

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  
John Parker  
Tina Gomes  
Marie Hurley, CCPD  
David Bauer

Committee Staff

Guy Russo, Director  
Robert Young, Deputy Director  
Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer  
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

**MINUTES  
MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016  
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

**Members Present:** Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman  
Councilman Thomas Serra  
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano  
Councilman Robert Blanchard  
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair, WPCA Chairman  
Tina Gomes  
Marie Hurley, CCPD

**Members Absent:** John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner  
David Bauer  
John Parker  
Joseph Bibisi

**Staff Present:** Guy Russo, Director  
Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer  
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

**Staff Absent:** Robert Young, Deputy Director

**Others Present:** Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire  
Paul Pizzo, Landmark Architects  
Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc.

**1. Chair Calls Meeting to Order**

Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to add item 4.2I CDR Maguire Inv. #18 Force Main \$804.51 and Item 4.2J CDR Maguire Inv. #30 Pump Station \$62,838.21 to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

RECEIVED  
16 MAR 30 PM 12:29  
TOWN CLERK  
MIDDLETOWN, CONN.

## **2. Public Comments**

The Public Comment Portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 7:03 PM with no comments from the Public.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

3.1 Motion by Dale Aldieri and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **4. Financial Reports**

4.1 Elise McDermott, Finance Dept. informed the Committee that the first loan would be closing on July 31, 2016 even though the Force Main Project will not be fully completed. There are two purchase orders that straddle both phases of the project but Lee Rogers, Ct DEEP has informed her that whatever the remaining balance that has not been used on the first loan is approved to be applied to the second loan. She has given the figures to Director Guy Russo to include in his budget.

Councilman Thomas Serra requested that the Commissioner from CT DEEP also sign the approval. Elise McDermott, Finance Dept. will follow up on the request.

Elise McDermott, Finance Dept. also informed the Committee that there was a problem with Northeast Remsco CO #18 that required a change in verbiage at no change in cost which is being corrected. This was caused due to the change from 24" pvc to 24" ductile iron pipe.

4.2 A-D Councilman Thomas Serra stated that he would be abstaining on procedural grounds. He stated that the Building Committee is approved by ordinance and the powers and duties include to review and approve payment where warranted, all obligations of the project. Per the minutes of the January 26, 2016 Committee meeting the motion stated that the PWRR invoices would be tabled until the Sub Committee could meet with Bernie Cartier, PWRR. PWRR threatened to shut down the job on a Friday and Mayor Drew and the City Attorney involved the Council and a forced payment of the invoices to PWRR was made to keep the project going. He went on to say that with this action someone took the authority away from the Building Committee and did what they thought was right at the time, but did not make the Sub Committee aware of the interaction. He felt it could have been taken care of based on the way it was set up procedurally with the Committee.

Councilman Thomas Serra requested that Chairman Philip Pessina have the City Attorney look to see why we are paying for a flagger on a track that is not being used and show the Federal or State law that governs this.

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano stated he would also like to know what was considered the emergency and was there an opportunity to convene the Building Committee and make them aware of the position that PWRR was taking.

Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair stated that he agreed with Councilman Thomas Serra and is concerned that the Sub Committee was circumvented and the committee did not make the decisions for payment.

Tina Gomes questioned Director Guy Russo as to what caused the situation to get to the point where it became an emergency.

Director Guy Russo stated that four invoices were being held for payment. There were emails back and forth with Bernie Cartier, PWRR and after the last Building Committee meeting it was requested that there be a meeting with him and the Sub Committee as the Committee was still not satisfied. The response was late in the afternoon on Thursday, January 28, 2016 a letter from Charles Rennick, PWRR General Counsel sent by email to Brig Smith, City Attorney indicating that if the invoices were not paid in full by the end of the day on Friday, January 29, 2016 the job would be shutdown. A partial payment of \$95,390.45 was paid for the Jacobs Engineering portion of the invoices that were not contested. After meeting with PWRR representatives on February 10, 2016 a second payment of \$86,575.35 was made for the uncontested flaggers time of \$80,626.75 and Moran Environmental of \$5,946.60 for damage to the PWRR property that will be billed back to Northeast Remsco. There were three areas that were contested for flaggers time and were being held in discussion with PWRR that included times when the project was not in the PWRR ROW at a cost of \$41,736.20, days when the contractor was not on site at a cost of \$7,588.40 and areas where there was inaccessible tracks at a cost of \$5,691.30 totaling \$55,015.90 for all three areas. A letter was emailed to Brig Smith, City Attorney on February 19, 2016 from Charles Rennick, General Counsel PWRR informing him that PWRR had confirmed that the amounts are justified and demanded payment in full by February 26, 2016 or the job will be shut down. Director Russo stated that the cost for a work stoppage is between \$30,000 - \$50,000 per day.

4.2A-D Motion by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to approve payment of PWRR Inv. #ENG100636, PWRR Inv. #ENG100673, PWRR Inv. #ENG100716 and PWRR Inv. #ENG100705 up to \$55,015.90. The motion was approved with Councilman Robert Blanchard, Marie Hurley, Dale Aldieri, Tina Gomes and Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman voting in favor and abstaining were Councilman Thomas Serra and Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano.

4.2E Director Guy Russo informed the committee that the PWRR Inv. #ENG200739 \$51,526.05 will need a contract amendment before payment can be made.

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to defer all action on PWRR Inv. #ENG100739 \$51,526.05 until the

amendment as described by Director Russo has been executed and moves to empower the Sub Committee to handle the execution of the amendment as well as to authorize the payment. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2F Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer informed the committee that he had reviewed Northeast Remsco Inv. #19 \$1,206,014.58 and recommend approval.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Tina Gomes to approve payment of Northeast Remsco Inv. #19 \$1,206,014.58. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2G Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer informed the committee that he had reviewed Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main Inv. #21 \$40,924.22 and recommended approval.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Sebastian Giuliano to approve payment of Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main Inv. #21 \$40,924.22. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2H Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to approve the Recording Secretary payroll of 8 ½ hrs. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2I Motion by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to approve payment of CDR Maguire Inv. #18 Force Main \$804.51. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2J Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve payment of CDR Maguire Inv. #30 Pump Station \$62,838.21. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3A Motion by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to approve the transfer from Acct. #4165-65000-9416-0000-35075-2013-000 Construction Pump Station \$92,793.40 to Acct. #4165-65000-91415-0000-35075-2013-000 Construction Force Main for the Providence & Worcester Overrun. The motion was approved with Dale Aldieri, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Tina Gomes, Marie Hurley and Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman voting in favor and abstaining were Councilman Thomas Serra and Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano.

## **5. Staff Updates**

5.1 No report was made from the Sub Committee.

## **6. Construction Updates**

6.1 Art Choquette, Prime AE Group, Inc. reported to the committee that Northeast

Remsco is installing valves at Junction Vaults #1 and #2 and air manholes. Fabrication of precast concrete Junction Vaults #3 and #4 has resumed at ECI in Hudson, NH. The contractor also has done hydrostatic testing of the ductile iron pipe force main from De koven Drive to Junction Vault #1 and the test failed as they put a hole through the pipe and it is being repaired at their cost. There may be PWRR Flaggers required for the repair and the bill will be the responsibility of the Northeast Remsco. The last HDD drill will be done in a couple of weeks, the reaming is being done now and the pull back will happen the week of March 7, 2016. Northeast Remsco has been filling sinkholes along the PWRR track and broke a piece of track that will be repaired by the PWRR contractor and paid for by Northeast Remsco.

## **7. Engineering Updates**

7.1 There was no discussion on this Agenda Item.

7.2 Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire, Inc. informed the committee that the final Plans & Specifications for the Pump Station have been stamped and delivered to CT DEEP for their review. There are presently four permit applications that are at CT DEEP and awaiting review and approval

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire updated the committee on the estimated cost for the second grit chamber for the Pump Station that was required by CT DEEP. The estimated cost for the engineering and construction would be \$316,700.00.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire also discussed the hazardous waste stockpile area located at Mile Lane and the soil classification waste stockpile area located under the Arrigoni Bridge. There will be 12,000 cu yds. of contaminated materials that will be taken out of the Pump Station site and about 1/3 of the material is contaminated which will be excavated and transported by the contractor to the Mile Lane site where it will be sampled and tested by the engineer. The estimated cost for excavation, transport and reuse of 10% of the material at the pump station site is estimated at \$400,000. This material would be used to build up the site, backfill the foundation for the Pump Station Building and the Incinerator Building. It will not be used under the new Pump Station Building, as it is not structurally sound. Amy Vaillancourt, Tighe and Bond is working on the costs to reuse the material versus disposing of it.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire also estimated the cost for raising the building two feet of vertical height on the foundation wall and extra material to raise the site grade up is around \$200,000.

## **8. Correspondence**

8.1 - 8.6 Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to accept Agenda Items 8.1 thru 8.6. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. New Business**

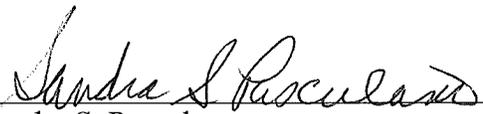
There was no discussion on this Agenda Item.

**10. Old Business**

10.1 There was no report on the Temporary/Permanent Easement at the Omo Site and is still on going.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion by Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to adjourn at 8:24 pm.

Attest:   
Sandra S. Pasculano  
Recording Secretary