

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, January 20, 2022

**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; Dave Smith, Town Engineer and Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

Absent Members: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator

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 4:02 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting January 19, 2022**

There were no changes in COVID procedures and no safety issues to report. A mock OSHA inspection was conducted with positive results. The Town accepted Methuen's claim for an extension of the project due to the *Force Majeure* weather delay. The odor control vessel scheduling issue and delivery was discussed. A defect in the construction of Final Clarifier #1 was discussed and a representative was at the facility today to assess the issue. The third weekly startup meeting took place and coordination of activities have improved. Primary Clarifier #2 was demolished last week and the tank is being prepped for new equipment. Parts for Disc Filter #3 have been received and a representative from Kruger will perform the repair. Robert Grasis reviewed the project schedule.

**3. Summary of Activities**

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Aeration Tanks #3 & #4 continue to be prepared for demolition
- Work continues in both the blower and filter buildings
- RAS work continues
- Troubleshooting/resolution of Final Clarifier #1 continues
- Process piping installation in various buildings is ongoing
- Electrical work continues throughout the facility
- Painting continues in various buildings and piping throughout the facility

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

Robert Grasis reviewed a three-week look-ahead schedule and tentative start-up dates for pumps.

**5. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provided background information on PCO #088: CE#870124-North Substation Bypass Unforeseen Condition. Discussion took place. Dave Smith, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to approve PCO #088: CE#870124-North Substation Bypass Unforeseen Condition in the amount of \$23,713.00. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis referenced a change order summary that was distributed to committee members and noted that the construction budget contingency is currently at 3%.

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**6. Stored Materials**

Robert Grasis provided background information for a request for stored materials and answered questions from the committee. Discussion took place. Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to approve the request for Stored Materials in the amount of \$239,700.00. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**7. Additional Items**

Robert Grasis explained the time extension request process relative to the upgrade.

**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2022**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Jeffrey O'Neill made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the January 6, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**9. Adjournment**

Andrew Tedford, seconded by Dave Smith, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary