

Committee Members

Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman  
Councilman Thomas Serra  
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano  
Councilman Robert Blanchard  
Joseph Bibisi  
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair/ WPCA Chairman  
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner  
Elise McDermott  
David Bauer  
Brian Gartner

Committee Staff

Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director

**MINUTES  
MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018  
5:30 P.M.  
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

**Members Present:** Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman  
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair, WPCA Chairman  
Councilman Thomas Serra  
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano (arrived 5:36 pm)  
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner  
David Bauer  
Brian Gartner

**Members Absent:** Councilman Robert Blanchard  
Joseph Bibisi  
Elise McDermott

**Staff Present:** Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director

**Others Present:** Paul Malmrose, Tighe & Bond  
Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond  
Amy L. Sowitcky, Tighe & Bond  
Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc.

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**1. Chair Calls Meeting to Order**

Chairman Philip Pessina called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**2. Public Comments**

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened at 5:32 pm.

David Bauer requested that an Executive Session be added to the April Regular Meeting Agenda to discuss the Mattabasset District Negotiations.

The Public Comments session was closed at 5:33 pm.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018. The motion was approved with five members Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman, Councilman Thomas Serra, Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair, David Bauer and Brian Gartner voting in favor and one abstention by John Giuliano.

### **4. Financial Report**

4.1A Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman presented the Financial Report submitted by email from Elise McDermott to update the committee on the expenditure summary. The report stated that Tighe & Bond Amendment #1 was processed and included in their purchase order total. Prime AE Group, Inc. Change Order #2 and Tighe & Bond Amendment #2 have been approved by the committee but have not been processed to date. She also inquired if Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director had any update on the State DEEP approval of Walsh Construction Change Order #1.

Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairmen also informed the committee that there have been erroneous comments concerning the issue of the project being overspent and in the negative. He wanted to share with the committee members that the costs are being watched closely and the remaining balance available after expenses is \$2,074,019.31.

4.2A Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main and Pump Station Inv. #46 for \$59,286.53 and recommended approval.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by David Bauer to approve the payment of Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main and Pump Station Inv. #46 in the amount of \$59,286.53. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano entered the meeting at 5:36 pm

4.2B Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Walsh Construction Co. II Pump Station Inv. #13 for \$715,143.84 and recommended approval.

Discussion:

Councilman Thomas Serra questioned whether the construction schedule relative to costs is on target.

Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director informed the committee that at the last project job meeting Walsh Construction Co. II stated they have picked up time and are within a couple of weeks of completion time and the costs are on target.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by John Giuliano to approve the payment of Walsh Construction Co. II Pump Station Inv. #13 in the amount of \$715,143.84.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2C Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Tighe & Bond Inv. #0328990033,034 for \$44,913.69 and recommended approval.

Motion by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by John Giuliano to approve the payment of Tighe & Bond Inv. #031890033,034 in the amount of \$44,913.69. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2D Motion by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Thomas Serra to approve the Recording Secretary Payroll of 8 hrs. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 5. Staff Updates

Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director updated the committee on the Pump Station Project.

- The contractor is continuing to form and pour the lower level which is poured to elevation 6.
- They are working on all the exterior walls to waterproof the foundations walls and footings. There is a request for clarification regarding some of the waterproofing on the horizontal section slab. Landmark Architects and Tighe & Bond are working on responding to this request.

Councilman Thomas Serra questioned the State approval of Walsh Construction Co. II change order #1, that was noted in the Financial Report, and the monies being held back for the reimbursement of items in their invoice #11.

Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director stated that the approval for the Walsh Construction Co. II proposed change order #1 has been approved by the State DEEP but the City has reviewed and responded with comments to Walsh Construction Co II taking exception to the costs. A meeting is being setup to go over the change order. Tighe & Bond change order #1 has been approved and processed and change order #2 is being worked on for documentation processing and approval.

## 6. Construction/Engineering Updates

Guy Russo, Prime AE Group updated the committee on the Pump Station work progress.

- The last of six major exterior wall pours occurred on Friday, March 23, 2018.
- The contractor is doing interior pours.
- The grit collectors are being formed.
- Two major interior walls are being formed on the number three and four columns. The majority of the interior pour should be completed, including the columns, in a month.
- The contractor has now started to backfill with gravel up to the top of the footing. Not to overload the wall a determination will be made as to how high the contractor will be allowed to backfill until the structural floor is in place.
- There has been some investigation looking into substituting some of the concrete piles with steel beams on the east side of the building.
- The contractor is also preparing to do the crossings at Sumner Brook.

Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond informed the committee that he had done a walk thru of the interior of the building. Tighe & Bond's structural and architectural engineers are doing periodic site visits. Tighe & Bond is responding to Requests for Information by the contractor.

Guy Russo, Prime AE Group informed the committee that a response was done to Walsh Construction Co. II concerning RFP 1A and 1B Odor Control and Electrical Work. Tighe & Bond is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 with Prime AE Group and Walsh Construction for an informational session to start negotiations on pricing for RFP 1A and 1B.

## 7. Adjournment

Motion by John Giuliano and seconded by David Bauer to adjourn at 6:04 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest:



Sandra S. Pasculano  
Recording Secretary