

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, June 22, 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 4:03 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting June 21, 2023**

Robert Grasis said that Methuen is working on the grit system and updated the committee on the aeration tanks. Steve Boske explained that the carbon reduction process is complete. Steve Seigal provided details relative to closing the grant loan agreement; Jeffrey O'Neill said that he will be meeting with Bond Council next week.

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

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities and upcoming work that included:

- Final Clarifier #2 is online and working well
- Work on Final Clarifier #3 is planned for next week
- Primary #1 Clarifier was put in to service and is functioning well
- Work on Primary Clarifier #2 has begun
- Work continues on Aeration Tank #6
- Seal water system has been installed; work continues
- Piping to the chemical building for fire service is complete
- IMLR piping install continues on the north side of the aeration tanks
- RAS scrubber channel concrete repairs are nearly finished
- The primary influent by-pass is in operation
- The gate for the #1 Primary has been installed
- The gate for the #2 Primary is being installed

A three-week look ahead schedule, project schedule and project narrative were distributed to committee members.

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#### 4. Change Orders

Robert Grasis provided background information on PCO #147: RFI 185.1 Running Signal to the I/O Adapter in MCC-RAS. Dave Smith seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to accept PCO #147 in the amount of \$2,641.76 as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis provided background information for PCO #148: RFI 194 Asbestos Abatement. Ray Weaver seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to accept PCO #148 for \$2087.25. Ray Weaver amended the motion to accept PCO #148 for \$2209.43. The amended motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis provided background information for PCO #150: CE #870199 - Concrete Fill Below SG-301 and SG-302 (RFI No. 198) in the amount of \$10,297.43. Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Dave Smith made a recommendation to the committee that we approve PCO #150. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis provided details and answered questions regarding PCO #146 - Electrical Investigation in the Solids Handling Building not to exceed \$6000. Discussion took place. Robert Grasis seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to propose \$6000 for Time and Materials for the Electrical Investigation for the Solids Handling Building. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis updated the committee on the PCO approval process as discussed with the Mayor. Discussion took place. Jeffrey O'Neill recommended that pricing be obtained for the remaining potential change orders. The committee agreed. Further discussion took place regarding paving costs at the treatment facility. It was the consensus of the committee to have Steve Seigal and Robert Grasis speak with Methuen about the paving costs.

A change order summary was distributed to committee members.

#### 5. Additional Items

Robert Grasis updated the committee regarding Ellington WPCA.

#### 6. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2023

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

#### 7. Adjournment

Dave Smith, seconded by Jeffrey O'Neill made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary