tasks and will be updated continually based on new information.