

Committee Members

Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman  
Councilwoman Meghan Carta  
Councilman Anthony Mangiafico  
Joseph Bibisi  
Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair/ WPCA Chairman  
John A. Giuliano  
Elise H. McDermott, Finance and Budget  
David Bauer  
Brian K. Gartner, Jr. WPCA Commissioner

Committee Staff

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

**MINUTES**  
**\*\*\*AUDIO CONFERENCE MEETING\*\*\***  
**MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020**  
**MEETING**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman  
Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair, WPCA Chairman (joined meeting  
5:41 pm left meeting 6:33 pm)  
Councilman Anthony Mangiafico  
Councilwoman Meghan Carta  
John A. Giuliano  
David Bauer (joined meeting 5:41 pm)  
Elise H. McDermott, Finance & Budget  
Brian Gartner, Jr., WPCA Commissioner

**Members Absent:** Joseph Bibisi

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

**Others Present:** Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond  
Guy Russo, Prime Engineers

**1. Chairman Calls Meeting to Order**

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

**2. Public Comments**

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 5:40 pm as there were no emails for comments from the Public to Joseph S. Fazzino P.E., Director as instructed on the meeting agenda.

David Bauer and Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair joined the meeting at 5:41 pm.

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

3.1 Motion by Elise H. McDermott and seconded by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

### **4. Financial Report**

4.1 Elise H. McDermott, Finance and Budget informed the Committee that Prime AE Group, Inc. had submitted a request for a change order in the amount of \$80,000 as listed on the agenda which would put the remaining balance for the project at -\$53,853.54 and her concern was where would the funds be transferred from for the change order.

Joseph S. Fazzino, Director informed the committee that he was proposing to take the funds from the Decommissioning of the WPCF in the 4622 Fund and transfer to the Engineering line item. The remaining balance in the decommissioning line item is \$577,294.69 before the transfer of \$53,853.54. There are still some items to be completed for the demolition which include filling and abandonment of the underground tanks which should not use the full amount of the remaining balance in the line item.

Motion by Elise H. McDermott and seconded by Councilwoman Meghan Carta to approve the transfer of \$53,853.54 from the decommissioning line item to the engineering line item in the 4622 Fund.

Discussion:

David Bauer inquired as to the remaining balance in the demolition account once the transfer is approved. Philip J. Pessina, Chairman stated the balance would be \$525,294.00.

The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one no vote by David Bauer.

4.2A Motion by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico and seconded by Councilman Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair to approve payment of Tighe & Bond Inv. #35-032090056-057 in the amount of \$46,822.19. The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.2B Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilwoman Carta to approve payment of Walsh Construction Co II, LLC Inv. #37 in the amount of \$94,867.51. The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.2C Motion by Dale R. Aldieri , Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico to approve payment of Prime AE Group, Inc. Inv. #65 in the amount of \$53,416.90. The motion was approved with 7 members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.2D Motion by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico and seconded by Elise McDermott to approve Vincent Cahill PO Portable Restroom for Decommissioning WPCF in the amount of \$1,900.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2E Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilwoman Meghan Carta to approve Core & Main, LP PO Misc. Supplies for Decommissioning of WPCF in the amount of \$1,900.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3A Review and approval was made under Agenda Item 4.1 Financial Report.

4.4A Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico to approve Walsh Construction Co II, LLC CO#9 in the amount of \$195,106.66.

Discussion:

Dale R Aldieri, Vice Chair asked if the Change Order cost was listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report. Elise McDermott stated it was noted on the report.

The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.4B Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico to approve Prime AE Group, Inc, Amendment #6 in the amount of \$80, 000. The motion was approved with 7 members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

Discussion:

Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair asked if the amendment cost was listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report. Elise McDermott stated that the amendment was listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report and the transfer that was approved in Agenda Item 4.1 was for the amendment.

The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.5A Motion by Dale R Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico to approve payment of Tighe & Bond Inv. #36 042090064-065 in the amount of \$31,711.28.

Discussion:

Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair asked if the funds were included in the budget. Elise McDermott stated that funds were encumbered for the invoice.

The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.5B Motion by Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair and seconded by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico to approve payment of Walsh Construction Co II, LLC Inv. #38 in the amount of \$368,883.58.

Discussion:

Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair asked if the funds were encumbered. Elise McDermott stated they were encumbered.

The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.5C Motion by Dale R. Aldieri and seconded by Councilwoman Meghan Carta to approve payment of Prime AE Group, Inc. Inv. #66 in the amount of \$43,249.68.

Discussion:

Dale R. Aldieri, Vice Chair asked if the funds were encumbered. Elise McDermott stated that the funds will be encumbered pending the completion of the transfer that was approved.

The motion was approved with seven members voting in favor and one abstention by David Bauer.

4.5D Motion by Dale R Aldieri and seconded by David Bauer to approve payment of the Secretary Payroll of 6 Hrs. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **5. Staff Updates**

5.1 Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director notified the committee that with the current virus situation the department is working with a reduced staff and there has been no opportunity to do additional work on the Decommissioning of the WPCF. The work that remains to be done includes the security fencing around the tanks, coring of the tanks for drainage per CT DEEP, additional pipe cleaning verification and TV inspections with National Water Main and underground tank removal.

Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman stated that he wanted to commend Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director for recommending his staff to do the decommissioning work. He stated that they have done a wonderful job and have kept the work done within the funds available. On behalf of the committee and himself he wanted to extend to the staff very much appreciation with the work that they have done with the decommissioning. He also wanted to thank Donald Fisco, Deputy Director.

David Bauer requested a listing chronology of paid to date for the major contractors.

Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director stated that Walsh Construction Co II, LLC is at 98% complete with the last invoice submitted. There is about 1/2 million dollars in retainage that is being held. As part of CO #9 they have requested a reduction in the retainage that was approved from 2-1/2% to 2% as allowed in the contract. Work remaining on the contract to be done is topsoil and seeding, plantings for the wetland's recreation areas and final pavement for site and final permanent patch on East Main Street. There are also some items still being negotiated for additional change orders.

## **6. Construction Engineering Updates**

6.1 Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. updated the committee on the Construction Engineering.

- Roof spray on reflective application needs to be done.
- The requests for change orders from the contractor has been broken down in three areas. The first being CO#9 for the Walsh Construction Co II LLC that included items that were justified and a matter of accounting and minor items.
- The second area are in active discussion and includes the change for MH 111 revised drainage plan, waterline interference with the 30" force main, additional trafficmen (City Police), rerouting of the facility 6-inch water main from East Main St. to the facility and River Road additional work with the manhole. The total of the second area is \$333,300.
- The third area includes items that are being discussed but are far apart on. These items include providing a professional engineers stamp for the overhead crane to be rated, Maple Street Duct Bank, Dock Leveler Explosion Proof Control, deflection couplings, emergency eyewash conduit credit, CCTV revisions, Manhole 104 settlement, additional support under stair landings, bar screen removal railing, loading dock sill and door, additional fire stopping and extended overhead for River Road work. The total for the third area is \$431,538.

David Bauer suggested that if there may be litigation should the City Attorney come to the next committee meeting for an Executive Session for discussion on costs of litigation.

Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Chairman stated that he understood David Bauer's suggestion but before he would commit to that he wanted to give Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc., Joseph S. Fazzino, Director and Don Fisco, Deputy Director the opportunity to negotiate with Walsh Construction Co II, LLC concerning the items discussed by Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. Once the negotiations have gone as far as they can they can notify him and the committee to meet at the Regular Meeting or Special Meeting of the Committee.

Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. suggested that he along with Joseph S. Fazzino, P.E., Director and Don Fisco, Deputy Director meet with the City Attorney before there may be any litigation to discuss the issues first.

David Bauer questioned whether all the documentation for the Pump Station has been presented. Guy Russo, Prime AE Group, Inc. stated that all the manuals have been received by JK Muir also Amy Sowitcky, Tighe & Bond is working on completing special inspections. As built's are still an issue but will not be released till all the items are completed.

Dale Aldieri exited the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Frederick Muller, Tighe & Bond informed the committee that Walsh Construction Co II, LLC has responded to the punch list items for the SCADA system. There have been some high flows experienced and the system worked well. There was some vibration in the pumps at the end of February that has been largely addressed. There are punch list items that need to be done that will also help with some of the vibration in the pumps.

## 7. Adjournment

Motion by Councilman David Bauer and seconded by Councilman Anthony Mangiafico to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra S. Pasculano  
Recording Secretary