

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Wednesday November 10, 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; Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

Absent Members: Chairman Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting November 9, 2021**

There were no safety issues or incidents to report; Methuen's claim for the 71-day contract extension due to the *Force Majeure* weather delay is still under review by the Town; discussion continued regarding heating, door and roofing systems in various buildings before the onset of cold weather; Krueger needs to address the issue with Disc Filter #3; the manufacturer needs to address Intermediate #3 pump over-voltage issues; RAS building pumps were discussed; the underground storage tank closure report was received from Tighe & Bond and was sent to DEEP.

**3. Summary of Activities**

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Aeration Tank #6 is being prepared to be put online
- RAS work continues: pumps and electrical
- Primary Tank #1 has been taken offline to re-level the weirs
- Installation of the south UV weir is complete
- Work continues on the filter, solids handling, primary thickener and blower buildings
- Painters are working in the solids handling building

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

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

**5. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provided background information on three change orders and answered questions from committee members.

Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve PCO #081: CE #870118 - Primary Sludge Building HVAC T&M in the amount of \$11,099.77. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Andrew Tedford, made a motion to approve PCO #084: CE #870121 - RFI 90 Electrical in the amount of \$10,797.66. Robert Grasis commented that this work is required to be done to be co-compliant; it is necessary work that needs to be done. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

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Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve PCO #085: CE #870117 - Permanent Water Connection 100 to 900 in the amount of \$58,086.02. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

A change order summary, not including today's approvals was provided by Jeffrey O'Neill and distributed to committee members.

**6. Stored Materials**

Robert Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve a request for Stored Materials in the amount of \$382,210.53. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

**7. Additional Items**

Stephen Seigal advised the committee that Methuen's overall schedule shows a four-month delay; there still is a possibility that the schedule could be compressed; he doesn't anticipate any push back from DEEP. Dave Smith asked committee members if they would be willing to start the next meeting at 3:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the committee to start the November 24th meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2021**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting as distributed. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

**9. Adjournment**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Dave Smith, made a motion to adjourn. Dwight Ryniewicz asked everyone to remember to thank a veteran tomorrow. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary