

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, December 23, 2021

APPROVED 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 Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

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

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting December 22, 2021

There were no changes in COVID procedures and a hand laceration was the only safety issue 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 discussed: the *Force Majeure* weather delay for the odor control vessels - the vendor will prioritize that work; RAS aeration final clarifier #1 startup; the demolition of final clarifier #2; the blower demolition sequencing; the primary sludge pumps and RAS pumps. Weekly meetings with the Town, Methuen, Tighe & Bond and select contractors will take place to keep the systems start up work progressing in a timely manner.

3. Summary of Activities

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Aeration Tanks #3 & #4 have been cleaned; diffusers have been demolished & removed
- RAS work continues
- Final Clarifier #1 is ready to be put into service
- Work continues on the filter, solids handling, secondary sludge and blower buildings
- Electrical work continues throughout the facility

4. Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary and milestone report as well as a three-week look-ahead schedule that was distributed to committee members.

5. Change Orders

Robert Grasis provided background information on PCO #083 CE #870120 - SWBD-CB Feeder and Breaker Size. Discussion took place. Steve Seigal and Robert Grasis answered questions from the committee. Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis, made a motion to move forward with PCO #083: CE #870120 in the amount of \$47,130.94 as presented by Rob Grasis. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Robert Grasis provided information relative to an upcoming change order regarding the removal of four concrete piers that support vapor diffusers for the carbon regen system. He said that he is looking for verbal approval for this work that will be done on a time and materials basis. Discussion took place. It was the consensus of the committee

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to look at this as a formal change order. Robert Grasis will speak with Administration next week regarding this work.

6. Stored Materials

None.

7. Additional Items

Robert Grasis spoke to the 2022 Meeting Schedule that was distributed to committee members.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2021

Robert Grasis asked that the minutes be amended to change the meeting date from December 12, 2021 to December 9, 2021. Robert Grasis, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

9. Adjournment

Rob Grasis, 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