

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, February 2, 2023

**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 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 4:02 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting February 1, 2023**

Robert Grasis reported that change orders; summary of activities; the upcoming schedule; grit system delay; and the RAS bypass were discussed. There were no safety issues to report. The updated analysis from Methuen regarding delays for the project based on material, labor and component shortages is still under review by the Town and Tighe & Bond. Also: filter repairs are scheduled to begin next week; there is no changes to the schedule; and carbon reduction continues.

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

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Fine bar screen #2 was released for demolition; work continues in this area
- Transition of flow data to the new SCADA
- The last screw pump is scheduled to be demolished next week
- New influent pumps are performing well
- The #2 primary sludge pump has been installed and work continues
- Primary Clarifier #1 equipment was inspected
- Work continues on Final Clarifier #2; startup is planned for next week
- RAS Vault #3 work continues
- Work continues in the blower, chemical and the thickened primary sludge buildings
- Demolition of the regen equipment is ongoing in the scrubber room

**4. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provided background information for five potential change orders. Robert Grasis and Steve Seigal answered questions relative to the change orders.

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Robert Grasis shared photographs regarding PCO #109: CE #870151 - Solids Building Hatch Installation Modifications and said that this change order is an unforeseen condition and would have been included in the bid for the upgrade. Robert Grasis seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve PCO #109: CE #870151 - Solids Building Hatch Installation Modifications in the amount of \$28,508.42. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis shared photographs regarding PCO #129: CE #870162 - West IMLR Pipe Support Changes (RFI No. 152) in the amount of \$34,324.46. Dave Smith seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve PCO #129 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis shared photographs regarding PCO #126: CE#870175 - Replace Rotted Electrical T&M in the amount of \$3,692.88. Dwight Ryniewicz seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to approve this PCO #126. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Dave Smith seconded by Ray Weaver made a motion to approve PCO #123: CE #870172 - Demolish Telephone System T&M in the amount of \$687.92. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Ray Weaver seconded by Robert Grasis made a motion to approve PCO #132 CE #870179 - HV-F2 Heating Ventilation Fan Power Source in the amount of \$2,589.60. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

An updated change order summary will be provided at the next meeting. Robert Grasis updated the committee on a previous change order relative to reimbursement from Eversource for troubleshooting expenses that were incurred last May by Methuen's electrical contractor.

**5. Stored Materials**

None.

**6. Additional Items**

None.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023**

Ray Weaver, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed (4-0-1) with Jeffrey O'Neill abstaining.

**8. 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 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary