

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, April 15, 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, Tighe & Bond; and Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting April 14, 2021

Robert Grasis reported that the phosphorus removal deadline was discussed for the majority of the meeting as well as the timeline for each area to be finished. The discussion included the intermediate pump, the filters, the coagulate system, the filter building control panel, chemical delivery, system testing and the filter process start-up. Robert Grasis referenced a letter from the manufacturer of the ductile iron piping that stated there are delivery delays due to COVID. Robert Grasis said that now, the intermediate pump startup will be delayed until the first week of May and that DEEP was informed of this new delay. Robert Grasis said that he has not received a formal written response from DEEP for the Town's request for an extension for the phosphorus removal deadline. Also, both UV channels should be started up next week; the new generator performed well; OSHA conducted a surprise inspection of Methuen on April 7th and there were no issues or citations.

3. Summary of Activities

- Final clarifier #4 is working well
- RAS metering vault #5 was installed and the area was prepped for RAS vault #2
- The drain line from the filter building to the Talcottville trunk sewer was installed
- Concrete and masonry work was done on the solids handling building
- Electrical work continued throughout the facility
- Replacement of the drainage wet well gates has begun
- Some mixers in Aeration tanks #1 & #2 have been installed
- Intermediate pumps have been mounted on their pedestals
- The North UV channel has been cleaned
- Work has begun on the chemical feed system piping for the solids handling building
- Work began on the panels to communicate information from the intermediate pumps to the filter building
- Spot painting was done on various piping throughout the facility

4. Upcoming Schedule

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

5. Change Orders

Robert Grasis provided background information on PCO #55-CE#870057 PC Weir Releveling. Robert Grasis, seconded by Dave Smith, made a motion to approve PCO #55-CE#870057 PC Weir Releveling in the amount of \$36,684.24. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0). Robert Grasis referenced a change order summary prepared by Jeffrey O'Neill.

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6. Stored Materials

Robert Grasis provided details relative to the payment of stored materials in the amount of \$548,646.65. Discussion took place. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve the stored materials recent request #21 for \$548,646.65. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

7. Additional Items

None.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2021

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

9. Adjournment

Robert Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary