

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, August 19, 2021

**APPROVED 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: Stephen Seigel, Vice President, Tighe & Bond; and Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

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

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting August 18, 2021**

Robert Grasis said there was no safety incidents or issues to report or changes to COVID procedures. Also: The RAS building construction sequencing schedule was discussed and is still delayed because of elevated flows. The delay has added 20 days to the substantial completion of the project and it was brought to Methuen's attention that the delay should be documented so that DEEP is aware it is not COVID related. Methuen was bought out by MHW and there are no changes in structure or personnel for this project.

**3. Summary of Activities**

- Work continues on Intermediate Pumps #1 & #3
- The startup of Final Clarifier #1 has begun
- Concrete work continues on Aeration Tank #6
- Existing drainage pumps were demolished in the solids handling basement
- Beams are being installed across the new secondary sludge tanks
- Work continues on the solids handling building to eventually install a new roll-up door
- Concrete work continues in the blower building
- Abatement contractors are working on Final Clarifier #1 and the basement of the central storage building
- Electrical work continues throughout the facility
- Windows have been installed on the lower level of the solids handling building

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

Robert Grasis reviewed a three-week schedule that was distributed to committee members.

**5. Change Orders**

None. Robert Grasis referenced a Change Order Summary that was provided by Jeffrey O'Neill.

**6. Stored Materials**

Discussion took place relative to supply chain delays. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve the Stored Materials request for \$225,730.07 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**7. Additional Items**

None.

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**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2021**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 5, 2021 as distributed. The motion passed unanimously (4-1-0) with Jeffrey O'Neill abstaining.

**9. Adjournment**

Robert Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary