

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference

February 18, 2021

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**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: Stephen E. Seigal, Project Director of Tighe and Bond and Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 4:06PM by Vice Chairman, Robert Grasis.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting February 17, 2021**

Robert Grasis explained to the committee that the construction meeting discussion revolved around the schedule Methuen presented at the last meeting. The completion date is now 80 days beyond the original and final completion date instead of the 115 days previously explained. An updated schedule will be sent to show this next week.

The phosphorus removal deadline of April 1, 2021 will be achieved. Methuen is indicating COVID 19 impacts as the reason and will be looking for a change order to implement this alternate plan. This cost is now eligible for reimbursement from DEEP.

Discussion ensued.

**3. Summary of Activities**

Robert Grasis updated the committee on the following topics:

- Catch basins have been installed.
- Concrete and skylight removal is taking place in building 900.
- Electrical rough is taking place in building 900 and Final Clarifier #4.
- HVAC controls are being worked on in building 900 and 1400.
- Methuen is installing equipment in Final Clarifier #4, draining line in building 900 and working on slide gates for intermediate wet well.
- Eversource installed new equipment to bring main power lines to new pole.

Discussion ensued.

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

A five week schedule was provided to committee members. Discussion ensued.

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**5. Change Orders**

Change order #9 has been executed by all parties and we are currently awaiting DEEP approval.

Change order #44 – This is not a vote for a change order approval – This is to move forward to get background information that needs to be obtained before we formally present the change order. Discussion ensued regarding the authorization for securing temporary VFD's to stay on schedule for the phosphorus removal. Committee all unanimously agreed.

**6. Stored Materials**

Robert Grass explained the stored Materials request from Methuen Construction in the amount of \$587,175.94. The items presented will be utilized within the next 60 days. Money is already allocated for this request. Robert Grasis made a motion to approve the stored materials request in the amount of \$587,175.94. Dave Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**7. Additional Items**

None.

**8. Approval of Draft Minutes from February 4, 2021**

Dave Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2021. Dwight Ryniewicz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**9. Adjournment**

Dave Smith made a motion to adjourn at 4:41PM. Andrew Tedford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Santoro

Recording Secretary