



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

**WPCA Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2017 7:00 p.m.  
66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA Present: Amy Siebert, Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Kevin Briody  
Rudy Marconi arrived 7:30 p.m.  
Suez: Jeff Pennell, Michael Burke, Matt Brown  
AECOM: Don Chelton  
Town Attorney: David Grogins

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

**1. New Business**

- a. **Motion to approve minutes from March 29, 2017 and April 18, 2017 by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Briody. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Marconi absent).**

**2. Old Business**

**3. AECOM Report**

**a. Facilities Plan Update**

- i. **Clean Water Fund 55% Percent Planning Grant.** The executed Clean Water Fund Agreement with supporting documentation was submitted to DEEP. Once DEEP executes the Agreement, the Town can submit a payment request for reimbursement under the \$429,397 grant for the Phase 2 Facilities Plan.
- ii. **Phase 2 Wastewater Facilities Plan -** AECOM submitted revised slides for the public hearing presentation. The slides were revised in accordance with the comments received from the Authority during its April 18, 2017 meeting. If the Authority has any additional comments, AECOM requested the comments be forwarded to them by noon on Monday, May 1, 2017.

AECOM also briefed the Authority on the major items discussed during AECOM's meeting with the DEEP on April 18, 2017. The major items were infiltration/inflow (I/I) reduction, the timing for the Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE), DEEP approval of the Facilities Plan, DEEP approval of design phase fees, and phosphorous grant appropriation.

DEEP did not have any major comments on the Phase 2 Wastewater Facilities except for the reduction of I/I. They noted the timeframe for I/I reduction needs to be included in the final plan. They also noted that I/I reduction needs to be completed by the time when the treatment plant is upgraded.

AECOM is preparing an EIE as part of the facilities plan. There are regulatory requirements for public notice that have to be met as part of the EIE process. Those requirements include a public notice for a 30-day comment period for the EIE scoping notice and a public notice for 45-day comment period for the draft EIE report. Given the regulatory timeframes for public notice, AECOM projects the EIE will be completed and accepted by DEEP in October. DEEP cannot issue final approval of the facilities plan until the EIE process is completed.

DEEP also indicated their rules require the facilities plan be approved before they can approve fees for design services. Since approval of the facilities plan is projected to happen this fall, any design related costs incurred by the Town before then may not be eligible for State funding. DEEP also stated they have been able to fund design costs retroactively and a decision will be made at a later date. The risk of delaying the start of design until the fall is the Town will most likely not be able to meet the deadline for the 50 percent phosphorous grant of July 1, 2019 for a signed construction contract.

DEEP indicated the State Legislature is scheduled to act on an appropriation to fund the Clean Water Program for the next two fiscal years. Included in the appropriation will be funding for the 50 percent phosphorous grants.

- b. **Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Design.** AECOM submitted design documents to the Authority last month and is waiting for comments from the WPCA.
  - c. **Aerial Survey.** AECOM requested aerial survey for design route to South Street.
    - i. **Motion to approve surveyor to take aerial topography pictures of landscape from Route 7 to South Street not to exceed \$5,000 by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Marconi, passing unanimously, Motion carried 5-0.**
4. **Suez Report.** Suez Environmental reviewed the monthly reports for March with no major incidents. Plant met permit limits.
- a. Mr. Pennell requested the purchase of Vaughan Model S3L-070 submersible pump.
  - b. **Motion to purchase above-mentioned pump not to exceed \$10,000 by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Briody, passing unanimously.**
5. **Motion to go into Executive Session and invite Mr. David Grogins, Mr. Don Chelton and Ms. Diana Van Ness by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Marconi, passing unanimously, Motion carried 5-0.**
- a. **No motions were made.**
  - b. **Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:20 by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Hill passing unanimously.**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hill at 9:20 p.m., by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Briody, passing unanimously.**

Submitted by Diana Van Ness