

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, February 16, 2023

DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works (4:03 p.m.); Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer; and Ray Weaver, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

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 4:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting February 15, 2023

Robert Grasis said there were no safety issues to report; the Town expressed its frustration to Methuen regarding the grit system delays; the RAS bypass was discussed; there are no changes to the schedule and carbon reduction is at 6%. The analysis of delays relative to Methuen's request for a no-cost time extension was discussed after the meeting. Steve Seigal reported that the last screw pump has been removed and the filter system is underway, in time for phosphorous season.

3. Summary of Activities/Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Fine bar screen #2 was demolished; work continues in this area
- The influent flow meter was transitioned to the new SCADA
- The wet well for the last screw pump is in the process of being cleaned
- RAS bypass work in the scrubber channel was performed today
- Eversource has removed various old equipment from the site
- Primary Clarifier #1 equipment was inspected today
- Final Clarifier #2 issues were addressed and was inspected today
- Disc filters repairs have begun and will take two to three weeks
- RAS Vault #3 work continues
- Work continues in the blower, chemical and pretreatment buildings
- #2 primary sludge pump and the #1 thickened primary pump are awaiting startup at the end of the month

Discussion took place relative to disc filter warranty.

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4. Change Orders

Robert Grasis provided background information and answered questions relative to PCO #131: CE #870178 - Secondary Sludge Building Existing Lighting in the amount of \$2,695.20. Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion that we move forward with approving this PCO #131. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

A change order summary was distributed to committee members.

5. Additional Items

Discussion took place relative to the status of the Ellington Pump station upgrade.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2023

Dwight Ryniewicz seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

7. Adjournment

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Ray Weaver made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary