



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

**WPCA Special Meeting  
August 22, 2019 5:30 p.m.  
66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA:	Amy Siebert, Ron Hill, Kevin Briody, Rudy Marconi arrived at 5:38
WPCA absent:	Gary Zawacki
Suez:	Jeff Pennell, Matt Brown
AECOM:	Jon Pearson
210 High Ridge:	Ellis Tarlton
Danbury:	David Day, Doug Brown
Septage:	Chuck Noble, Jeff Nota, Bob Nota

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

**WPCA Special Meeting called to order at 5:31 by Ms. Siebert**

**1) New Business**

- a) Approval of Minutes.** Motion to approve July 25, 2019 minutes by Mr. Briody, seconded by Mr. Hill, Passing 4-0.
- b) 210 High Ridge.** Mr. Tarlton requested information on connecting to the Town Sewer on High Ridge Ave. Mr. Marconi suggested that Jake Muller discuss this with Mr. Tarlton.
- c) Danbury FOG Information.** Mr. David Day and Mr. Doug Brown from Danbury Public Works discussed their approach to eliminate Fats, Oils and Grease from the Danbury sewer system. They have reduced the amount of FOG since starting their program in 2012 by a significant amount by monitoring the restaurants and replacing the under the counter AGRU's, when possible, with exterior grease traps.
- d) Motion to change the order of Agenda items to accommodate the septage haulers questions by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Hill, passing 4-0.**
- e) Septage Receiving Options During Construction.** Mr. Chuck Noble and Mr. Jeff Nota discussed the septage receiving options during construction. They stated that it will be a hardship for them to have the septage receiving station not available during construction. Ms. Siebert stated that because of the very small site, it would be difficult for the contractor to accommodate them during construction. Mr. Pearson stated that he would address the potential to reduce the duration of the septage receiving closure period with Spectraserv at the construction meeting tomorrow.

**2) Old Business**

- a) South Street WWTF Upgrade Bond Resolution.** Mr. Marconi stated that Glenn Santoro, Robinson & Cole, has changed his position regarding the need to hold a second referendum on the sewer plant upgrade, agreeing with Pullman & Comley that no referendum is needed if the WPCA Fund Balance provides the \$4 million in additional funds. Mr. Pearson noted he had spoken with George Hicks at the DEEP regarding who should be involved in a conference call to discuss questions on the

Clean Water Fund Grant/Loan for Ridgefield, and Mr. Hicks noted that the key is to have the Town's Bond Counsel, the State Treasurer's office, the WPCA, Mr. Hicks, and AECOM involved. Ms. Siebert will follow-up with Pullman & Comely to schedule the conference call with DEEP to discuss the questions on the Clean Water Fund.

- b) **South Street Easement Agreement.** Legal counsel has sent a revised copy of the temporary construction easement agreement that incorporated the property owner's comments to the adjacent property owner for review as the next step in execution of the agreement.

### 3) **AECOM Report**

#### a) **WWTF Upgrade Design**

- i) The Planning & Zoning/Inland Wetlands permit applications for the Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main, and WWTF Decommissioning were submitted on 7-31-19. Mr. Pearson noted that Richard Baldelli has asked if the WPCA will be going back to the Architectural Advisory Committee to address the request for a rendering of the site for the PS. Following discussion, Mr. Pearson was asked to respond to Mr. Baldelli that they will not be preparing renderings. Mr. Pearson also noted that Richard Baldelli has also requested supplemental information regarding compliance with Floodplain Development and Local Aquifer Protection Regulations to supplement the application and AECOM will be providing this information.
- ii) The P&Z/IWB meets on Sept. 3rd, when it is expected the boards will vote to accept the applications and schedule the public hearing.
- iii) Updated plans and specifications for this contract were sent to Charlie Fisher on July 23<sup>rd</sup> for review – he indicated he is currently reviewing
- iv) Mr. Pearson noted that the revised plans for the Route 7 PS site showing the reduced driveway width at 901 Ethan Allen Highway and the change to a green 6 foot high 3 sided vinyl privacy fence were sent to the property owner for review. He suggested that the discussion regarding the need for easements and the property owner's acceptance of the revised design is a priority as Richard Baldelli asked if the WPCA has written agreement or authorization from the 901 Ethan Allen Highway property owners for this work. Mr. Marconi will follow-up with him.
- v) Mr. Pearson noted that the DEEP has asked several questions on the flood management certification application and AECOM is responding.

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

- i) Mr. Pearson updated the WPCA that a draft preliminary schedule for the South Street WWTF was received from Spectraserv this afternoon. This schedule shows a late November mobilization on site. AECOM is corresponding daily with Spectraserv, and initial shop drawing submittals are beginning to arrive. An administrative status meeting with Spectraserv is being held tomorrow at 9:30 am to review status of the many permitting items that are needed.
- ii) Spectraserv had inquired about potential to tie the temporary construction trailers into the DPW pump station. As Mr. Marconi suggested, Charlie Fisher was contacted and he did not see an issue with this and asked that we check the condition of the manhole – this will be done tomorrow. Mr. Fisher felt Peter Hill did not need to be involved in this.
- iii) Mr. Pearson noted that the wetlands permit for the South Street WWTF upgrade requires preparing a planting enhancement plan for the 2 pocket wetlands at the rear of the WWTF as well as removal of invasive species. AECOM is meeting with Beth Peyser/Richard Baldelli tomorrow to get further clarification of what is required and when. It was discussed that ultimately there will be a need to ask Spectraserv to do this work via a change order as it was not included in the contract as the wetlands approval was issued after the June 17, 2019 bid date.
- iv) AECOM noted that preparation of the Route 7 WWTF NPDES permit renewal application has been completed and needs to be signed by the WPCA tonight so it can be submitted. AECOM

will coordinate with Ms. Van Ness to publish the required public notice of submittal of the renewal application. Mr. Pearson also noted he has discussed the status of the permit application, and the South Street WWTF Upgrade, with Ann Straut from the DEEP, who is the new DEEP contact, picking up the Ridgefield projects from Max Fan who is no longer with the DEEP.

- 2) **Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Design.** No activity on this project this month.
- 3) **Suez Report.** Mr. Jeff Jennell presented Suez Environmental report for July, 2019.

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Briody, seconded by Mr. Hill at 6:58 p.m., passing 4-0.**

Submitted by Diana Van Ness