

## SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Academy Community Center Building Committee  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 8:30 a.m.  
Town Campus, Hammonasset Room  
**Meeting Minutes**

Chair Joe Ballantine called the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2023 to order at 8:30 a.m. David Speerli, Joe Paradiso, Eileen Davis, Anne Kelley, AJ Miller and Joan Walker present. Others present: Marc Sklenka (Colliers), Erin Mannix (Town Planner), Bill McMinn (Facilities Director).

1. Public Comment.

None.

2. Committee Remarks.

None.

3. Architectural and Engineering Services Interviews:

a. 9:00 a.m. Silver Petrucelli + Associates

Representatives from Silver Petrucelli + Associates introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their company.

b. 10:00 a.m. GWWO Architects

c. 11:00 a.m. QA+M Architecture

d. 12:30 p.m. Bargmann Hendrie+ Archetype, Inc.

e. 1:30 p.m. Tecton Architects

4. Discuss and take action to recommend the hiring of an Architectural and Engineering Services firm to the Board of Selectmen.

M. Sklenka presented the final scores for the firms, in the following ranking (highest to lowest): QA+M Architecture, Silver Petrucelli + Associates, GWWO Architects, Bargmann Hendrie+ Archetype, Inc. and Tecton Architects.

The Committee reviewed each proposal/presentation and discussed at length each firms' strengths and weaknesses including fees and budgets and ultimately narrowed the chooses down. The Committee felt comfortable choosing QA+M but emphasized that the current design they presented is not set in stone and still fluid. They felt it was important to discuss this with QA+M at their first meeting. The Committee also discussed seeing a design that was spread out more evenly throughout the building, and not just focus on certain areas (i.e. the Atrium). The Committee agreed the importance of discussing additional funding at the

next meeting and specifically meeting with the Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance.

**MOTION** by Joan Walker and seconded by David Speerli to recommend the hiring of QA+M Architecture for Architectural and Engineering Services firm on the Academy Community Center Building to the Board of Selectmen.

**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

5. Committee Remarks.

None.

6. Public Comment.

Bill Stableford, chair of the Academy Community Center Advisory Committee spoke about the Advisory Committee's work so far, commented on the process the committee went through to choose QA+M and discussed working with Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance.

7. Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaclyn Lehet