

**CITY OF GROTON UTILITIES COMMISSION
/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

April 20, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hedrick called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Mayor Keith Hedrick

Commissioners: Jeffrey Godley and Robert Zuliani

Absent: George Mathanool and George Scully

Staff present:

Director of Utilities, Ronald A. Gaudet
Executive Administrator, Noemi Walencewicz
Executive Administrative Assistant, Maureen French
General Manager Operations, Mark A. Biron
General Manager Projects & Planning, Bruce Kruszewski
General Manager Customer Service, Tina Daniels
General Manager Information Technology, Sue Blanchette
Associate General Manager Key Accounts, Aaron Brooks
Manager of Communications and Community Outreach, Dan Bouges
Manager of Electric Engineering, Randall Surprenant
Manager Water/Wastewater, Richard Stevens
Manager of Water Engineering, Ray Valentini
Water Foreman, Mauricio Duarte
Project Manager, Joshua Rehrig
Electric Engineering Aide, Erin Gardell
Accounting Manager, Yi Xiang
Senior Accounting Assistant, Nicole Romanski
Utility Financial Analyst, Patricia Thomas

2. SAFETY MOMENT

General Manager Mark Biron explained that he chose the topic of the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season Forecast because due to the Atlantic water basin being warmer than normal, it is likely there will be tropical storm activity prior to June 1, 2022, which is when the hurricane season starts. The forecast for the Atlantic Hurricane Season indicates there is potential for sixteen to twenty (16-20) named storms, six to eight (6-8) hurricanes with three to five (3-5) being major, and the possibility for four to six (4-6) to impact the United States. He said Managers should take supply chain issues into consideration with the storm forecast. He shared a handout with the Commission with bullet points that reference storm preparation. Bullet points include: what to do before a tropical storm and hurricane, preparation and planning for a storm - do not wait until a warning is issued, ensuring families have an emergency plan in place and the plan is practiced, and residents should know their zone and review insurance policies.

Chairperson Hedrick added, that in addition, the Atlantic conveyor is slowing down causing the intensity and duration of storms to increase and become more frequent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Godley moved, **Commissioner Zuliani** seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 16, 2022.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on March 24, 2022.

Motion carried.

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 2022.

Motion carried.

Chairperson Hedrick made a motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to move agenda item **12 Action Items** up to be addressed after agenda item **4 Review and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**.

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded a motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda.

Motion carried.

12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-11** Consideration of and action to approve the Operating and Capital Budgets for the Electric Division for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Godley moved, **Commissioner Zuliani** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-11.

Chairperson Hedrick asked if there were any questions on the FY 22-23 Electric Division Budget following the Budget Presentation of April 13, 2022. The Commission had no questions.

Motion carried.

- B. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-12** Consideration of and action to approve the Operating and Capital Budgets for the Water Division for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-12.

Chairperson Hedrick asked if there were any questions on the FY 22-23 Water Division Budget following the Budget Presentation of April 13, 2022. The Commission had no questions.

Motion carried.

- C. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-13** Consideration of and action to approve the Operating and Capital Budgets for the Sewer Division for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Godley moved, **Commissioner Zuliani** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-13.

Chairperson Hedrick asked if there were any questions on the FY 22-23 Sewer Division Budget following the Budget Presentation of April 13, 2022. The Commission had no questions.

Motion carried.

- D. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-14** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to enter into a three year contract with option for two year renewal to purchase tree trimming services from Lewis Tree Service, Incorporated, 300 Lucius Gordon Drive, West Henrietta, New York to paid from Electric Operating funds in the Proposed FY 2023 Budget and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-14.

General Manager Mark Biron explained that the current tree trimming contract with Asplundh would be over effective June 30, 2022. Management solicited bids and received three responses. He added that in addition to lowest cost, Lewis Tree can provide a full time supervisor for oversight.

Commissioner Godley asked if the tree company operates locally. General Manager Biron stated that they do work in Connecticut, and they plan to re-establish an office in Southeastern Connecticut.

Commissioner Zuliani asked why the action does not include a dollar amount. Director Gaudet explained that a purchase order is not issued to the company, but rather that tree trimming is paid on invoice. He explained that the amount paid would not exceed the dollar amount budgeted. The Commission asked that they approve a dollar amount reflected in the company's bid submission.

The Commission agreed the dollar amount needed to be included.

Chairperson Hedrick made a motion, **Commissioner Zuliani** moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded to amend the action item as follows:

GUC-WPCA 22-04-14 Amended Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to enter into a three year contract with option for two year renewal to purchase tree trimming services from Lewis Tree Service, Incorporated, 300 Lucius Gordon Drive, West Henrietta, New York for an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$548,457.60) with an approximate increase of 4% in year two and approximate increase of 3% in year three to be paid from Electric Operating funds in the Proposed FY 2023 Budget and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve amended Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-14.

Commissioner Zuliani asked, on behalf of Commissioner Scully, if the foreman was added to oversee the tree trimming. General Manager Biron explained that there will be a foreman overseeing crews in Bozrah and Groton.

Motion carried.

- E. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-15** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to D & D Power, 500 Columbia Drive, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, Florida, not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars and No Cents (\$453,802.00) which includes a ten percent (10%) contingency to complete the re-conductoring and pole replacement on Military Highway to be paid from the FY16 Electric Capital Bond Fund and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Godley moved, **Commissioner Zuliani** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-15.

Manager Surprenant explained that a Master Service Agreement (MSA) is in place with BHI Energy, and that D and D Power is the construction division of BHI. He said the Utility has been successful with their services in the past. He said D and D Power will dedicate crews and will get a time frame to complete, adding that this is the same company that was hired to complete work on Thomas Road and on South Road in Bozrah.

Motion carried.

- F. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-16** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to PAR Electric, 55 Corneau Way, South Windsor, Connecticut, not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars and Sixty Five Cents (\$2,525,527.65) which includes a twenty five percent (25%) contingency for the installation of the 400, 1410, and 1280 transmission lines re-conductoring to be paid by the Transmission Line 1410/1280/400/ Buddington Substation FY 2022 Bond Fund Project, and furthermore the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-16.

Manager Surprenant explained that this Action Item is for the replacement of wood poles to iron corrugated poles. The project is planned to start in June 2022, with the expectation of completion by the end of July 2022. He said that PAR was used by Eversouce, and the MOU in place allows Groton Utilities to use contractors used by Eversource. He said the company is confident they can do the work and complete within the time line approved. Manager Surprenant then introduced Erin Gardell, Electric Engineering Aide, to the Commission, as she is overseeing this project.

Motion carried.

- G. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-17** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Burns and McDonnell, 108 Leigus Road, Suite 1100, Wallingford, Connecticut not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars and No Cents (\$160,215.00) which includes a ten percent (10%) contingency to provide construction oversight support of the Transmission Lines to be paid by the Transmission Line 1410/1280/400/ Buddington Substation FY 2022 Bond Fund Project, and furthermore the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Godley moved, **Commissioner Zuliani** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-17.

Manager Surprenant said oversight is needed to manage the construction through the three different phases. He said this will be the “Boots on the Ground” to manage the day to day work. He said the construction will be managed through the three different phases and Management will be kept informed of any situations that arise.

Commissioner Godley asked what kind of firm Burns and McDonnell is, and additionally, if we have personnel in house that can oversee the project.

Manager Surprenant explained that Burns and McDonnell is a full service engineering firm specializing in transmission with extended experience which includes modeling and design, and they will bring the resources needed. He said in-house experience can look at drawings, but do not have the experience with transmission construction.

Chairperson Hedrick asked if this company is also working with Eversource, and Manager Surprenant confirmed. Chairperson Hedrick said this provides continuity. Manager Surprenant added that this cost also falls under pool transmission facilities (PTF).

Motion carried.

- H. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-18** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Granite Inliner Solutions, 195A Norridgework Road, Fairfield, Maine not to exceed Four Hundred Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and No Cents (\$442,618.00) which includes a ten percent (10%) contingency to provide all labor, materials and equipment for installation of Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP) Sewer Lining to be paid by the FY 22 Wastewater Bond Fund Program and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-18.

Manager Valentini explained that as part of the Inflow and Infiltration (INI) Study four to five years ago, the Utility started lining sewer mains. Granite Inliner Solution s in now involved, and relining will start with Shennecossett Road to Jupiter Point. All 8” pipes will be completed before summer, when residents return to Jupiter Point for the busy season. He said there are issues when it rains. He explained that this is the first of many phases of this project and the Commission will be kept informed on the scope of the overall project.

Chairperson Hedrick said this is part of the larger scope of work that needs to happen. There is water collection that happens in Jupiter Point that impacts the sewer and the pump stations, and this the pipe lining will tie into the larger scope of work.

Motion carried.

- I. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-19** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Trimble Inc., P.O. Box 203558, Dallas, Texas for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Five Cents (\$290,843.05) for Computer Maintenance Management System Service Agreements for Water and Wastewater Divisions to be paid from the FY 2023 Water and Wastewater Non Bonded

Capital Budgets, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Zuliani moved, **Commissioner Godley** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-19.

Director Gaudet reminded the Commission of the presentation several months ago of Erin Kitt's report of Groton's technology and process assessment. The recommendation was made for a Computer Maintenance Management System (CMMS). This CMMS will include the Water Filtration Plant, Water Meters, and the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). He added that Trimble is fully implemented in the Electric Division and the Utility GPS System is managed by Trimble already. Director Gaudet added that the system will simultaneously be rolled out in the Public Works Department. He said once these divisions are implemented, Management will be able to include the entire Utility at a later date including piping. The money approved will enable the company to come in and initiate the roll out.

Chairperson Hedrick explained that the system will bring the Utility to a having a clearly organized and managed program. It would track all maintenance of all equipment, not just trucks.

Commissioner Zuliani asked if he understood correctly, this sounds like a comprehensive program, all encompassing; tracking the fixed assets and the capitalized assets.

Director Gaudet elaborated that the system would also track and monitor man hours and required hours, to assist with staffing.

Commissioner Zuliani asked what would happen to the current system, once replaced, and Director Gaudet explained that there is no current maintenance system, just financial tracking.

Motion carried.

- J. **GUC-WPCA 22-04-20** Consideration of and action to authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Azteca Systems, LLC- Cityworks, 11075 State Street, Suite 24, Sandy, Utah for an amount not to exceed Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$47,500.00) for year one of a three year agreement for Cityworks Online Server to be paid from Proposed FY 2023 Operating Budget, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur

Commissioner Godley moved, **Commissioner Zuliani** seconded that the Groton Utilities Commission / Water Pollution Control Authority approve Action Item GUC-WPCA 22-04-20.

Director Gaudet explained that this is the software part of the Trimble System. He said this cost would be recurring and will slightly increase over time. The previous action is a one-time set up fee.

Motion carried.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Thank you from customer

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A. Sam Spano – 300 Thames Street, Groton, CT – Chairperson Hedrick read the email submitted on April 19, 2022 (attached).

7. REGIONAL WATER UPDATE

A. Poquetanuck Cove Interconnection - Manager Valentini updated the Commission that the contractor ordered the pipe, but delivery is not expected for about seven (7) months. He added that a letter was received from the State. The State reviewed the plans and made a few more comments to which Management will respond. He said the plan was approved last year, and there will not be any progress without materials.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Manager Xiang reviewed March 2022 monthly financial highlights

Electric

Total Electric Revenue for the month of March is 5.8% more than budget and about flat compared to last March. The positive variance is driven by Residential and Industrial Sales which exceeds the budget by 5.6% and 10% respectively.

Operation & Maintenance Expenses for March are 10.7% below budget. Net Income for the month is \$109K more than budget. The favorable variance of Net Income is driven by over budget Revenues plus below budget O&M Expenses.

Commissioner Zuliani thanked Manager Xiang on her hard work each month and the positive financial condition of the Utility as a whole.

For the month of February, customer conservation charges are \$81K and conservation expenditures are \$46K. As of March 31, 2022, \$2.2M remaining funds are available in the conservation account.

*The current CLM Rate of \$0.0025 per KWh has not changed since January 1, 2011.

Water

March Water Revenue of \$869K is 4.6% or \$39K more than the budget and 1.7% or \$16K less than last March. The positive variance is driven by sales for resale which exceeds the budget by 27.8%.

Operation & Maintenance Expenses for March are 2.5% below the budget and Depreciation Expense is 28.5% more than the budget. Net Earnings for the month are \$24K more than the budget. The favorable variance is driven by over budget revenues plus below budget O&M expenses.

Commissioner Zuliani commented on the health of the Water Divisions financials.

Sewer

March Sewer revenue of \$327K is 8.6% below the budget and 2.1% or \$7K less than last March. The negative variance is driven by Industrial Sales which is 17.3% less than the budget.

Chairperson Hedrick indicated that there is now a good handle on the deduct meters which explains the bottom line.

Operation and Maintenance Expenses for March are 7% more than the budget and Net Income is \$48K below the budget. The negative variance of Net Income is driven by below budget revenues plus over budget O&M Expenses.

Commissioner Zuliani said that industrial is down because of deduct meters. He added the YTD total is ahead of the game compared to last year being down. He reiterated that the Utility is in a good financial position.

Chairperson Hedrick thanked Finance Manager Xiang for her hard work and expressed his appreciation.

9. PROJECTS / INITIATIVES UPDATE

A. Water Filtration Plant Project Closeout Update – Manager Valentini reported that the manganese contactors are running. He added that there are two pump tests that need to be done, the pumps are in service but not tested. He added that the check list of items is being worked on, landscaping will start as soon as possible, and hydro-seeding will take place.

Chairperson Hedrick asked for clarification that there is full authorization to operate the plant, and the pumps are not an issue. Manager Valentini confirmed.

Manager Valentini said the State has completed their inspection, verbal approval has been received, and Management is waiting for written approval.

Commissioner Godley asked about the HVAC progress. Manager Valentini said the new systems are online, and the geothermal is starting up today. The filters have been cleaned on the geothermal, but will require maintenance every 3 months.

B. Intergovernmental Services Agreement (IGSA) - Associate General Manager Brooks said the Utility is evaluating a variety of water services to provide to the Navy. There was an event held last week with the Mayor, the Director, CT Governor Lamont, and Congressman Joe Courtney. He said nothing formal has been signed at this point and promised to keep the Commission informed. He thanked the Water Department for their work to make the progress possible.

C. Project Tracking – PMP Rehrig shared the updated Project Tracking Report and explained increase was due to spending for received materials last month. He added that Management is confident spending is within budget. He also said the projected completion dates of the projects have been added to the spreadsheet as requested.

D. Projects Update

Transmission – Manager Surprenant gave an update on the Transmission Project. He said that construction will start on June 11th for the 1280 Line, then the 400 Line and 1410 Line construction will follow. It is expected that the optical ground wire will be completed by the end of July. The tear down of the adjacent Eastern Connecticut Transmission (ECT) starts in September and will be reconstructed with changes. He estimates the end of February time frame for completion on that; noting supply chain issues may have impact. Following that completion, work will begin inside the station.

EB South Yard Assembly–Manager Surprenant said the EB South Yard Assembly Building is currently scheduled to power up for Thursday, April 21, 2022; it had been planned for Tuesday, April 19, 2022, but the delay has been due to the weather.

He said all breakers will be disconnected and the lines will be energized. At that point, the Utility will be powering all transformers and the Substation. Commissioner Zuliani asked how many people would be needed to have this happen. Manager Surprenant said with crews of 5-6, Management will be assigning all available electric line and substation crew; he estimates it will take all available resources.

Lead Copper Rule Revision and Grant Application – Manager Stevens explained that a grant request for planning and design was submitted to DPH; Management is waiting to hear back.

WWTF Facility Plan – Manager Valentini noted Wright Pierce presented a draft facility plan, Management commented, and is currently waiting for the final plan, which is expected by the end of April. Manager Stevens said the decision was made to look at methane more in depth.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. WWTF Odor Update – General Manager Biron said there has been a review of the history of odor complaint calls. He said there were a few odor complaints that correlated with evolutions that took place such as tank cleaning or sludge pumping, and that the WWTF crew is operating in accordance to procedure and trying to mitigate odors. He said the design for Hi-Vac system and scrubbers is in the works.

Chairperson Hedrick asked that the information to address the questions in Mr. Spano’s email, about the scrubbers and the history of the scrubbers, be prepared for the May meeting.

Commissioner Zuliani asked about the Hi-Vac system. Manager Stevens said it will replace the one scrubber but looks at all process systems. He said there will be Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) filters on each process. The GAC system was chosen because it is more robust. Chairperson Hedrick clarified that there is no liquid phase; that the GAC will filter air, not water.

- B. Tri Town Trail Association – Manager Stevens indicated the report from the consultant has not been completed yet. There was an administrative issue, and the lead he was working with has changed firms. The request was made to reissue a purchase order to a new firm, and that is in progress.

Commissioner Godley asked if there will be a written report. Manager Stevens said most likely a Draft would be prepared possibly for May, but there will eventually be a presentation for the Commission. Director Gaudet said he has asked that the consultant interview Tri Town Trail representatives to be sure their concerns are addressed.

- C. Purchasing Policy Draft – General Manager Blanchette indicated that the Commission received a Draft, which is updated from feedback received, and review of City Charter and City Purchasing Policy. She said it follows the plan to simplify the policy, removing procedural documents. The plan is to get the policy through the Commission then have a joint GUC/ WPCA and City Council Meeting.

Chairperson Hedrick said a joint meeting with Councilors and Commissioners is in discussion.

Commissioner Godley asked for the Draft to be sent in a separate Word Document. Director Gaudet promised that would be done.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Zuliani stated that the Utility Commission approved three budgets totaling \$92M and recent actions totaling approximately \$4M; he expressed confidence in Management.

Chairperson Hedrick said it is a great matter, and agreed that the product is the result of the success of Staff.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 11:58 a.m. **Commissioner Godley** moved, **Commissioner Zuliani** seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Attest:

Keith Hedrick
Chairperson

From: sam spano <syclonesam@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Director's Office <directorsoffice@grotonutilities.com>
Subject: UC meeting 4/20/22

Sam Spano 300 Thames St

There have been six odor days since the last UC meeting on 3/16/22. These were Fri 3/18 PM, Wed 3/30 PM Sat 4/2 PM, Tues 4/5 PM, Monday 4/11 PM and Wed 4/13 PM. All odor days were called in to GU Customer Service except Sat 4/2 because the SW wind was intermittent.

Again, I suspect there were more odor days but I can only smell it at my house with a SW wind coming from over the plant.

For reference purposes- There were zero odor days during the same time period last year.

I watched the the presentation given on the WWTF by the current CPO at the City Council Meeting of the Whole on 3/28/22. During this presentation the GU intern program came up. The mayor brought up the fine work done at the plant several years by then intern Kelsey Reeves who now has earned her PHD in Environmental Engineering from the University of Colorado.

As he stated in the meeting- One of her achievements while an intern at the WWTF was the design of what are known as Mini Bio-Scrubbers. These units filter the odors out of the air using a natural media. I also believe she was awarded a college scholarship by the City of Groton for her work.

I was a bit surprised that the mayor brought up this particular achievement up considering he is chair of the Utilities Commission and should thus know about the ultimate fate the these scrubbers.

There were originally three of these mini scrubbers designed, built and put into daily use at the plant. It is my understanding they worked quite well at filtering out odors from the air for many years providing they were properly maintained with new media every six or so months. Proper maintenance of all systems at the plant is a matter I have brought up on multiple occasions at prior UC meetings.

In Jan of 2020 the current administration at the plant removed two of them that had been at the plant ground level and it is my understanding that they were scrapped. They also were never replaced by anything capable of the same function. I had brought this matter up in writing before the UC commission at meetings starting Jan 2020 and running thru May 2020. One- I asked who was it in GU management that authorized the removal and disposal of these scrubbers? Two- I also asked that they be replaced. GU management did not respond to either of my requests.

It now is my understanding that the third mini scrubber which was up on the roof by the digester was also removed and I believe scrapped at the end of 2021. This also was not replaced with any substitute.

I wonder what Dr. Reeves would say about the ultimate fate of her design and hard work?

To me this is an example of things moving backwards rather than forwards in regards to solving the odor problems at the plant!.

Since the subject has come up again, I am again asking- Who was it in GU management authorized the removal and disposal of the now three Mini Bio-Scrubbers? I am also asking that the UC Chairperson look into this matter and find out the answer for the next UC meeting in May.

So here we are now more than 33 months since the start of the current odor problems on July 8, 2019. If this past winter/spring is any example. Things are getting worse rather than better! I am very concerned what the up coming warm summer weather will bring this year?

Again, I Thank the Commissioners for Your Help in Advance