

Committee Members

Councilman Philip Pessina, Chairman
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Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair/ WPCA Chairman
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
John Parker
Tina Gomes
Marie Hurley, CCPD

Committee Staff

Guy Russo, Director
Robert Young, Deputy Director
Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

**MINUTES
MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Philip Pessina, Chairman
Dale Aldieri, Vice Chair, WPCA Chairman
Councilman Thomas Serra
Councilman Robert Blanchard
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
Joseph Bibisi

Members Absent: Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano
Marie Hurley, CCPD
Tina Gomes
John Parker

Staff Present: Guy Russo, Director
Joseph Fazzino, Chief Engineer

Staff Absent: Robert Young, Deputy Director
Elise McDermott, Finance Dept.

Others Present: Mark Kopchak, Eng. II, CDR Maguire
Paul Pizzo, Landmark Architects
Frederick Mueller, Tighe & Bond
Amy Vallencourt, Tighe & Bond
Peter Georgetti, Prime AE Group, Inc.
Art Choquette, Prime AE Group Inc.
Joseph Cermola, III, Cardinal Eng. Assoc.
Charles Chiu
Christopher Syrek, Associated Bldrs. & Contractors of CT

1. Chair Calls Meeting to Order

Philip Pessina, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Public Comments

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 7:00 with no comments from the Public.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by John Giuliano to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting November 5, 2015. The motion was approved with four members voting in favor and two abstentions by Councilman Robert Blanchard and Joseph Bibisi.

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Elise McDermott, Finance Department was not at the meeting but Director Guy Russo informed the committee that Elise has put the \$15,000,000 approved referendum into a separate bond to allow for better tracking. There will also be \$200,000 set aside for bonding costs.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.2 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that he is still awaiting answers from CT DOT and Providence and Worcester RR regarding Agenda Items 4.2C and 4.2D.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve payment of Agenda Item 4.2A CDR Maguire Force Main Inv. #15 \$5,101.63; Agenda Item 4.2B Prime AE Group, Inc. Force Main Inv. #18 \$36,855.77; Agenda Item 4.2E Northeast Remsco Force Main Inv. #16 \$515,273.00; Agenda Item 4.2F John Kolman Inv. \$9,600.00; Agenda Item 4.2G Recording Secretary Payroll 6 ½ hrs. and to table Agenda Item 4.2C Providence and Worcester RR Inv. #ENG100636 \$90,148.65 and Agenda Item 4.2D Providence and Worcester RR Inv. #100673 \$48,050.27. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3A Director Guy Russo informed the committee that after the City's appeal, CT DEEP has notified the City that the pump station will need to be redesigned for a second grit chamber as well as raising the station two feet to comply with the Federal Executive Order.

Discussions with CDR Maguire have been held concerning Amendment #17 for Re-Design Services, which includes considerable amount of sub contractor work to redesign both structural from the mechanical side and also additional permitting and site work. The initial cost for the Amendment #17 was revised from \$113,444 to \$118,444 to include additional work by Fitzgerald & Haliday.

Councilman Thomas Serra questioned whether a request for an increase in the grant allowance for the cost of the second grit chamber and the raising of the pump station two feet could be made. Director Guy Russo said he believed that it would have to be done by State Legislation.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Dale Aldieri to amend the agenda to allow Amy Vallencourt, Tighe and Bond to speak to the Committee concerning the building demolition. The motion was approved unanimously.

Amy Vallencourt, Tighe and Bond informed the Committee that she had reviewed some of the documentation for the pump station property including the pre demolition hazardous building materials survey done two years ago. Based on her review and experience with wastewater treatment upgrades and State funded projects she recommended to the City and CDR Maguire that additional test pits be done concerning PCB containing materials and waterproof coating on underground structures. This was recommended due to policy changes and environmental regulations with state funded projects. The proposal would provide how to address the materials if they were found. The cost of the proposal for time and material is in the range of \$40,000.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Dale Aldieri to approve the proposal of Tighe and Bond for additional test pits in the range of \$40,000.00 to meet CT DEEP requirements.

Discussion:

Director Guy Russo informed the committee that the cost for CDR Maguire Amendment #17 would include \$118,444 and the proposal from Tighe and Bond there and also a mark up of 5% for CDR Maguire, which is allowed under their contract.

Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire informed the committee that additional soil samples would be taken from the test pits done by Tighe and Bond adjacent to the tanks that would be held until the PCB results are received. If there were no PCB's the samples would be discarded and if there are the samples would be tested to show if it has leached into the soil.

Director Guy Russo stated there are still revisions that need to be made to CDR Maguire Amendment #17 and recommended it be sent to the Sub Committee to finalize the cost at a not to exceed \$175,000.

No Action was taken on the motion.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Joseph Bibisi to approve sending CDR Maguire Amendment #17 to the Sub Committee and authorizing them

them to finalize the amendment at a not to exceed \$175,000 and process to CT DEEP for their approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3B Director Guy Russo informed the committee that Northeast Remsco's contract was officially up on November 3, 2015 and the completion date being requested is May 25, 2016. The contract extension change order has no monetary compensation and was reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

Motion by John Giuliano and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to approve Northeast Remsco CO #15 Extension on Contract Time of 203 days. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.3C Art Choquette, Prime Engineers stated that Northeast Remsco CO#16 was requested as CT DOT informed Northeast Remsco that a "shoulder closed" sign pattern was required to be installed when work was being performed in the highway ROW on Rt. 9 south of Cromwell. There were also two catch basins that were bulk-headed at the direction of the State DOT that were included in the change order.

Motion by Joseph Bibisi and seconded by John Giuliano to approve Northeast Remsco CO #16 Additional Signage Rt. 9 and Remove and Bulkhead Storm Drains at Augur Bore No. 1 \$2,905.13. The motion was approved unanimously.

4.4 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that the transfer request in the amount of \$113,444 was for CDR Maguire Amendment #17 and should be referred to the Sub Committee for the finalization of the cost of Amendment #17 not to exceed \$175,000.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by John Giuliano to refer the transfer of funds for CDR Maguire Amendment #17 to the Sub Committee for their finalization of the cost and authorization to approve the transfer not to exceed \$175,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Staff Updates

5.1 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that the Sub Committee did receive the letter from the State DEEP on the design changes and they also met to review the CDR Maguire proposal.

6. Construction Updates

6.1 Art Choquette, Prime Engineers informed the committee that installation of the PVC that was stored off deKoven Drive is complete. The drill rig and equipment has been moved to the next drill area. The four junction vaults are being precast at a plant in New Hampshire, which should take a few weeks to complete. The first junction vault should

be delivered by Dec. 1, 2015. An inspector will be sent to the plant to pre inspect the seal and watch it as it is cast.

Director Guy Russo also informed the committee that Providence and Worcester RR has notified the City that they will need the track opened by the end of the year. The contractor is working to have the track back by December 20, 2015 to avoid any penalties with the railroad. CT DOT and Providence and Worcester RR are going to bring out ground penetrating radar to take a look at the voids that have come up during the frac outs and the costs will be passed onto the contractor.

Art Choquette, Prime Engineers also informed the committee that the cost for repair of the areas where there have been frac outs and sink holes along the side of the railroad tracks will be passed onto the contractor for payment.

7. Engineering Updates

7.1 There was no discussion held on this agenda item.

7.2 Mark Kopchak, CDR Maguire informed the committee that CT DEEP had reviewed CDR Maguire Amendment #17 and had questions and comments which he sent responses to Director Guy Russo for his review.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Dale Aldieri asked for clarification that the PLA discussed in the Middletown Press article was in regards to the General Contractor and not the sub contractors. Director Guy Russo stated that was correct and that the percentages for set asides within the State Law do not apply to this project, as it is a federally funded project. Also, the PLA has been rewritten to clarify this issue in the bid specifications.

9. New Business

9.1 Motion by Dale Aldieri and seconded by John Giuliano to approve the 2016 Calendar for the Mattabassett Regionalization Building Committee Meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.2 Councilman Thomas Serra recommended not taking the committee's concerns over the CT DEEP design changes to the Mattabassett District Board until it is known whether some of the costs can be defrayed.

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to keep Agenda Item 9.2 on the agenda for the December meeting of the committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Old Business

Director Guy Russo recommended looking into the appointment of a committee member to replace Michael Rosario who had resigned. Philip Pessina, Chairman will meet with the Mayor on this issue

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to waive the rules to allow a Public Comment. The motion was approved unanimously

Christopher Syrek, President Associated Builders & Contractors of CT and lives in West Hartford addressed the committee on his concerns with the use of the PLA in the Pump Station bid. He stated he works mostly with non-union contractors and the PLA will make it difficult if not impossible for them to bid. He went on to say the problem with the PLA is in the use of union labor and payment of union hall benefits. He did not feel that the PLA was the only reason there was only one bidder on the initial bid but it does drive down the competition because non-union bidders will not bid. He stated the more the competition the better the pricing.

Director Guy Russo commented that the sub contractors do not have to meet the MBE set aside requirements under the PLA for this project.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Thomas Serra and seconded by Councilman Robert Blanchard to adjourn at 7:58 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest: *Sandra S. Pasculano*
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Recording Secretary