

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Present: Jeremy Leifert, AICP, Member and City Planner
Roberta Boe, Member
Alan Diulio, Member

Absent: Marc Trivella, Robert Mileti, Paul Kundzins, Jim Bobinski, John Sullivan

1. **Call to Order:** Jeremy Leifert called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Hall, 140 Main Street, Conference Room #215, 2nd Floor
2. **Roll Call:** Jeremy Leifert, Alan Diulio, and Roberta Boe were present from the commission. Amy Samuelson and Henry Withers were present from The SLAM Collaborative.
3. **Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2022:**

A motion was made by Mr. Leifert and seconded by Ms. Boe to accept the minutes of February 17, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Applicant: Amy A. Samuelson, The SLAM Collaborative
Location: 50 Major Besse Drive
Proposal: New 309,900 square foot facility – Torrington Middle School, Torrington High School and Central Office Administration

The Commission continued discussion on the landscaping plan, reviewing the proposed modifications as discussed at the February 17, 2022 meeting. Ms. Samuelson played a flyover video depicting the overall landscaping and look of the site. The majority of the discussion concentrated on the courtyard area between the two school wings. The plans were adjusted to relocate several trees out of the center of the courtyard to promote a more open look and leave space for potential events in the courtyard. Mr. Withers noted that for the hillside near the pond and the route 8 highway to the side of the High School wing, the shrubs shown on the plan would likely be replaced with a wildflower mix. The Commission agreed with that recommendation. Ms. Boe commented that this was a very well thought and laid out landscaping plan.

Motion by Ms. Boe, 2nd by Mr. Diulio to make a favorable recommendation on the project and landscaping design to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.
Jeremy Leifert, AICP
City Planner

cc: ARC, PZC, Mayor, Applicants