

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, December 12, 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; and Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

Absent Members: Chairman Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Dave Smith, Town Engineer

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

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

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting December 8, 2021

There were no safety incidents or issues to report and no COVID updates or issues to report. The Town of Vernon has not yet responded to Methuen's claim for the 71-day contract extension due to the *Force Majeure* weather delay. Also, the heating systems are mostly up and running in all the buildings; Disc Filter #3 was discussed again; the issues regarding Intermediate #3 pump were investigated and the manufacturer said it was a VFD issue. A 22-calendar day delay due to COVID, supply chain demand and weather related issues was discussed at length relative to the odor control process.

3. Summary of Activities

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Aeration Tank #6 was put online last week
- RAS work continues
- Final Clarifier #1 factory fix is complete
- Work continues on the filter, solids handling, secondary sludge and blower buildings
- Work continues on the North UV Channel
- Abatement work continues on Clarifier #2
- Demolition work continues on the south substation
- The south generator concrete pad was demolished
- The north UV weir was installed

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.

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to approve PCO #086: CE #870122 - Relocated Eye Wash in the amount of \$3,396.96. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

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Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis, made a motion to approve PCO #087: CE #870123 - UST Added Costs in the amount of \$1,824.23. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Robert Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve PCO #080: CE #870116 - Additional Visit for Main Service Shutdown in the amount of \$2,108.61. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Robert Grasis updated the committee on previous change orders and an upcoming change order relative to odor control.

6. Stored Materials

Robert Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to approve a request for Stored Materials in the amount of \$244,900.01. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

7. Additional Items

None.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2021

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting. The motion passed (3-0-1) with Jeffrey O'Neill abstaining.

9. Adjournment

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Andrew Tedford, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary