

LONG LOTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

October 22, 2024

Long Lots School Auditorium

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Jay Keenan	LLES Building Committee Chair
Srikanth Puttagunta	LLES Building Committee
Joe Renzulli	LLES Building Committee
Tim Wetmore	LLES Building Committee
Liz Heyer	Board of Finance Liaison
Susan Chipouras	TOW Project Manager
John Broadbin	Westport Public Works
Keith Wilberg	Westport Town Engineer
Ted Gill	Westport Engineering
Jay Brotman	Svigals + Partners
Marissa Mead	Svigals + Partners
Ryan McEvoy	SLR Consulting
Mike D'Angelo	Newfield Construction

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

1. Jay Keenan provided a project update.
 - a. Additional test borings (40) and test pits (11) with monitoring wells have been completed. The Geotech report is being reviewed and will be posted once review/corrections are complete. (post hoc: Geotech Report has been posted to the TOW Long Lots page)
 - b. Svigals + Partners has been working with the administration and school staff to validate the program details and adjacencies in the approved Education Specifications.
 - c. Stakeholder meetings have been held with BOE administrators, school staff, facilities, Town Engineering and Parks & Rec.
2. Neighbors were invited to the meeting to ask questions and provide comments, suggestions and concerns the neighborhood may have regarding the new Long Lots School Project. The following concerns were raised:
 - a. Project Timeline – The following are tentative timelines. The full project schedule is being developed.
 - i. Phase I - New building construction is expected to take 18 – 24 months
 - ii. Phase II - Demolition of existing building and completion of parking lots, fields and site work is expected to take 7 – 10 months
 - iii. An early construction phase is projected to begin late spring 2025. Bidding and balance of construction to follow.
 - iv. Phase II anticipated for summer/early fall 2027
 - b. Water issues
 - i. Water flow from Muddy Brook
 - ii. Flooding on adjacent properties during heavy storms
 - iii. Impact of flooding on septic systems
 - iv. Stormwater management on the site, during construction and after completion

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- v. Changes in climate with more storms and more water
 - vi. Why can't we get sewers or feed some of the stormwater into the sewer system
 - vii. How removal of gardens and existing trees will impact amount of potential storm water levels on the Long Lots site, and neighbors.
- c. Fields
- i. Material for reconstructed fields
 - 1. Synthetic turf vs natural turf
 - 2. Material impact on site drainage
 - 3. Synthetic turf deterioration over time
 - 4. Health impact of synthetic turf
 - 5. Who will make the field material selection and when will it be made?
 - ii. What activities will be occurring on the fields
- d. Landscaping & Buffers
- i. Replacement of existing buffers removed over time
 - ii. Removal of existing parking lot trees
 - iii. Type and quantity of trees and plantings on the site
- e. Lighting
- i. Shielding of site lighting
 - ii. Internal lighting – blocking with shades or blinds
- f. Building Design
- i. Considering “Residential” neighborhood in building design
 - ii. View of building height in relationship to neighborhood
 - iii. Location of building, fields, bus drop off and parking relative to Hyde Lane and abutting properties
- g. When will documents be ready to review
- i. Requested simple non-engineer explanations of solutions incorporated into site drainage
 - ii. Will we have an opportunity to comment on drawings
- h. Construction
- i. Traffic impact to neighborhood
 - ii. Dust & Noise
 - iii. Stormwater management during construction
3. The Architect, Consulting Civil Engineer and the Town Engineers spoke to many of the concerns, as well as the process going forward.
4. Neighbors were told that LLSBC meeting notices are posted on the Town website calendar. Where meetings are with other Boards and Commissions, the Long Lots project would be

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listed in their agenda. A request can be made on the TOW website for notification of specific group meetings.

5. Approved project documents are posted on the Town website under the Long Lots Building Committee.
6. A form was available to those present to send their contact information, address and any additional suggestions or concerns to the Building Committee.
7. Joe Renzulli moved to adjourn. Sri Puttagunta seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

These minutes are issued for the record. Any additions or corrections should be issued in writing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Chipouras
TOW Project Manager