

PUBLIC MEETING
November 14, 2024 – 5:00 PM
Note: This meeting was held remotely by Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Public Site and Building Commission:

Joe Strickland, Chairman	_____X_____
Russ Blair	_____
Kevin Huelster	_____X_____
Ed Kowalcyk	_____X_____
Lisa Mockler Taylor	_____X_____
Joe Vallone	_____
Richard Vornkahl	_____
Mark Ripka	_____

Building Department:

Steve Smith	_____X_____
Sandra Wright	_____X_____

Fire Marshal Terrence Dunn _____

The minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed and there were no additions or corrections.

Kevin Huelster moved and Ed Kowalcyk seconded to approve the October 10, 2024 minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. STAPLES RE-ROOF PROJECT:

John Koplas stated that the project is complete. He added that there is one outstanding invoice that is awaiting final submission to the State for reconciliation and will then be submitted for final payment. He reported that about \$560,000 will be returned from the original budget due to construction owner project contingencies and allowances that were not used.

2. WAKEMAN TOWN FARM RENOVATION:

Joe Strickland stated that he had not received updates from LandTech regarding the Wakeman Town Farm Renovation, the WPAL Clubhouse, and the Longshore Projects.

Joe stated that the Wakeman project is currently being reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

3. WESTPORT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE CLUBHOUSE:

Joe Strickland stated that fundraising is currently taking place for the WPAL project.

4. LONGSHORE RENOVATIONS PROJECT:

Steve Smith reported that the Building Department and Fire Marshal met with Michael Ryan at Longshore to inspect the site, and they had a meeting to discuss the preliminary scope of work. He stated that they are currently working on a budget and noted that a large portion of the budget included mechanical, HVAC, electrical, and fire sprinkler system work. He noted that they are still working on drawings and that the timeline has been delayed. Steve stated that he will reach out to Michael Ryan to see how the Public Site and Building Commission can help.

5. GILLESPIE CENTER RENOVATIONS PROJECT:

Kevin Huelster reported that the project is going well and that the sheetrock work is almost complete. He stated that Homes With Hope is currently working on signage for the building. Steve Smith stated that the additional funding for the kitchen has been received. Kevin added that add alternatives are being considered. A discussion followed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Strickland stated that he had contacted Elio Longo regarding the Staples High School theater renovation and new basketball floor. He added that these projects need approval from the Board of Finance and that Elio Longo has been made aware of PSBC's interest in these projects.

Lisa Mockler Taylor moved and Ed Kowalcyk seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Sandra Wright
Secretary

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