

**Unapproved
Town of Ridgefield
Water Pollution Control Authority**

**WPCA Special Meeting
October 19, 2017 6:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Amy Siebert, Ron Hill, Kevin Briody, Gary Zawacki, Rudy Marconi
Suez: Jeff Pennell, Matt Brown
AECOM: Jon Pearson, Don Chelton
Raftelis: Dave Fox, Will Kerr

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- b) **Motion to approve minutes from September 28, 2017 by Mr. Briody, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, Motion carried 4-1 (Mr. Marconi abstaining).**

2) Old Business

- a) **Sump Pump Disconnect Letter Responses.** The responses have been positive from property owners, working with condominium associations. To date, there have been 24 reported sump pump redirections.

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DEEP can provide any comments on the Draft Facilities Plan. DEEP cannot approve the Phase 2 Facilities Plan until the EIE process is completed.

b. **WWTF Upgrade Design.** Mr. Pearson provided an update on several items on the WWTF design, as follows:

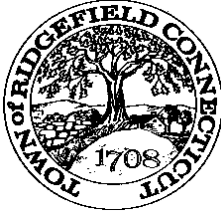
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- ii. Wetlands Delineation continue with wetland scientists from Soil Science and Environmental Services on-site thru late Oct.
- iii. Borings have been completed at WWTF and Route 7 PS site, Force main route borings will be done in a second phase later. There was a meeting with AECOM, the First Selectman, Town Engineer, Highway Superintendent, and the WPCA Administrator on 10-10-17 regarding the requirement for the driller to post a bond for the Town excavation permit. It was concluded that the driller will need to obtain a Town excavation permit for the force main route borings, but no bond will be required.
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- v. AECOM is continuing with a number of parallel efforts on the WWTF Upgrade design. A team of technical design specialists representing a range of technical disciplines visited the WWTF on October 17th and discussed many of the concepts and details of the upgrade with Suez staff.

c. **Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Design.** AECOM contacted the Town Engineer to obtain review comments on the submitted 90 percent documents, and he has reviewed the plans and will be providing written comments. Easements and wetlands permit would be the next steps towards implementation of the project.

4) **Suez Report.** Suez Environmental reviewed the report for September with no major incidents.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Briody at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Mr. Zawacki passing unanimously, 5-0.

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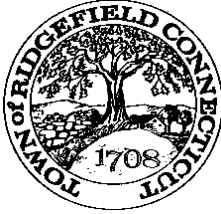
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