

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, July 7, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer; and Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works

Absent Members: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

Staff Present: Steve Boske, Assistant Director of Water Pollution Control; Mike Becker, Tighe & Bond; E. Ray Weaver, Water Pollution Control Authority

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Plant Tour

A tour of the Treatment Facility was conducted by Robert Grasis until 5:33 p.m.

3. Construction Meeting July 6, 2022

Robert Grasis updated the committee relative to the June 22nd and July 6th construction meetings: there were no safety issues to report and federal/CDC COVID procedures are being followed; there is no update on disc filter #3 tripping status and the electrical subcontractor is working with Tighe & Bond to obtain the proper sized replacements to fit into the existing buckets; Jim Farese has replaced Ben Berthaima as Methuen's Project Manager; there is no change in the schedule impact since the last update; information continues to be obtained regarding the generator/PT issue; a meeting to discuss specifics regarding the carbon reduction period was held on Monday with all parties; and the vendor is working to resolve the issues for the emulsion polymer system. Also, there is no delay from Kruger for shipping the IFAS media.

3. Summary of Activities

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Mixer testing was performed on Aeration Tanks #1, #2, #3 & #4
- Aeration PCCP pipe was replaced, leak tested and put into service June 24th, bypass is now complete
- Replaced plant water line over PCCP and installed isolation valves approved by BAC
- Fabrication and install of new discharge/influent header pipe for aeration blowers is ongoing
- Working continues in the secondary sludge, solids and blower buildings

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- Conduit rough-ins and instrumentation install for the aeration area is continuing
- Startup of the new dewatering pump is complete
- Patching of old rebar in the north distribution channel is complete
- Secured polymer for RDT's for next week's startup
- Plant personnel were able to replace bent stem on aeration discharge gate #3 while PCCP and channel was empty
- Excavation work began for concrete piers for IMLR piping
- Step feed bypass gate install
- WAS header work was completed; replace plug valves and flow meter
- North UV channel concrete work and repair; concrete was poured on 7/6

4. Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed a schedule of upcoming work for next month.

5. Change Orders

None. A summary of change orders prepared by Heatheryn Leduke was distributed to the committee.

6. Stored Materials

None.

7. Additional Items

None.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2022

Dave Smith seconded by Jeffrey O'Neill made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed (4-0-0).

9. Adjournment

Jeffrey O'Neill, seconded by Dave Smith, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary