

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, September 29, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works and Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

Absent Members: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer

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 4:06 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meetings September 14th & 28th, 2022

Robert Grasis reported that: there were no safety issues and COVID procedures are still being followed; the narrative regarding schedule impacts should be received shortly and the schedule has slipped another 11 days; RDT startup began; the west distribution by-pass is complete; and the IFAS media will be delivered the week of October 10th. Regarding the Disc Filters: Filter #3 is fixed; Filter #2 is out of service; Krueger will fix both #1 and #3 before the end of the phosphorus season; there have been no tripping issues with the replacement breakers in Filters #1 and #3. Also: the #3 backwash pump issue is being worked on and two new pumps are being ordered however there is a 12-week lead time. The blower issues are still unresolved - a site visit from Krueger and Kaiser is expected next week; and the influent fine screen startup is ongoing. Robert Grasis shared photos relative to the RDT process. Steve Seigal said that discussions have taken place with Methuen relative to the pace of the project and the backlog of change orders. Discussion took place.

3. Summary of Activities/Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Work continues on the pretreatment, filter and the plant water buildings
- Grit pump equipment needs to be installed
- Screw Pump #3 was removed yesterday
- Primary Clarifier #2 scum pump replacement work
- Work continues of the new chemical, solids handling and process control buildings
- The West distribution by-pass was completed on Monday
- Piers for IMLR piping issues are being resolved
- Waiting for gauges for the primary sludge pump
- Work on the secondary sludge building continues

A three week Look-Ahead schedule was distributed to committee members.

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
22 OCT 20 AM 9:46

4. Change Orders

Robert Grasis provided background information and photographs for three potential change orders and answered questions from the committee.

Dwight Ryniewicz seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to accept PCO #110: CE #870159-RTU-1-400 Drop for a credit in the amount of \$4,340.25. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Dave Smith seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to accept PCO #112: CE #870160-Aeration Tank Valve at Pad in the amount of \$4,692.06. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Dwight Ryniewicz seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to accept PCO #113: CE #870125 - Aeration Tank No. 3 Concrete Pier Demolition as described by Robert Grasis in the amount of \$15,020.11. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

Robert Grasis said that a change order summary will be provided at the next meeting.

5. Stored Materials

Robert Grasis reviewed stored materials in the amount of \$122,355.00 as outlined in a letter from Methuen Construction. Dave Smith, seconded by Rob Grasis made a motion to compensate the contractor for the stored materials as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

6. Additional Items

None. Discussion took place relative to the IFAS media.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2022

Dave Smith, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-1) with Dwight Ryniewicz abstaining.

8. Adjournment

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary