

Committee Members

Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman  
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Councilman Robert S. Blanchard  
Joseph Bibisi  
Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair/ WPCA Chairman  
John A. Giuliano  
Elise H. McDermott, Finance and Budget  
David Bauer  
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Committee Staff

Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director  
Donald Fisco, Deputy Director

**MINUTES  
MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019  
5:30 P.M.  
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

**Members Present:** Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman  
Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chairman/WPCA Chairman  
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano  
Joseph Bibisi  
Elise H. McDermott, Finance and Budget

**Members Absent:** Councilman Robert S. Blanchard  
David Bauer  
Brian K. Gartner, Jr. WPCA Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director

**Others Present:** Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond  
Arthur Simonian, Mattabassett District.

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**1. Chairman Calls Meeting to Order**

Chairman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

**2. Public Comments**

The Public Comments portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 5:37 pm with no comments from the Public.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to approve the minutes of June 25, 2019. The motion was approved with four

members voting in favor and one abstention by Joseph Bibisi.

#### **4. Financial Report**

4.1. Elise McDermott stated there have been no changes to the budget. She inquired if Joseph Fazzino, Director had any updates on when the Eversource Reimbursement of \$160,000 would be paid after the project was complete.

Joseph Fazzino, Director stated that an inspection would be done by Eversource when the project was complete and reimbursement made thereafter.

4.2A Joseph Fazzino, Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Prime AE Group Inv. #61 \$73,167.26 and recommended approval.

Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve the payment of Prime AE Group, Inc. Inv. #61 in the amount of \$73,167.26. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2B Joseph Fazzino, Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Tighe & Bond Inv. #27 071990066-067 \$43,337.46 and recommended approval.

Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve payment of Tighe & Bond Inv. #27 071990066-067 in the amount of \$43,337.46. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2C Joseph Fazzino, Director informed the committee that he had reviewed Walsh Construction Co. II, LLC Inv. #29 \$653,675.86 and recommended approval.

Motion by Joseph Bibisi and seconded by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair to approve payment of Walsh Construction Co. II, LLC Inv. #29 in the amount of \$653,675.86. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2D Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to approve the payment of the Secretary Payroll in the amount of 5 1/2 hrs. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Staff Updates**

5.1 Joseph Fazzino, Director informed the committee that there was one bid was received from Walsh Construction Co. II, LLC for the Decommissioning of the River Road Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,988,000. The cost was over the budgeted figure of \$1,000,000 and the bid was not awarded. Devon Darling, Asst. Field Maintenance

Manager Water & Sewer volunteered to look the plans over to see if some of the demolition and equipment removal could be done in house after work hours.

Due to the timing and funding Tighe & Bond worked on a plan with the city staff to do some of the demolition and equipment removal work. This would require an approval by the committee for overtime. Work on removal of the grit, solids and fencing could be done with the hiring of state bid contractors. Director Fazzino will work with the Purchasing Department to hire the contractors.

Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond stated that for the decommissioning of the plant the City would be required to plug the outfalls and remove all waste water residuals and then CT DEEP would inspect and sign off to remove the permit. The Fire Marshall would then inspect the building to make sure the building is abandoned safely and all hazardous chemicals are removed.

Philip J. Pessina, Chairman stated on behalf of the committee to tell Devon Darling, Asst. Field Maintenance Manager that they appreciated him stepping forward along with the staff to get the work done.

## **6. Construction Engineering Updates**

6.1 Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond updated the committee on the Pump Station.

- Most of the equipment is in and testing and training is being done.
- The roads are being mapped out and should have a temporary seal on August 24, 2019.

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

- All major equipment is in.
- The process wiring is still going in to the master station that runs everything but is powered.
- There are six electricians on site scheduled for 10 hour days six days this week.
- Painters are on site.
- Plumbers cleaning up odds and ends.
- Carpenters will be working on suspended ceilings so the electrical fixtures and HVAC drops can be installed.
- The exterior doors will be installed this week and next.
- The 30" force main work is still on going.
- There has been testing on the majority section.
- The Sub Aqueous line passed the air test. The next is the hydrostatic test to be done.

- The tanks have been installed and tested.
- The paint has been removed on the aluminum slide gates and field testing will be done.
- Interior lines have all been installed.
- Water main has been installed and chlorinated.
- Railings going up in multiple locations.
- All the regulated material stored at Mile Lane has been removed.
- Training has started and the training videos and logs have been received and JK Muir Engineers will be creating a permanent record for any new employee or retraining.
- A meeting will be setup at the end of the month for the Building Committee to do a walkthrough of the Pump Station with members from the Mattabassett District Board.
- There is no update on the removal of trees by the CT DOT.

Arthur Simonian, Mattabassett District informed the committee that the Mattabassett District is ready. Calibration on their meter where the City flow comes in has been done. Their sensors are ready to pick up flow and hydro sulfide and they are waiting on the coordination with Verizon Wireless Communication data.

6.2. Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. notified the committee that there are insufficient funds in their contract which was approved through August. An Amendment #4 will be presented at the August committee meeting to cover the work through November 1, 2019. The increase is based on the night work and extension of time requested by the contractor for delays.

6.3A Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. informed the committee that test flows to the Mattabassett District should begin between August 12th to the 24th.

6.3B Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. informed the committee that there is art work of the old city seal that is needed for the Interior Dedication Plaque. The contractor has agreed to the original price of the exterior plaque with no additional costs.

6.3 C. Councilman Philip J. Pessina informed the committee that after speaking with Paul Pizzo, Landmark Architects the dedication date for the Pump Station would be sometime in October 2019.

Arthur Simonian, Mattabassett District informed the committee that there have been discussions with the Mattabassett District Board Chairman and internal staff on the costs that the City spent on the Pump Station installation relating to the removal of the grit,

sand and materials to see if the assessment to the City can be reduced. He also stated that the disposal of the grit that gets collected would be taken care of by the District to the Manchester Landfill.

**7. Executive Session**

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair to dispense with the Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano and seconded by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair to adjourn at 6:13 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest:



Sandra S. Pasculano  
Recording Secretary