

Committee Members

Todd Berch, Co Chair
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Thomas Serra, Councilmatic Representative
Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilmatic Representative
James Streeto, Councilmatic Representative
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Dale Aldieri, WPCA Chairman
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
John Parker
Tina Gomes
Marie Hurley, CCPD

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Director Guy Russo
Deputy Dir. Robert Young
Chief Eng. Joseph Fazzino
Asst. Chief Eng. Christopher Holden
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

**MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Todd Berch, Co Chair
Philip Pessina, Co Chair
Councilman Thomas Serra (Left meeting at 6:48 PM)
Councilman James B. Streeto
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano
Joseph Bibisi
Dale Aldieri, WPCA Chairman

Members Absent: John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
John Parker
Tina Gomes
Marie Hurley, CCPD

Staff Present: Director Guy Russo
Chief Engineer Joseph Fazzino
Elise McDermott, Finance Department

Staff Absent: Deputy Director Robert Young
Asst. Chief Engineer Christopher Holden

Also Present: Al Sanders, Supt. Waste Water Plant
Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire, Inc.
Charles Chiu, CDR Maguire, Inc.
Steve Landry, CDR Maguire, Inc.
Joseph Cermola, Sr., Cardinal Engineering Associates, Inc.
Joseph Cermola, Jr., Cardinal Engineering, Associates, Inc.
Sind Hu Natarajan, Prime Engineering, Inc.

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Todd Berch, Co Chair at 5:59 PM.

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2. Public Comment

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened by Todd Berch, Co Chair at 6:00 PM. As there were no comments a motion by Councilman Sebastian Giuliano and seconded by Philip Pessina, Co Chair was made to close the Public Comments. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 26, 2013. Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 26, 2013. The motion was approved with six members voting in favor and one abstention by Philip Pessina, Co Chair.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Philip Pessina to have Items 5.1 and 5.2 be brought forward on the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Staff Updates

5.1 Director Guy Russo presented a signed letter of acceptance from Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc. for an additional 90 day time extension to finalize the award for the Wastewater Force Main Mattabassett Regionalization Project. The City cannot move forward with the contract till all contractual obligations with the regional sewer authority have been completed.

Director Guy Russo informed the committee that Prime Engineering had met with the Sub Committee and is working on finalizing the contract cost for the Contract Administration, Testing and Inspection for the project.

Director Guy Russo also met with Diana Doyle, Finance Dept. to determine if funds were available to cover the construction contingency cost thru the WPCA funds. He was told that there are adequate funds to cover this cost if required.

Motion by Philip Pessina, Co Chair and seconded by Dale Aldieri to accept the force main bid status report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

5.2 Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire, Inc. presented a report which included 60% design summary for the Pump Station. The probable construction cost in September at 30% design was 24.3M and was reduced to 21.9M at the present 60% design. The original goal was to decrease the project to a range of \$17M to \$19M.

Also included in the report was a design concept for consideration to lower the project cost with a reduction of \$3.5M. The building floor space would be reduced from 21,980 gsf to 12,050 gsf. The wet well would be placed outside of the building. There is some loss in project value and also an increase of \$300,000 for valve and metering vaults and exterior lifting monorail system for pump removal.

Councilman Thomas Serra raised his concern as to how the original projected figures from CDR Maguire, Inc. were compiled to present to the residents for bonding the total project at \$37,000,000.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire, Inc. responded that on May 5, 2012 the Mayor was given the figure of \$36,000,000 as the total project cost. Six months from November of 2011 to April of 2012 was spent meeting with the State and Railroad agencies focusing on the force main because the estimate of \$18,000,000 for the OPCC (Opinion of Probable Construction Cost) in 2004 Facility Plan was based on an alignment that was not finalized. Based on the approved alignment the cost came in at \$15,000,000.

Mark Kopchak also stated the same degree of time and effort was not afforded to the pump station. He stated in hindsight there should have been a review between what was presented on paper in the Facility Plan in 2004 and what the Water and Sewer Department and the City of Middletown wants today. The design for the pump station was based on the 2004 Facility Plan with a cost of \$12,000,000 that was presented to the Mayor. Additional costs presented to the Mayor were \$1,000,000 for the WPCF demolition and \$5,000,000.00 for Engineering.

Philip Pessina, Co Chair questioned Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire, Inc. as to what was used to increase the figure for the pump station from the 2004 Facility Plan to the figure presented to the Mayor.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire, Inc. stated that a percentage between 3% and 4% increase per year was used, and he would get back to the committee on the exact percentage.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire, Inc. also informed the committee that at the January Meeting he would present to the committee costs for putting the pumps in the wet well, which will lose some of the value when it comes to maintenance but will not lose functionality to reduce project costs.

Todd Berch, Co Chair requested an Executive Session with the commissioners. Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Philip Pessina, Co Chair to go into Executive Session at 6:42 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Session was closed and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:47 PM by Todd Berch, Co Chair.

Councilman Thomas Serra left the meeting at 6:48 PM.

Todd Berch, Co. Chair requested a motion to accept the Design Status Report for the pump station as presented. Motion was made by Dale Aldieri and seconded by Philip Pessina, Co Chair to accept the Design Status Report of the Pump Station as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report

4.1 Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion by Philip Pessina, Co Chair and seconded by Dale Aldieri to accept the Financial Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2A Councilman James Streeto noted that Item #3 under Task C1 – PS Final Design stated that there was a meeting but it did not say with whom. Charles Chiu, CDR Maguire, Inc. will send an amended copy to include that item.

Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer informed the committee he had reviewed the Inv. #13 for CDR Maguire, Inc. in the amount of \$44,122.10 and recommended approval.

Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve CDR Maguire, Inc. Inv. #13. Motion by Philip Pessina, Co Chair and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to approve the payment of CDR Maguire, Inc. Inv. #13. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2B Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a motion to approve the payroll of the Recording Secretary in the amount of 12 hours. Motion by Philip Pessina, Co Chair and seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve the Recording Secretary's payroll of 12 hours. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3 Charles Chiu, CDR Maguire, Inc. discussed with the committee a change order to design a replacement sewer on Maple Street. It was recommended by the committee to have the change order done within the contract but funded thru WPCA.

Motion by Councilman James Streeto and seconded by Philip Pessina, Co chair to refer the change order for the design of a replacement sewer on Maple Street to the WPCA for the discussion of funding and report back to the committee at the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Old Business

6.1 Motion by Philip Pessina and seconded by Dale Aldieri to table the naming of the Pump Station.

Councilman James Streeto made a recommendation as part of the motion for the Co Chairs to contact the Public Works for their list of names of Mayors and prominent citizens that may be used. Director Guy Russo also requested that WPCA individuals be considered.

The motion was amended to include contacting the Public Works for their list of names and WPCA individuals for consideration in naming the Pump Station. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.2 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that he is still waiting for the appraisal to be completed for the Lease Negotiation of the Jackson Corrugated Property.

Motion by Philip Pessina and seconded by Dale Aldieri to table the Lease Negotiation Jackson Corrugated Property. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Philip Pessina and seconded by Councilman James Streeto to adjourn at 7:31 PM. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest:



Sandra Pascualano
Recording Secretary