

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, March 17, 2022

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority and Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer

Absent Members: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator; Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works

Staff Present: Steve Boske, Assistant Director 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 March 16, 2022**

Robert Grasis reported that there were no safety issues and no update on the Disc Filter #3 wall damage. Some progress was made on the filter building checklist for items to be completed before the start of phosphorous season. The project schedule was discussed and he is waiting for the next progress report that usually comes out in the middle of the month. Steve Boske reported that the secondary clarifier #1 seal ring was being repaired and installed. Steve Seigal reported that there is a lot of activity throughout the site and Methuen as well as Tighe & Bond are aware of the project schedule. Discussion took place.

**3. Summary of Activities**

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- The RAS bypass went very well
- Concrete work continues on aeration Tanks #3 & #4
- Tighe & Bond has been coordinating SCADA controls for the plant water building as well as communication and server systems for the facility
- Work continues on the secondary sludge tunnel and filter building
- The new plant water pump suction sensor was installed and is working well; the old #2 pump was demolished
- The central storage building was transferred to a new power feed
- Masonry work continues on the secondary sludge building
- West primary equipment is being installed
- The new potable water line was installed from the pretreatment building to the filter building
- Electrical disconnection of the old aeration blower #3 has begun
- Final clarifier #1 was repaired and may be ready next week

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

Robert Grasis reviewed a three-week schedule of anticipated work and upcoming activities.

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**5. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provide background information on three change orders and answered questions from the committee.

Andrew Tedford, seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to accept PCO#090: CE #870126-North Side Aeration Tanks Valve Install in the amount of \$16,619.83. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Andrew Tedford, seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to accept PCO#095: CE#870135- WAS Force Main Tie-In Additional 6" Gate Valves in the amount of \$13,162.30. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Dave Smith, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to accept PCO#096: CE#870136 - Upgrade Primary Sludge Pumps to FSIP in the amount of \$13,633.50. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

A summary of change orders prepared by Heatheryn Leduke was distributed to committee members.

**6. Stored Materials**

None.

**7. Additional Items**

None.

**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022**

Dave Smith, seconded by Andrew Tedford, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting as presented. Jeffrey O'Neill asked to amend the minutes to change the vote count under Agenda Items #8 and #9 from (4-0-0) to read (5-0-0). Dave Smith accepted the friendly amendment and the motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

**9. Adjournment**

Andrew Tedford, seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary