

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, October 13, 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; Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority (4:06 p.m.)

Absent Members: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator

Staff Present: Steve Seigal, Tighe & Bond and Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting October 12, 2022**

Robert Grasis reported that: Federal CDC COVID procedures are still being followed; the narrative regarding schedule impacts was received and indicates an 11-day calendar loss from the previous update; five deliveries of the IFAS media were received today. Regarding the Disc Filters: #1 & #2 had their bearing replaced and #1 was put back in to service; Kreuger will permanently repair all filters in the off season; and there has been no response from Kreuger regarding the disc filter breaker rewiring. Also discussed: Back-wash pump #3 is being repaired and Robert Grasis updated the committee relative to an active high voltage underground line installed in the 1970's that fed the regen building. Robert Grasis sent a letter to DEEP stating that the secondary sludge process has changed and the Zimpro PAC/WAR process is no longer in use. Discussion took place.

**3. Summary of Activities/Upcoming Schedule**

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- The auto-reverse and SCADA alarm issue for the fine screen was resolved in the preliminary treatment building and was put in to service today
- New influent pump piping was installed where screw pump #3 was located
- Primary Clarifier #2 is ready
- Demolition of the eq tank will resume next week
- Work continues on the IMLR pier issues
- Work continues on the solids handling building and the North distribution channel
- Primary sludge pump #3 was put in to service
- HVAC work continues throughout the facility
- Plumbing work is scheduled for the plant water building, filter building, and secondary sludge tunnel
- The RDTs in the secondary sludge storage systems are working well

A five week Look-Ahead schedule and Milestone Report was distributed to committee members.

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**4. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provided background information and photographs for PCO #115 CE #870164 Primary Clarifier No. 2 Terminal Wedge Demolition. Discussion took place. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve PCO #115 CE #870164 Primary Clarifier No. 2 Terminal Wedge Demolition in the amount of \$1,030.37. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

A changed order summary prepared by Heatheryn Leduke was distributed to committee members.

**5. Stored Materials**

Robert Grasis reviewed stored materials in the amount of \$219,500.00 as outlined in a letter from Methuen Construction. Rob Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve the stored materials request and discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

**6. Additional Items**

None.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2022**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Dave Smith, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the September 29, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed (4-0-1) with Jeffrey O'Neill abstaining.

**8. 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 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary