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Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility

100 Windsorville Road, Vernon, CT 06066

September 19, 2019

**Draft Minutes**

**Regular Members Present:** Vice Chairman, Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control, Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer, Dwight Ryniewicz, Interim Director of Public Works, Dave Smith, Town Engineer.

**Absent Members:** Chairman, Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator, John Anderson, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority

**Staff Present:** Steve Boske, Assistant Director of Water Pollution Control

Meeting was called to order at 3:17PM by Vice Chairman Robert Grasis

**1. Public Comment**

Carl Schaefer, of 1A Fox Hill Drive, asked why the additional items are required if state ok'd design without them, were these passed through the WPCA and where did these requests come from, the engineers or this committee?

**2. Construction Meeting September 19, 2019**

Tighe & Bond working with Methuen Construction to prioritize submittals and get them approved. Discussion ensued. Jeff O'Neill stated a lot of work is taking place behind the scenes.

**3. Schedule**

Methuen working with third party scheduling vendor and we should get a draft schedule soon for Tighe & Bond and Town review and comment.

**4. Work Update**

**a. Current**

Trailers have water and electrical power; sewer hookup pending abatement work. Sign up as required by Clean Water Fund

**b. Scheduled**

October 7<sup>th</sup> is target date to start abatement of filter building.

## **5. CWF Agreement Status**

Jeff O'Neill stated that the CWF loan was closed yesterday, Town will submit invoices for a special reimbursement for what the Town has spent so far, approximately \$6 million dollars. He also stated that he will be reaching out to the other towns to go over the debt schedule and what their payments will be over the next 20 years.

## **6. Additional Items**

Robert Grasis stated that the additional items that this committee is reviewing are for items that were removed from the project as cost savings measures when the cost of the project was estimated to be much higher. They were viewed as outside the project and could be done at a later date under the plant's operating budget. Since the construction bid came in lower, the funding is in place as well as the CWF grant will offset the cost; they were asked to be reviewed by this committee, by Mr. Grasis, to be added back into the project. The committee asked for quotes to see what the cost would be to start the review process to determine if they were a good fit to put back into the project.

1. Process control building roof. Methuen Construction submitted a quote which is too expensive to move forward, the Town and Methuen will continue to try to find a less costly option. Discussion ensued.
2. Third mechanical bar screen. Mr. Grasis explained the benefit of the third screen compared to relocating and reusing an existing 1990's screen as an emergency bypass. Tighe & Bond submitted an estimate to do the design work that Methuen had asked for before they proceed with their final quote to do the work.

Dave Smith made a motion to authorize Tighe & Bond \$7,500 dollars for the design work for the third bar screen, seconded by Jeff O'Neill and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Headworks odor control system. Methuen provided a quote and Tighe & Bond is reviewing it.
4. Masonry joints and brick work. Methuen waiting on demolition quote from subcontractor.

## **7. Approval of Minutes**

Dave Smith made a motion to approve the Draft minutes from September 5, 2019, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Jeffrey O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:42PM seconded by Dave Smith, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Grasis

Vice Chairman