

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, March 18, 2021

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Regular Members Present: Chairman Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator; Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

Absent Members: Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer

Staff Present: Stephen Siegel, Vice President, Tighe & Bond; John Leombruno, Project Manager, Wayne J. Griffin Electrical; and Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

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

Robert Grasis reported that the phosphorus removal deadline of April 1st was discussed. Methuen indicated that breakers on order for the temporary VFD's for the intermediate pumps are delayed due to COVID. The breakers will not be delivered until April 8<sup>th</sup> and subsequently installed on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Grasis asked for documentation from Methuen regarding this delay and contacted DEEP. Robert Grasis said that the Town will formally ask DEEP for an extension. Michael Purcaro gave permission to Robert Grasis to access legal counsel if necessary to help draft the memo to DEEP. Mike Purcaro said that he would like to get something in writing on behalf of the Town. Discussion took place. Robert Grasis said that other items discussed at the meeting included: chemicals and chemical piping, intermediate pumps and piping, and operator training. The new generator will be in place to service the filter and UV system and the UV System is to begin performance testing next month.

**3. Summary of Activities**

- The roof on the Administration building is nearly complete and work has begun on the filter building roof
- Final Clarifier #4 performance testing was stopped due to return and drain issues
- The north chlorine contact chamber was filled and the site contractor constructed a berm on one side of final clarifiers #1, and #2.
- The concrete contractor is building forms in the basement of the solids handling building for the intermediate pumps and concrete work is completed on the north UV channel
- The electrical work continues on the filter building and throughout the facility
- HVAC contractor is working on the controls and heating in the filter and solids buildings
- Slide and isolation gates have been installed for the intermediate wet well and Aeration tanks #1, #2 and #5 are being prepped for work next week

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

Robert Grasis reviewed a four-week schedule that was distributed to committee members and answered questions.

**5. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis presented PCO #38-CE#870063 Sprinkler Changes. Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Dave Smith, made a motion to approve Change Order #38-CE870063 in the amount of \$11,493.59. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis presented PCO #049-Filter Building Replacement Roof Hatch. Discussion took place. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve Change Order #49-Filter Building Replacement Roof Hatch in the amount of \$7,058.22. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

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Mr. Grasis reviewed a summary of change orders that was distributed to committee members. Discussion took place.

**6. Stored Materials**

Robert Grasis explained the stored materials request from Methuen Construction in the amount of \$463,107.67. Discussion took place. Dave Smith, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to approve the stored materials request in the amount of \$463,107.76 and the motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

**7. Additional Items**

Dave Smith inquired as to when the committee can meet in-person. As part of the upgrade, underground fuel tanks had to be removed from the treatment facility and the leftover fuel was moved to Public Works.

**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2021**

Robert Grasis asked to amend the minutes to reflect the date of March 4. Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Andrew Tedford, made a motion to amend the minutes. The motion passed (4-0-1) with Michael Purcaro abstaining.

**9. Adjournment**

Andrew Tedford, seconded by Michael Purcaro made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary