

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, April 14, 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 Boske, Assistant Director Water Pollution Control; Steve Seigal, Tighe & Bond and Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting April 13, 2022**

Robert Grasis said that there were no safety issues to report and Methuen is following federal CDC COVID procedures. Regarding Disc Filter #3: the corrosion expert report that will recommend a method of repair is forthcoming; a meeting took place relative to the tripping issues at the main breaker; Methuen's subcontractor will get a meter and do amp readings; a soft starter was discussed. The bypass for the aeration pipe removal and install has been delayed two weeks because the as-built drawings are incorrect; a longer pipe is needed. Calculations of percent complete relative to delays was discussed.

**3. Summary of Activities**

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Work continues on Aeration Tanks #3 & #4
- Set-up work continues for the aeration pipe removal and install bypass
- Waste activated sludge and secondary scum piping was replaced
- The last of three plant water pumps was demolished
- Odor control equipment is set and piping is being installed for the secondary sludge building
- Work continues on the filter building and solids handling building
- West primary equipment is progressing - start up is scheduled for next week
- Blowers startup was completed for the secondary sludge and for the thickened sludge pumps
- Diffuser startup for the secondary sludge tanks
- Work continues outside of the RAS building
- Polymer startup for the RDT system

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

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

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**5. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provided background information on PCO #094: CE#870134-Secondary Sludge Building Additional Brick Pointing in the amount of \$9,361.70. Robert Grasis shared photographs of the building with the committee and discussion took place. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion for the Building Committee to approve this change order because the condition is unacceptable and we have the opportunity to get it corrected at this time and it is the right thing to do as stewards of the building. Further discussion took place relative to future changes orders and associated costs. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**6. Stored Materials**

None.

**7. Additional Items**

None.

**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2022**

Rob Grasis, seconded by Dave Smith, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the March 31, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**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 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary