



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

**WPCA Regular Meeting
May 27, 2021 5:30 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Amy Siebert, Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Maureen Kozlark
WPCA Absent: Kevin Briody
AECOM: Jon Pearson, Don Chelton
Suez: Jeff Pennell, Ryan Richmond, Jon Arneth, Michael Burke

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

Meeting held via ZOOM Video Teleconference.

WPCA Regular Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Ms. Siebert

1) New Business

a) Approval of Minutes

- i) Motion to approve April 22, 2021 minutes by Ms. Kozlark, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing 4-0.

2) Old Business

a) Review Connection Fee

- i) Will be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

3) AECOM

- a) WWTF Upgrade Design.** Mr. Pearson noted that with the DEEP's approval of the contract documents for the Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, and WWTF Decommissioning contract, and with the issuance of the DEEP authorization to advertise the project for bids, the design phase of the project has been completed.

Mr. Pearson reviewed the three bids that were received on May 18th for the construction of the Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, and WWTF Decommissioning contract, noting that all three bids were above the estimated cost. Mr. Pearson discussed reasons for the bids coming in at higher level, and options to move forward on the project were discussed. Options including increasing the funding for the project, reducing the cost through reductions in the scope of the work, or rebidding the project, were discussed.

Next steps are to complete the review of the bids and the qualifications of the apparent low bidder, and schedule meetings with the WPCA, Town, AECOM, and Suez to review/discuss scope reduction options as well as options to increase the funding for the project.

b) South Street WWTF Upgrade Construction

i. Mr. Pearson noted that the monthly construction progress virtual meeting was held today and Gary, Jeff, Ryan, and Mike participated. The level of activity on-site has increased this month and construction has continued including:

- The upgraded Final Settling Tank No. 1 was put back into service on May 6th, and after a run -in period to confirm the new rotating sludge collection mechanism operated without issues, Final Settling Tank No.2 was taken offline for upgrading. The old mechanism in FST No 2 was demolished and installation of the new mechanism is underway.
- Modifications to the Control Building and Chemical Buildings are continuing, with extensive plumbing and electrical work ongoing and installation of the roofing system.
- The ground level floor slab was placed for the Blower/Garage Building, the CMU walls have been erected to the second floor level, and work is ongoing to form the second floor slab.
- Application of the interior protective coating in the sludge storage tank was completed.
- The concrete base slab and septage tank walls for the new Septage Building have been placed, and work is ongoing on the footings that will support the building.
- The excavation for the new UV/Reaeration Building is underway.
- Site work continues on the installation of a variety of piping and conduit systems at various locations.

ii. AECOM continues to be concerned about Spectraserv's rate of progress to meet the revised project completion date and April 2022 date for phosphorus removal compliance and DEEP shares that concern, and Mr. Pearson noted that AECOM issued a letter to Spectraserv outlining the concerns and requested that Spectraserv identify specific actions to increase the rate of progress and dates for those actions to be implemented.

iii. Mr. Pearson noted that Progress Payment No. 20 for Spectraserv that covers the month of April, 2021 in the amount of \$1,387,061.35 has been submitted and AECOM recommends it be approved for payment.

iv. Mr. Pearson noted that the DEEP had issued the final FY 20/21 Clean Water Fund Final Priority List, and the Route 7 contract remained on the fundable list for this year.

4) Suez

a) Mr. Pennell presented the Suez Environmental report for April 2021. Mr. Pennell discussed repairs to the F250 truck.

5) Adjournment

- a)** Motion to adjourn Meeting at 7:20 pm by Ms. Kozlark seconded by Mr. Hill, passing 4-0.

Submitted by Diana Van Ness