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Committee Members

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

Committee Staff

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

**MATTABASSETT REGIONALIZATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 15, 2014
82 BERLIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT**

Members Present: Todd Berch, Co Chair
Philip Pessina, Co Chair
Councilman Thomas Serra (arrived 5:32 pm)
Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano
Joseph Bibisi
Dale Aldieri, WPCA Chairman
John Parker
Marie Hurley, CCPD

Members Absent: Councilman James B. Streeto
John Giuliano, WPCA Commissioner
Tina Gomes

Staff Present: Guy Russo, Director
Elise McDermott, Finance Department

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

1. Chair Calls Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Todd Berch, Co Chair at 5:30 pm.

2. Public Comments

The Public Comment portion of the meeting was opened and closed at 5:31 pm as there were no comments from the Public.

3. Financial Reports

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3.1 Guy Russo informed the committee that he has been exchanging emails with Tom Lewis, Chief Engineer-Track, Providence and Worcester RR. Director Russo is still waiting for Mr. Lewis to respond to his letter sent out on July 2, 2014 questioning the fee proposal submitted by Jacobs Engineering to the RR for field supervision, oversight and other tasks which he stated was in excess of the project amount budgeted. Director Russo recommended the committee table this item till the July 29, 2014 meeting of the committee.

Motion by Dale Aldieri and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to table Agenda Item 3.1 till the next Regular Meeting of July 29, 2014.

Councilman Thomas Serra entered the meeting at 5:32 pm.

Discussion on Motion:

Councilman Thomas Serra questioned some items included in the preliminary contract with the railroad and the City. 1) The cost to the City for price increases for materials exceeding 5%. 2) When the delivery of materials under the contract is delayed through no fault of the railroad the City shall be liable for the additional costs or associated damages. 3) If there is a mechanical breakdown caused by the railroad would the City be responsible to pay?

Philip Pessina, Co Chair requested the Director check with the City Attorney what the definition of a mechanical breakdown is.

Director Guy Russo will go over the items that were discussed and verify the City's responsibility with the City Attorney.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3.2 Director Guy Russo informed the committee due to Providence and Worcester RR wanting to deal with the construction entity and not the contractor, Northeast Remsco has submitted CO #1 in the amount of minus \$136,400. The change order includes minus \$86,400 for Construction Inspection, Flagging and Engineering Review and minus \$50,000 for Removal and Replacement of RR Tracks. Art Choquette, Prime Engineers is in the process of reviewing the change order.

Todd Berch, Co Chair requested Director Russo to have the Providence and Worcester Railroad inspectors sign in and out when on site for the project.

Motion by Joseph Bibisi and seconded by Dale Aldieri to authorize the Co Chairs to sign the Northeast Remsco Change Order #1 that totals minus \$136,400 after it is reviewed and approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

3.3 Director Russo stated to the committee that a second appeal was made to the Town of Cromwell to waive the Inland Wetlands Bond for the project but it was denied. The cost of the bond is \$20,604.

Councilman Thomas Serra stated for the record that he was reluctantly voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Dale Aldieri and seconded by Joseph Bibisi to approve the purchase order and payment of the Inland Wetlands Bond in the amount \$20,604. The motion was approved with Councilman Thomas Serra, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, John Parker, Dale Aldieri, Joseph Bibisi, Marie Hurley and Philip Pessina, Co Chair voting in favor. Todd Berch, Co Chair voted against the motion. The motion was approved.

4. Old Business

4.1 Director Guy Russo informed the committee that the S & S Partners property acquisition is completed. A small change order for paving and rip rap in the area will be presented in the Fall. The metal beam rail requested will be done thru the WPCA funds.

4.2 Director Guy Russo stated that Northeast Remsco is still interested in pursuing other options for substitution of Ductile Iron Pipe in the open cut areas with either a hybrid or adding another tank. They have authorized CDR Maguire, Inc. another \$6400.00 to do the modeling. The information should be ready for the Regular Meeting of July 29, 2014.

4.3 Director Guy Russo informed the committee the relocation of six CL&P poles were included in the construction contract with an allowance of \$30,000. In working with Jack DiMauro of Northeast Utilities it was determined that CDR Maguire, Inc. did not contact Northeast Utilities during design to find out whether it was in fact just six poles. There is a Federal mandated geometry for alignment that totaled 15 poles that need to be relocated. Northeast Utilities is working up a price for the relocation.

Todd Berch, Co Chair requested a report from Northeast Utilities of the condition of the poles, which is required by law to be inspected every two years. If the poles were marked with a double XX, they are slated for removal and the replacement cost should be negated to the City.

Director Russo informed the committee that there are a couple of issues that will be discussed at the committee meeting at the end of the month. These include a conflict with the force main on Bridge Street and a change order request will be coming in for the area down by Connecticut Rental in avoiding obstacles with the gas line.

Director Russo also informed the committee that the prime analyst from DEEP, Joseph Higgins will be leaving their employment. The concern is to keep the project on target.

Todd Berch, recommended the Director contact Mac McCleary, Deputy Commissioner DEEP and Commissioner Klee, DEEP before Joseph Higgins leaves their employment. Director Russo stated that he would first contact Dennis Greci, DEEP.

5. Adjournment

Motion by John Parker seconded by Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano to adjourn at 6:02 pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attest: *Sandra S. Pasculano*
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Recording Secretary