

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, November 10, 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 Seigal, Tighe & Bond

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting October 26th and November 9th, 2022**

Robert Grasis reported that: Federal CDC COVID procedures are still being followed; the narrative is included in this meeting's packet and the schedule has remained the same as last month; Methuen is still working on the analysis of the delays; phosphorous season ended November 1st and the disc filters were discussed. Also: Back-wash pump #3 is unable to be rebuilt - a new pump is needed; there has been no response from Kreuger regarding the disc filter breaker rewiring; a meeting is scheduled for November 17th to discuss the IFAS startup process; carbon reduction tasks continue; aeration tanks are working; and the last truckload of IFAS media was delivered today.

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

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- The 90-day IFAS window for the fine screen alarm will begin next week
- Grit equipment is still waiting for more material
- New influent pump piping was installed where screw pump #3 was located
- Concrete contouring was finished on the influent well
- Primary clarifier #2 was put in to service and working well
- Primary clarifier #1 is scheduled for demolition
- Demolition of the eq tank has finished
- Demolition of the carbon silo was completed last week
- Piers for the IMLR piping have been poured
- Work continues on the solids handling building, UV channel, process control building and filter building
- Work began on primary thickened sludge pump #2
- HVAC work continues throughout the facility

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- Plumbing work continues for the plant water building, filter building, and secondary sludge tunnel
- Electrical work began in the abandoned regen building
- Primary sludge pump east was demolished and removed
- Aeration blowers #3 and #4 are working

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

#### **4. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provided background information and photographs for PCO #114 CE #870163-EF-1-1300 Additional Coring in the amount of \$5,789.19. Dave Smith, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to accept PCO #114 CE #870163-EF-1-1300 Additional Coring in the amount of \$5,789.19 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

#### **5. Stored Materials**

Robert Grasis reviewed stored materials relative to the IFAS media in the amount of \$658,500.00 as outlined in a letter from Methuen Construction. Discussion took place. Rob Grasis, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve the stored materials request in the amount of \$658,500.00. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

#### **6. Additional Items**

Discussion took place relative to Andrew Tedford completing his term on December 31, 2022 as Chairman of the WPCA. Robert Grasis said that the new WPCA Chairman will join this committee in January.

#### **7. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2022**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting as reported. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

#### **8. Adjournment**

Robert Grasis, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary