

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, October 28, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Absent Members: Chairman Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

Staff Present: Steve Boske, Assistant Director of Water Pollution Control, and Steve Seigal, Tighe & Bond

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting October 27, 2021

Methuen's claim for a 71-day extension due to the *Force Majeure* weather delay has been submitted and is under review by the Town Attorney. DEEP will look at the claim after the Town responds and Methuen is not seeking additional compensation. When delays due to COVID-19 are included in the 71-day extension, final completion is approximately 131 days behind the December 11, 2022 deadline. Discussion took place. Also discussed at the meeting was the heating and roofing status in various buildings before the onset of cold weather. The report by Tighe & Bond is in progress regarding the underground storage tank removal. Methuen has reached out to Kruger regarding disc filter #3 that intermittently trips out the main breaker.

3. Summary of Activities

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Pipe fitters are working on Aeration Tank #6
- RAS work is continuing
- Primary Weir #2 is cured and was put online and Weir #1 is scheduled to be adjusted next week
- Work continues on the filter, solids handling and primary thickener buildings
- Painters are working in the intermediate pump building and on various pipes throughout the facility
- Work continues on screw pump wet well #3
- Drainage pump wet well controls are working

4. Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed details of a two-week look-ahead schedule that was distributed to committee members.

5. Change Orders

Robert Grasis provided background information on PCO #082 CE #870119 - Primary Scum Tank Decant Piping. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve PCO #082 CE #870119 - Primary Scum Tank Decant Piping on a time and materials basis with the up-set cost not to exceed \$18,843.29. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

An updated change order summary provided by Jeffrey O'Neill was distributed to committee members.

6. Stored Materials

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None.

7. Additional Items

Discussion took place relative to the upgrade during the winter months.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2021

Rob Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

9. Adjournment

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Rob Grasis made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary