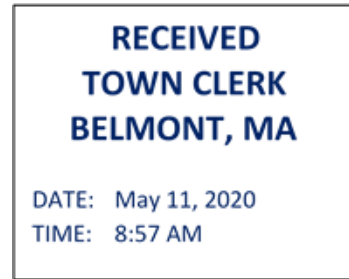


**BELMONT MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 22, 2020**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**8:00 AM**



**Meeting #96**

*Committee Members Virtually Attending:*

Chair Lovallo; Members, Tom Caputo, John Phelan, Mike McAllister, Pat Bruschi, Bob McLaughlin, Joel Mooney, Chris Messer, Jamie Shea, Kate Bowen, Diane Miller, Ellen Schreiber, Emma Thurston, Jon Marshall, Patrice Garvin, Steve Dorrance, Joe DeStefano

*From Daedalus:* Tom Gatzunis

*From Perkins+Will:* Vital Albuquerque

*From Skanska:* Mike Loring

*BMHSBC Members Absent:*

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Lovallo. He explained the remote meeting protocol, e.g., state your name before speaking, mute computers, and he explained how the Committee will vote, etc. Meeting materials will be posted on the BMHSBC website. He also advised residents that they can click into the meeting during resident comment time.

Chair Lovallo reviewed the agenda and stated that it should be a brief meeting. The GMP will not be approved today, but several awards need to be approved in order to keep the project on track.

He took a roll call of members present and then turned to the first agenda item.

**II. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

*Mr. McLaughlin moved:* To approve the Minutes of 4/8/20.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Update Including COVID-19 on Project**

Mr. Loring began by stating that COVID-19 is a fluid situation; the carpenters have returned back to work (which is a huge positive for the project). Good progress is being made on steel work. This work will continue through the end of April, beginning of May. Steel completion is tracking a week behind, due to COVID-19 and the fact that steel fabrication is proceeding with reduced production.

Chair Lovallo thanked Skanska for its work on this project in light of the COVID-19 challenges. Mr. Albuquerque offered that from the Perkins and Will's perspective, things are moving forward as the team is working together, remotely. Site visits are occurring once a week and are following the appropriate COVID related protocols. Mr. Gatzunis spoke to the progress of the on-site inspections;

the consultants are also following the appropriate protocols.

Mr. Loring added that he is watching the supply chain and he is in communication with the subcontractors. Furthermore, he is in contact with the procurement people.

#### **IV. Recommendations to Award**

Chair Lovallo again noted that the GMP approval process is slightly delayed, but that these awards need to be approved: demolition, structural steel for phase 2, pool equipment, earthwork/site work.

Mr. Loring explained the demolition package and how the demolition will be phased. He noted that abatement will occur this coming summer. The pool equipment will require underground coordination with slab pouring.

Mr. Loring then provided a brief GMP update. The project is still \$1.6M over budget, but the day-to-day ups and downs are working themselves out. Mr. Messer expressed several concerns about the reduced capacity (of Flett and French). He noted that there are big variances in the pool bids. Mr. Loring provided additional information about the pool bids. He explained why he is recommending the lowest bidder for the pool work. Mr. Loring then provided additional information on the fourth Site work package. He explained where allowances will be put in a hold. He further noted that he is working closely with both Skanska and Perkins and Will concerning the bid packages, the allowances, and the holds.

- ***Site Work 02A – Demolition and Abatement of the existing high school (\$5.5M)***

Ms. Bruschi provided some additional information about the materials in the existing high school. Some materials will need to be removed, some will be junked, and some will relocate to other schools. There is a fee for the removal of materials.

Mr. Loring noted that almost \$2.9M was saved on this package; in answer to a question, he explained the reasons that the package came in lower than expected.

The lack of pool cover and the pool package were discussed at this point as well. The bidding market was also discussed. Questions were raised concerning potential cost savings, specifically: has the COVID situation driven down the costs and fees overall? Should any packages be re-bid? There is potential for savings on certain packages and contracts, but exploring the re-bidding process is also risky, offered Chair Lovallo. The project is on schedule, and taking it off schedule to save money, is risky. Mr. Messer wondered if there were any cost saving opportunities we could explore and *also* stay on schedule? Especially as it relates to the GMP, which has been pushed out a bit. Mr. Loring noted that 75-80 percent of the project has been put out to bid. Almost 100 percent of the bids will come in around the time the GMP is approved. The best possible contracts have been sought after.

*Mr. Mooney moved:* To award the contract to Select Demo Services.  
The motion passed unanimously.

- ***Phase 2 Structural Steel #05A (\$4.2M)***

*Mr. McLaughlin moved:* To award the contract to Canatal Industries.  
The motion passed unanimously.

- **Pool Equipment #11F**

*Mr. Messer moved:* To award the contract to Weston Sampson.  
The motion passed unanimously.

- **Sitework/Earthwork #31A**

*Mr. Messer moved:* To award the contract to WL French.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lovallo then discussed the overall packages, how they relate to the budget, and their impact on the GMP. The GMP meeting will occur in two weeks (Wednesday, May 6, 2020). He reviewed the details of Groups A and B, and the summary of costs.

#### **V. Other/New Business**

- Chair Lovallo noted that amendments 15, 16 and 17 have now been signed.
- The impact of school cancellation through the end of the year will be folded into the project's future planning.

#### **VI. Topping Off Celebrations for May**

Chair Lovallo stated that Mr. Loring has been speaking for the group concerning the Topping Off event. The Belmont Media Center has been helpful in planning for the live streaming of this event, which will be held on Friday, May 8, 2020. Mr. Phelan said it might be difficult to get students involved remotely. Mr. Loring noted what will occur at the ceremony. He said it will be a low key, smaller ceremony, but it will still acknowledge this milestone.

#### **VII. Comments from Belmont Residents**

A comment was posted to the Zoom Chat suggesting that perhaps signs could be posted to the fence area thanking and congratulating the Topping Off team for their work in achieving this milestone.

#### **VIII. Next Full Building Committee Meetings**

Wednesday	May 6, 2020	at 8:00 a.m.	Virtual	[97]
Wednesday	May 13, 2020	at 8:00 a.m.	Virtual	[98]

#### **IX. Related Meeting Documents**

1. Skanska Bid Package 02A Demolition
2. Skanska Bid Package 05A Structural Steel
3. Skanska Bid Package 11F Pool Equipment
4. Skanska Bid Package 31A Sitework/Earthwork

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 9:33 a.m. by Chair Lovallo.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Gibalerio

Approved: Christopher R. Messer      05/08/2020  
Chris Messer, Secretary      Date