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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  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013  
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

**Members Present:** Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair  
Councilman Philip Pessina, Co Chair  
Councilman Thomas Serra  
Councilman Joseph Bibisi  
Dale Aldieri, WPCA Chairman  
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner  
Michael Rosario  
Tina Gomes  
**Absent:** John Parker

**Staff Present:** Director Guy Russo  
**Absent:** Deputy Director Robert Young  
Chief Eng. Joseph Fazzino  
Asst. Chief Eng. Christopher Holden

**Others Present:** Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.  
Charlie Chiu, CDR Maguire Engineers

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair at 7:01 P.M.

**2. Public Comment**

There being no comments from the public, Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M.

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### 3. Financial Report

3.1 Director Guy Russo requested the committee approve a transfer from contingency to create an administrative line item in the amount of \$5,000.00 which would be used for various items such as advertising, permit fees, etc.

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve the transfer of \$5000.00. The motion was made by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Joseph Bibisi to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from line item Contingency to a new line item General Administrative. The motion was approved unanimously.

3.2 Director Guy Russo also requested approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$150.00 to the Hartford Courant for advertising of bids for the Mattabassett District Regionalization Force Main Contract.

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve the purchase order for the Hartford Courant in the amount of \$150.00. The motion was made by Joseph Bibisi and seconded by Thomas Serra to approve the Hartford Courant purchase order as requested. The motion was approved unanimously.

3.3 Director Guy Russo requested the committee to authorize the Co Chairs to approve various items such as financial, contractual, permits, communications, etc.

John Giuliano suggested that authorization for a limit of \$15,000.00 be set for the approval by the Co Chairs for these items.

Councilman Thomas Serra requested that a copy of any authorizations approved by the Co Chair's be sent to the committee following approval.

Councilman Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to authorize a \$15,000.00 limit amount for approval of financial, contractual, permits, communications, etc by the Co Chairs. The motion was made by John Giuliano and seconded by Michael Rosario to authorize the Co Chair's a \$15,000.00 limit to approve financial, contractual, permits, communications, etc. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Guy Russo will also inform the committee at the monthly meeting of any authorizations that were approved.

#### 4. Staff Updates

4.1 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that the department had the plans and specifications for the force main contract and was awaiting some final clarification from DEEP on the bid alternate for the first directional drilling going into the pump station which would be replaced with an open cut and cover. He also is awaiting approval on the PLA which he expects to hear from DEEP on Tuesday. It has been determined that the PLA issue is not prohibited under the Clean Water Fund Act. If the PLA is included in the bid and not approved by DEEP with the chance of losing the Clean Water Fund funding, then an addendum to the contract can be issued to remove it.

Councilman Thomas Serra requested that the decision on the PLA Agreement be documented and in writing from DEEP on the funding.

Charles Chiu, CDR Maguire informed the committee that the time frame for any addendums to be issued will be up to five days before the bid date of June 28, 2013.

A motion was made by Councilman Philip Pessina, Co Chair and seconded by Michael Rosario to approve the Mattabassett District Regionalization Force Main Contract and the PLA Agreement language to be included in the contract as long as there will be no loss of funding from the Clean Water Fund. The motion was passed unanimously.

4.2 Director Guy Russo requested from the committee authorization to approve specific design aspects of the project including methods, equipment, pay items, material, etc. to limit risk to the project and change orders.

Director Guy Russo gave an example to the committee of the type of design decision that he has made with the directional drilling. The first drill which will be option #1 is an alternate that is substantially in rock. The last drill is all in silt from what was found. The middle bore even though they are staying above the hard rock there is a chance that the contractor may hit some rock. When he goes into drill, if he is not expecting rock and he hits rock he has to come out and retool. If he is not established for rock on the project site that could be \$25,000 to \$30,000 to ship the equipment here. Then you owe the rig and crew for the down time which could cost \$50,000 to \$70,000 a day. So the question was whether to pay the contractor to bring the rock equipment here and pay him when he has to pull out retool and put back at \$50,000 to \$70,000 a day, which could take a week, or just go ahead and say in his bid price to build in 10% for rock. The contractor would have to go over the 10% of justifiable rock before there would be a change order. The present estimated cost of the drilling in the two bore areas is \$5.3 million which is the long bore.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Philip Pessina, Co Chair to authorize the Director and Chief Engineer to approve specific design aspects of the project including methods, equipment, pay items, materials, etc.

Dale Aldieri was concerned about the amount of the authorization approval. He requested that the committee be apprised of all specific design decisions that are made by the Director and Chief Engineer on a regular basis and a report be presented at the monthly committee meetings.

It was a recommendation of the committee to amend the motion and appoint a sub committee consisting of Dale Aldieri and Philip Pessina, Co Chair to work with the Director and Chief Engineer and report back to the committee upon approval.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by John Giuliano to appoint Dale Aldieri and Philip Pessina, Co Chair to a sub committee to authorize the Director and Chief Engineer in specific design aspects of the project and report back to the committee upon approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by John Giuliano and seconded by Philip Pessina, Co Chair to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

  
Sandra Pascualano  
Recording Secretary