

Meeting Notes

Subject	Peirce Island WWTF Upgrade – Monthly Public Construction Meeting
Date	November 16, 2016
Time	11:00 AM
Location	Portsmouth, NH

A public meeting was held at 11:00 AM on November 16, 2016 at Portsmouth City Hall for the subject contract. A record of the discussion follows:

Don Song, Wastewater Project Manager, gave an introduction to the meeting and outlined the topics of discussion, including work completed so far, work anticipated in the next 6 months, construction details, events and recreation, and public input.

Following the introduction, the members of the Project Team that attended the meeting introduced themselves, and included:

- Don Song, Wastewater Project Manager
- Terry Desmarais, City Engineer
- Jon Pearson, AECOM Project Manager
- Bob Dahlinghaus, AECOM Resident Representative
- Andy Brodeur, Methuen Construction Superintendent

Don Song noted that to obtain information regarding the project there is a project website that can be accessed through www.portsmouthwastewater.com. The website is updated weekly with news and recreational information and has a reporting form that can be used to provide feedback or notify the town of any issues.

Jon Pearson discussed the work completed on the project since the last public meeting. The work at the corner of Marcy Street and Mechanic Street has been completed, as well as the installation of a pedestrian detour around the Player's Ring Theater and work is continuing on the pedestrian safety fencing along Peirce Island Road. Work completed in the island itself includes the delivery and installation of the temporary construction trailers for the Contractor and Engineer and drilling and blasting for rock excavation throughout the site. Drilling and blasting has also begun along Peirce Island Road to prepare for the installation of the underground electric and communications duct bank and new water main. Methuen is also beginning to store materials and equipment on site.

Andy Brodeur discussed the anticipated construction activities for the coming months. Progress so far has included the delivery and installation of temporary construction trailers and their associated utility connections, ledge removal by Maine Drilling and Blasting, and test pits by Methuen to determine the amount of ledge removal at various locations on site. Methuen Construction is preparing to install the revetment at the southwest corner of the plant, which will possibly include the reuse of blasted rock.

Over the next month, Methuen Construction will continue the installation of the utilities along Peirce Island Road, complete excavation for the Headworks Building, and install temporary electrical utilities for the plant.

Over the next six months, Methuen Construction plans to finish the revetment at the southwest corner of the plant, begin work on the revetment at the southeast corner of the plant, and continue ledge removal for yard piping throughout the site. They will begin the site work and installation of the new generator and electrical building, which is anticipated to be installed by March. They will enclose and heat the Headworks Building so they can continue with masonry work through the winter. They plan to begin the demolition of the existing sand filter building in January. Methuen Construction will install the locker room and lab trailers for the Owner in order to prepare for relocating the facility employees out of the existing administration building so that Methuen Construction can begin their work there.

Jon Pearson noted that the mandatory construction route into and out of the site is in place and all off island work, with the exception of some pavement striping and the Strawberry Banke parking lot, has been completed. The force main work on the Peirce Island Bridge, which is unrelated to this project, is still ongoing.

Jon discussed the upcoming events in Portsmouth including the Turkey Trot, Arthritis Foundation Road Race, Strawberry Banke events, and Prescott Park events. Construction activities will continue to be scheduled to accommodate these activities.

A public question and answer session then occurred, and is summarized below:

Jim Russ asked the following:

Q: What is the revetment process?

A: Methuen will be constructing 3 revetments on site which will reinforce the shoreline and protect it against erosion. The revetments are constructed by creating a slope with smaller stone and then building a face with larger stone.

Harold Whitehouse asked the following:

Q: Could these public meetings be scheduled at a different time (i.e., in the evenings) to allow for greater public attendance?

A: Daytime meetings were originally scheduled to accommodate businesses impacted by construction traffic. The project team is presenting in the evening to the City Council on December 19, and the public will be able to attend that meeting and provide input.

Q: Can you make construction photos available to the public?

A: The project team will determine a way to provide construction photos to the public, possibly via the project website.