

Committee Members

Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman
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Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano
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Elise McDermott
David Bauer
Brian Gartner

Committee Staff

Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director

**MINUTES
MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018
5:30 P.M.
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair, WPCA Chairman
Councilman Robert Blanchard (arrived 5:57 pm)
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano
David Bauer
Joseph Bibisi
Brian Gartner

Members Absent: Councilman Thomas Serra
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
Elise McDermott

Staff Present: Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director

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

1. Chair Calls Meeting to Order

Chairman Philip Pessina called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Public Comments

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 5:36 pm with no comments from the public.

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3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Motion by David Bauer and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 28, 2018 as presented. The motion was approved with five members voting in favor and there was one abstention by Joseph Bibisi.

4. Financial Report

4.1 Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman notified the committee that Elise McDermott could not attend the meeting but had submitted the Budget Report and it was included in the committee meeting packet.

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve the Budget Report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2A Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main and Pump Station Inv. #47 for \$56,732.51 and recommended approval.

Motion by David Bauer and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve the payment of Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main and Pump Station Inv. #47 in the amount of \$56,732.51. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2B Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Walsh Construction Co. II Pump Station Inv. #14 for \$712,680.21 and recommended approval.

Motion by Joseph Bibisi and seconded by David Bauer to approve the payment of Walsh Construction Co. II Pump Station Inv. #14 in the amount of \$712,680.21.

Discussion:

David Bauer inquired as to what were the main elements of activity included in the invoice.

Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director stated it was rebar installation and concrete work on the building foundation.

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano questioned how the odor control at the building was being addressed in the design to eliminate any odor problems.

Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director stated that this would be controlled with odor control carbon filters to be installed next to the emergency generator deck. There are also multiple exhaust fans and air handling equipment in the building. In addition the screenings will be washed and put into compactors in the air handling room and then transported out on a scheduled basis, which will also control the odor.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2C Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Tighe & Bond Inv. #041890037,038,039 for \$56,369.07 the expense charge for other consultants included in the invoice was larger in the backup to the invoice that what was billed. He would need to go over the items in question with Frederick Muller, Tighe & Bond to review it. As the amount invoiced was less than what Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director calculated, he would approve the invoice for payment as presented and any additional expenses are billed later.

Motion by David Bauer and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to approve the payment of Tighe & Bond Inv. #031890033,034 in the amount of \$44,913.69 as presented with the provision that any inconsistencies be recalculated and invoiced for next month's committee meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2D Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve the Recording Secretary Payroll of 6 ½ hrs. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Staff Updates

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

- Site work includes the exterior waterproofing foundation from the bottom of the footing up three feet to the construction joint to the wall and moving up the wall to elevation 8 and steps up to 13 and in some areas 20.
- Bank run gravel is being brought in and compacted between the basement foundation and the sheeting. As they go up the wall they're stepping and compacting.
- The pipe under RT 9 has been tested and passed the preliminary pressure test and the receiving pit on site was backfilled until it will be tied in to bring the flow from River Rd. into the Pump Station. It was backfilled to avoid any possible flooding.
- Walsh Construction Co. II presented a revised cost on RFP 1B electrical work and are finalizing the costs for RFP 1A for the concrete and piping changes for the odor control system.
- Walsh Construction Co. II has confirmed they are still on schedule for Phase I substantial completion equipment installed the date is Feb. 6, 2019 and Phase II

- start up and testing the date is May 2019. The RFP 1A and 1B when submitted may include additional time.
- Northeast Remsco's attorney reached out to the City Attorney verbally for compensation for their claim for damages on the Force Main. A meeting was then held with Brig Smith, General Counsel; Christopher Smedick, Asst. General Counsel; Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director, Guy Russo, Prime AE Group and Joseph Samolis. Northeast Remsco attorneys were told that the City is not interested in negotiating a settlement and they would formally have to go through the court for a claim against the City.

6. Construction/Engineering Updates

6.1 Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. updated the committee on the construction of the Pump Station.

- The exterior walls have been poured with one more surface wall to be poured structurally on the inside.
- The grit chamber channel is about 75% complete.
- The interior pour has several infill areas that get in filled with stone and this should be starting in a week.
- Backfill and compaction is being tested.
- Prime AE Group, Inc. is working with the Geo Tech, GPA and has filed with CT DEEP on the City's behalf for use of 3,000 cu. yds. of material that is at the storage yard on the other side of the railroad tracks next to the Water Dept. on Berlin St. A plan and profile was done and now awaiting CT DEEP's review and approval. There will be no additional charges from the contractor for the removal and disposal of the material from that location.
- The Walsh Construction Co. II notified Prime AE Group, Inc. that the stainless steel fasteners had previously been waived coming from China but the waiver is no longer in place and American Stainless would cost more. This is being reviewed with the contractor.
- Walsh Construction Co. II is finalizing the costs on the waterproofing which may result in a credit to the project.
- A request for information from the Walsh Construction Co. II concerning the piping on site was responded to. The gravity piping going to the Pump Station is to be bounded on micro piles and they have asked to use H piles, which are less expensive. Testing was done on the soil for acidity and passed. The Geo Tech, GPA is preparing the submittal paperwork.
- Walsh Construction Co. II RFP 1B will be an additional cost of \$85,000.00; RFP 1A is still awaiting final cost. Potential change orders include RFP #2 for some detailing on seals for the access over the wet well and RFP #3 is for installation of a lateral into the existing sewage treatment plant. This will be used when decommissioning the plant for an area to put the fluids when cleaned out and they will be directed to the new plant.

Councilman Robert Blanchard entered the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Frederick Muller, Tighe & Bond informed the committee of the engineering update.

- After negotiations with Walsh Construction Co. II the cost of RFP 1 B was reduced to \$85,000.00 a savings of \$11,000.
- Moving forward on the decommissioning concept of the existing plant a request was made to Walsh Construction Co. II that while working in River Rd. to bring a lateral over to the existing plant to make it easier to decommission the plant to take the solids out.
- The first goal to decommissioning the existing plant is to get it out of its permit and to remove fluids and residual solids. A recommendation to Joseph Fazzino, Acting Director was to do some of the deferred operation work such as cleaning out the grit tanks and sludge thickener now. The next step after cleaning the plant would be to make it safe. A meeting will be setup with the So. Fire District, Legal Department and the City Insurance Company on how the existing plant would be closed.

7. New Business

There was no discussion on this Agenda Item.


8. Executive Session – Mattabasset District Negotiations

Motion by David Bauer and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to enter into Executive Session at 6:12 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Present in the Executive Session was Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman, Dale Aldieri, Vice Chairman, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, David Bauer, Joseph Bibisi and Brian Gartner.

Motion by David Bauer and seconded by Brian Gartner to close the Executive Session and to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest:



Sandra S. Pasculano
Recording Secretary