

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, March 31, 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; Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer; and Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works

Absent Members: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator

Staff Present: 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 30, 2022**

Robert Grasis said that there were no safety issues to report. Items still to be addressed on the phosphorous checklist were discussed; the carbon reduction period was discussed as well as preparing for the IFAS; the repair to Final Clarifier #1 was discussed as well as the removal of the old Final Clarifier #2. Disc Filter #3 was discussed and Robert Grasis updated the committee relative to the call that took place today with Tighe & Bond, a Corrosion Probe representative, Krueger, Methuen and WPC personnel relative to a permanent bearing fix. Also discussed was the issue that Disc filter #3 still trips out the main breaker. Steve Seigal said that extended warranties were discussed.

**3. Summary of Activities**

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Concrete work continues on Aeration Tanks #3 & #4
- Tighe & Bond has been coordinating SCADA controls for the intermediate pumps
- Demolition of the second tunnel roof and west wall is complete for the new influent channel
- Set-up work began for the aeration pipe removal and install bypass
- Plant water line was isolated and a temporary over the ground connection was constructed
- New #2 water pump was started and ran well; needs to be set up with SCADA
- West chemical loading area is being graded
- Masonry work resumed on the filter building
- West primary equipment is progressing
- New water line from the pretreatment to the filter building was tested and worked well
- Old Aeration blower #3 was demolished
- Primary scum tank was cleaned

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

Robert Grasis reviewed a three-week schedule of anticipated work and upcoming activities. Robert Grasis explained the bypass procedure relative to removing and replacing the pipes from the aeration tanks.

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**5. Change Orders**

None. 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 17, 2022**

Dave Smith, seconded by Andrew Tedford, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed (4-0-1) with Dwight Ryniewicz abstaining.

**9. Adjournment**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary