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Committee Members

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair
Councilman Philip Pessina, Co Chair
Councilmatic Representative, Thomas Serra
Councilmatic Representative, Joseph Bibisi
WPCA Chairman, Dale Aldieri
WPCA Commissioner, John Giuliano
John Parker
Tina Gomes
Michael Rosario

Committee Staff

Director Guy Russo
Deputy Dir. Robert Young
Chief Eng. Joseph Fazzino
Asst. Chief Eng. Christopher Holden

**MATTABASSETT BUILDING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2013
7:00 P.M.
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Councilman Todd Berch, Co. Chair
Councilman Philip Pessina, Co. Chair
Councilman Thomas Serra
Councilman Joseph Bibisi
Dale Aldeieri, WPCA Chairman
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
John Parker
Michael Rosario

Absent: Tina Gomes

Staff Present: Director Guy Russo
Chief Eng Joseph Fazing

Absent: Deputy Dir. Robert Young
Asst Chief Eng. Christopher Holden

Others Presesnt: Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.
Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire Engineers
Charlie Chiu, CDR Maguire Engineers
Steve Landry, CDR Maguire Engineers

1. Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Todd Berch, Co. Chair at 6:55 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Todd Berch, Co. Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes of the

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February 26, 2013 Meeting. Motion was made by Dale Aldieri and seconded by Michael Rosario to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013. Councilman Thomas Serra abstained from the vote. The motion was approved with 7 affirmative votes and 1 abstention.

3. Public Comment

There being no comments from the public, Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to close the public hearing. Motion was made by Michael Rosario seconded by Dale Aldieri to close the public hearing at 6:58 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously

4. Financial Report

4.1 There have been no changes to the budget line items for the project.

4.2 Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$6,500 for a payroll line item for the Recording Secretary. Motion was made by Michael Rosario seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve the transfer of \$6,500.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3 Councilman Todd Berch, Co. Chair requested a motion for the approval of Invoice #4 CDR Maguire for \$308,561.44. Motion was made by Councilman Joseph Bibisi seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve the payment of \$308,561.44 to CDR Maguire. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Todd Berch, Co.Chair requested a motion for the approval of 13-1/2 hours of salary for the Recording Secretary. Motion was made by Michael Rosario seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve salary request of 13-1/2 hrs. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.4. There were no change orders presented for approval.

5. Staff Updates

5.1 Director Guy Russo gave an overview of the meeting held with DEEP on March 13, 2013. Discussed at the meeting were project timing, the budget with Deep and Project Labor Agreements.

In regards to the project timing and budget, DEEP can not fund the construction till after the design is completed. The project will need to be out for bid before the pump station design is completed. After discussion with the WPCA Chairman it was agreed to request the WPCA to authorize a transfer of funds of \$1.5 million from the General Sewer Improvement Fund and \$1 million from fund balance in the Sewer Operating Budget to be used for the design expenses till there is an agreement under the Clean Water Fund this summer which will incorporate the design and construction.

Also discussed at the meeting was the topic of PLA Agreements in the bid. There was some discrepancy due to the engineer's unfamiliarity of the PLA Agreement. Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair said that a request would be made to the agency for inclusion of the PLA Agreement.

Councilman Thomas Serra questioned as to why there was a need to fund thru the WPCA when the City has the bond funds. Director Russo stated that this would be short term funding and per the Finance Director it would cost less money borrowing from WPCA than issuing bonds for six months and waiting for the State funds to become available.

Director Russo spoke about the estimated cost projections for the project are about 15% over original estimates. Some of the additional costs included the proposed installation of two pipes instead of one and additional borings avoiding Buckeye pipeline and the directional drilling.

5.2 Director Russo informed the Committee that there was a meeting with Arcadis the Value Engineer on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. This was a third party assessment of where we were with design. A report will be included in the next meetings packet.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire informed the Committee that present at the Value Engineering meeting was a pipeline engineer, hydraulic engineer and a facilitator from Arcadis and a representative from DEEP. The meeting began with a brief power point presentation and then they drove to the rail yard and were accompanied by representatives from Providence and Worcester. They walked down Bridge Street to the Buckeye valve station and further along the tracks to the river. The Arcadis representatives then held a closed meeting to review the design.

On Thursday Arcadis presented a draft report with their recommended alternative potential savings. The savings included using one 30" pipe instead of two 24" pipes for a cost savings of \$1,000,000. The second savings had to do with the directional drilling by trying to put the isolation valve ball right where one pipe comes up and the other pipe goes down. They also wanted consideration of potentially eliminating the open cut cover section and extending the directional drill another 500-600 feet. CDR Maguire will review and respond to their comments. CDR Maguire will also be required to present their comments and a copy of the final report by Arcadis to DEEP.

5.3 Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire also informed the Committee that he attended a DEEP meeting with Jim Sipperly, Director Guy Russo and Joseph Fazzino. Chief Engineer. The meeting was with regards to the final section because of the sensitive environmental nature. There is a proposed gated gravel access road to be built in order to drive down to the valve vault and make any repairs along the way. Director Guy Russo stated that he would be making an application to Cromwell Inlands Wetlands for their meeting on April 3, 2013.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire informed the Committee that there was a meeting with the Department of Transportation at which they were told that DOT would be endorsing the project as proposed. They would be looking at the drawings and start to work on an encroachment permit.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire also spoke on additional estimated design costs to the project. Due to the location of the Buckeye pipeline it may require another 20 feet of additional drilling thru rock. The cost would be 300% more than the original estimate. A meeting will be held with the sub consultant to determine if the pipe could be bent enough to go over the Buckeye pipe line instead of under it.

5.4 Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire gave an update on the Pumping Station Design. His firm is in discussions with a competitive company to have more staffing for the electrical part of the design. They are also looking for an additional structural engineer to the project. Landmark Architects has been contacted by CDR Maguire to schedule a meeting for cost proposals for Architectural Design of the building.

6. Old Business

6.1 Councilman Todd Berch, Co. Chair informed the Committee that the 2013 Committee Meeting Schedule will need to be amended. Due to City Budget Hearings the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2013 will need to be changed to Monday, April 29, 2013. Motion was made by Dale Aldieri seconded by Michael Rosario to reschedule the April 30, 2013 meeting to April 29, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. New Business

7.1 Director Russo handed out a copy of the proposed RFP for Construction Management, Inspection and Testing Services for the Intermunicipal Pump Station and Force Main. The Purchasing Department items will also need to be included.

He would proceed with the RFP based on the recommendation of the Committee for the original design engineer to over see the construction administration or the design engineer and a construction manager to oversee the construction administration of the project.

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to proceed with the Purchasing Agent's requirements to be included in the RFP and presented for approval. The motion was made by Councilman Philip Pessina, Co Chair and seconded by Councilman Joseph Bibisi. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Russo informed the Committee that he will provide the report from the Value Engineer and the reply by CDR Maguire at the April meeting. He will also supply information on the Deep Meeting for the proposed gravel access road and the meeting on April 3, 2013 with the Cromwell Inland Wetlands.

8. Adjournment

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by John Giuliano and seconded by Dale Aldieri to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

Attest: *Sandra Pasculano*
Sandra Pasculano
Recording Secretary