

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade  
Via Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, May 12, 2022

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer; Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority and Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works (4:20 p.m.)

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 4:05 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Construction Meeting May 11, 2022**

Robert Grasis said that there were no safety issues to report. There was no update for Disc Filter #3: Methuen is in conversations with Krueger and the corrosion expert report has not yet been received. Phosphorous season continues with similar issues as last year with the dry polymer system and the Town sent a letter to Methuen holding the vendor accountable for any fines that may be received for effluent violations. The carbon reduction period was discussed. The bypass for the aeration tanks was delayed five days because of solids on the bottom of the aeration pipe.

**3. Summary of Activities**

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- Work continues on Aeration Tanks #3 & #4
- The north distribution work continues
- Aeration pipe removal and bypass work continues
- Work continues in both the blower and filter buildings
- West primary equipment was delayed; waiting for longer supports
- West chemical pad was poured
- Final Clarifier #1 issue was resolved
- Electrical work continues throughout the facility

**4. Upcoming Schedule**

Robert Grasis reviewed planned work for next month. It was the consensus of the Committee to schedule a tour of the facility.

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**5. Change Orders**

Robert Grasis provided a photograph and background information on PCO #097: CE #870137 - MCC-IPS Concrete Pad Size in the amount of \$7,911.50. Dave Smith, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to approve the change order to catch up with the work that was intended to be covered in the previous change order. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

A summary of change orders prepared by Heatheryn Leduke was distributed to the committee.

**6. Stored Materials**

None. Robert Grasis informed the committee that a large stored material request relative to the IFAS media will be forthcoming.

**7. Additional Items**

None.

**8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2022**

Dave Smith, seconded by Jeffrey O'Neill made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed (4-0-1) with Andrew Tedford abstaining.

**9. Adjournment**

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Jeffrey O'Neill made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary