

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade

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Thursday, January 7, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works; Andrew Tedford, Chairman of Water Pollution Control Authority; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; and Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer

Absent Members: Chairman Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator

Staff Present: Steve Boske, Assistant Director of Water Pollution Control; Steve Seigal, Vice President of Tighe & Bond and Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Vice Chairman Robert Grasis

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting December 23, 2020 and January 6, 2021

Robert Grasis explained that there has been a slowdown in construction due to the holiday season; COVID-19 response procedures remain the same; and the phosphorus removal milestone is 8 days from the April 1, 2021 deadline. Methuen is acceptable to having a field order from Tighe & Bond to try and reduce the 81 day delay to final completion by decreasing the trial times for the clarifiers and some pumping systems. Discussion took place relative to liquidated damages. Mr. Grasis, Tighe & Bond and Methuen will meet next week regarding plans to have Methuen work on the north chlorine contact chamber for conversion to a UV channel.

3. Summary of Activities

Robert Grasis updated the committee on activities that included:

- Work continues on Final Clarifier #4
- Temporary heat has been added to buildings and structures as requested by the Town
- Site contractor installing a primary scum line
- Temporary asphalt finished for all the paved trenches
- Fire suppression line is finished
- Plumber is working on roof drains
- Electrical contractor is working on the filter and solids handling buildings as well as winterizing the electrical manholes and conduits
- HVAC contractor working on restoring heat to the filter and solids handling buildings
- Methuen has finished the install of the filter cloth media for Building 900 as well as the chutes and gates
- Miscellaneous metal work is being done on Building 900

4. Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed a four week look ahead schedule.

5. Change Orders

Discussion took place regarding PCO#32-UV Channel Additional Waterstop in the amount of \$6,551.60. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve Change Order #32 in the amount of \$6,551.60. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Discussion took place regarding PCO#33-Existing Exit Signs in the amount of \$30,748.46. Robert Grasis, seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to approve Change Order #33 in the amount of \$30,748.46. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Discussion took place regarding PCO#34-Filter Building Gas Line Conflicts in the amount of \$11,438.04. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve Change Order #34 in the amount of \$11,438.04. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Discussion took place regarding PCO#38-Sprinkler Changes in the amount of \$15,941.56. It was the consensus of the committee to table the change order until Robert Grasis obtains feedback from Town Fire Marshal Dan Wasilewski.

Discussion took place relative to a potential time and materials change order regarding adjustable weirs and anchor bolts to make the clarifiers more efficient. Robert Grasis said that it would cost \$5632 to have a subcontractor survey the anchor bolts, and does not include any adjustments to the weirs. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve having a subcontractor conduct a survey of the anchor bolts in the amount of \$5632. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis referenced a change order spreadsheet prepared by Jeffrey O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill reported that including the change orders approved today, 1.934% of the 5% contingency has been used.

6. Stored Materials

No requests.

7. Additional Items

None.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2020

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Rob Grasis, made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Rob Grasis, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary Water Pollution Control