

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, April 1, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Absent Members: Chairman Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting March 31, 2021

Robert Grasis reported that the phosphorus removal deadline was discussed for the majority of the meeting specifically the intermediate pump; the filters, the coagulate system, the filter building control panel and the filter process start-up. Also discussed: operator training, chemicals, performance testing for the UV channels, the rental generator and the new generator start up. The manufacturer of the filter building control panels experienced a COVID outbreak and the Town is still awaiting any notification of a delay that would impact the upgrade schedule. DEEP said that they cannot alter the deadline for phosphorous removal, however, the Town will not be fined for violations because they feel the Town is doing everything they can to stay on schedule. Robert Grasis said that he asked DEEP to provide that information in writing.

3. Summary of Activities

- Training on the mechanical startup of the filters and an overview of the coagulate tank was conducted
- The roof of the upper filter building is nearly complete
- The #4 Final clarifier was reworked and started a 15-day trial period
- Work continued on aeration tanks 1,2 and 5
- Work continued on the #5 Clarifier
- Replacement of catch basin and tops
- Concrete work was performed on the upper level of the solids handling building and the north UV channel
- Electrical work continued throughout the facility
- Methuen worked on the intermediate pumps and gates

4. Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed a four-week schedule that was distributed to committee members. There were no questions.

5. Change Orders

There were no change orders. Robert Grasis updated the committee on potential change orders relative to a catch basin in front of the Process Control Building, patch repair on the roof on Solids Handling Building, and flanges on the wet well for the intermediate pumps.

6. Stored Materials

None.

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7. Additional Items

None.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2021

Andrew Tedford, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed (4-0-1) with Jeffrey O'Neill abstaining.

9. Adjournment

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary