



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

**WPCA Special Meeting Via ZOOM  
August 25, 2022 5:00 p.m.  
66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Amy Siebert, Maureen Kozlark, Corinne Ketchum, Ron Hill  
WPCA Absent: Gary Zawacki  
AECOM: Matt Formica  
Veolia: Ryan Richmond, Jeff Pennell

**These are not verbatim minutes of the proceedings but identification of  
general items and specific actions undertaken.**

**WPCA Regular Meeting was called to order by Ms. Siebert at 5:00 pm.**

**1) New Business**

**a) Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve July 28, 2022 minutes by Ms. Kozlark, seconded by Mr. Hill,  
passing 4-0.**

**b) 34 Bailey Avenue**

- i) On August 10th Mr. Pennell and staff from Veolia, were on site and cleaned the line for the video inspection. Mr. Pennell stated that there was a blockage in the line but it would not interfere with the project. He also stated that they could connect to the sewer line on Bailey Avenue. Ms. Siebert stated that the issue with the water retention basin over the sewer line still needs to be addressed.

**2) AECOM**

**a) Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, and WWTF Decommissioning  
Construction**

- i) Mr. Formica discussed that M&O Construction continued the installation of the force main and fiber optic cable conduits last month completing the installation on Lee Road. Since then, they continued the installation north on Limekiln Road. Through yesterday, approximately 4,100 feet of force main pipe and fiber optic conduits have been installed, which is 30% of the total force main length. It was noted that M&O Construction requested and was granted approval to work extended hours from 7 am to 11 pm for five weeks through 9/23/22 on a one-week trial basis. Based on discussions with the First Selectman's office today, the extended hours will be allowed to continue

for the next four weeks unless there are substantial issues or increased complaints. AECOM and M&O Construction continue to coordinate with the police and the school bus company with the extended hours and start of school on Monday 8/29. The monthly virtual construction progress meeting was held today with, Ms. Kozlark, Ms. Van Ness, Mr. Pennell, and Mr. Richmond attending. With construction progress this month, Mr. Formica indicated that AECOM has submitted Progress Payment Estimate No. 6 for the Route 7 project in the amount of \$283,734.08 for M&O Construction, and recommended it be approved for payment.

- ii) Mr. Formica indicated that AECOM has been continuing to work with Ms. Van Ness to prepare and post weekly project updates on where work will be occurring that are being emailed to town departments as well as being posted on the WPCA website, Town website and Facebook page. Ms. Van Ness has also arranged to have it published on Hamlet Hub as well. In addition, this month a public notice for the extended work hours was developed and distributed.
- iii) Mr. Formica discussed that DEEP is continuing to review the Clean Water Fund Grant/Loan application that was submitted to the DEEP on March 28th.
- iv. Mr. Formica noted that according to the latest project schedule, M&O Construction plans to have the force main installation completed this calendar year. After that however there would be an approximate five-month gap before the start of the onsite pump station construction work which is currently scheduled to start in May 2023. M&O Construction's pump station subcontractor United Concrete has indicated that they plan to construct the complete pump station well wet and valve vault off site in their facility and deliver it to the site for installation. United Concrete has indicated that there are several key components with long lead times which are impacting the pump station schedule (generator, variable frequency drives (VFDs), and programmable logic controllers (PLC's)). Mr. Formica noted that AECOM has requested documentation to support any time extension request related to the extended equipment lead times. It was noted that construction schedule gaps are not uncommon in the industry with some clients / contracts specifically requiring them for various reasons (ex. summer seasons restrictions in tourist dependent communities, etc.). It was noted that M&O was working with United Concrete to better understand the material supply chain issues and their potential impact on the project schedule. Once that information is known it will be communicated to AECOM and the WPCA. The WPCA request that a review of the Route 7 WWTF NPDES permit be conducted to review if there could be any permitted compliance issues.

#### **b) South Street WWTF Upgrade Construction**

- i) Ms. Kozlark requested that the WPCA discuss the recent letter received from Horton Electric's Legal Council (Isaac Law) objecting to granting any additional time extensions to Spectraserv. The WPCA expressed their concerns with the letter and questioned what impacts it might have on any discussions related to the time extension request by Spectraserv earlier this year. Mr. Formica briefly summarized the history of the time extension request noting that at the last meeting the WPCA had

agreed to Spectraserv's request to sit down to discuss the unsubstantiated time extension request from Spectraserv. Mr. Formica noted that since the last meeting AECOM had requested some dates from Spectraserv for such a meeting. Spectraserv noted that now that Liberty Mutual their surety has had their construction specialist liaison (Joe Coffman from JP Held) on site, that they want to defer that meeting until September 8<sup>th</sup>. The WPCA indicated they wanted the Town's legal counsel to review the contract language and provide their opinion prior to sitting down with Spectraserv to discussion their time extension request. The WPCA planned to provide the contract documents to Pullman and Comely in the near future.

- ii) Mr. Formica stated that the monthly construction progress meeting was held today with Ms. Kozlark, Ms. Van Ness, Mr. Pennell, and Mr. Richmond, participating. It was noted that work continues to progress at a similar pace as previous months and that no significant milestones had been achieved. It was noted that at today's meeting that it was discussed that the project expenditure rate has not increased from their historical pace and that an updated schedule was expected in a few weeks with Joe Coffman's input on the schedule. It was noted that Mr. Coffman was asked about his thoughts on how to improve the project schedule at today's monthly progress meeting. It was noted that he had limited meaningful input but that may be due to the fact that he has only been working on the project for three weeks. It was noted that the WPCA should consider a meeting with Mr. Coffman and Spectraserv in advance of next month's progress meeting to see what his findings and recommendations are to provide meaningful change to the project schedule before another month's time has passed.
- iii) The revised Change Order No 5 and new Change Order No. 6 were presented. Mr. Formica noted that last month AECOM had provided and the WPCA executed Change Order No. 5 that contained six items that totaled \$95,625.88. Upon DEEP review, the DEEP requested that the change order be revised to split the items between 2 change orders. These Change Orders were provided to the WPCA in advance of the meeting. It was noted that there were no modifications in the total value or conditions from the change order approved last month. It was noted that through Change Order No. 5 and Change Order No. 6 that the total of change orders to date is approximately \$295,000 which represents 0.8% of the project bid price. The WPCA agreed both the revised Change Order No 5 and new Change Order No. 6 were acceptable.
- iv) Mr. Formica presented a potential change order for the WPCA review and approval to provide some site grading revisions and a new handicapped parking spot to to provide access to the Control Building to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. **Motion to accept change order as presented not to exceed \$75,000 by Ms. Kozlark, seconded by Mr. Hill, passing 4-0.**

Ms. Kozlark left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

### 3) Veolia

- i) Mr. Pennell presented the July 2022 Monthly Report. The NPDES Discharge Monitoring Report for the Route 7 facility and the South Street facility met compliance for the month of July 2022. Mr. Richmond stated that over the past month we have been experiencing numerous pump failures on both pumps at the WWTF Influent Pump Station requiring several staff call outs. Veolia noted that they are continuing to trouble shoot the issues with some outside help (IDC electric) with the hope to resolve the issues soon.

#### **4) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. by a **Motion made by Mr. Hill seconded by Ms. Ketchum, motion passed unanimously, 3-0.**

**Submitted by Diana Van Ness**