



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

**WPCA Regular Meeting
May 31, 2018 7:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Amy Siebert, Ron Hill, Gary Zawacki, Rudy Marconi, Kevin Briody arrived at 7:30
Suez: Jeff Pennell,
AECOM: Jon Pearson
509 Main St. Michael Eppoliti
40 North St. Chris Curnan

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

WPCA Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Ms. Siebert.

1) New Business

- a) **Motion to approve minutes from May 2, 2018 by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Marconi, Motion carried 4-0**
- b) **509 Main Street.** Mr. Eppoliti requested his excess 8.5 units from 509 Main Street be transferred to 7 North Street and 159 Danbury Road. **Motion to transfer 8.5 units to 7 North Street and 159 Danbury Road by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing 4-0. Mr. Briody was not present for vote.**
- c) **40 North Street.** Mr. Curnan requested a letter stating that when he is ready to hookup to the town sewer that his fee would be waived. The original agreement for Cops Hill/Peat Park's states that everyone is charged the annual fee and when the property connects to the town sewer, if the annual fee meets the \$5,700 hookup fee, the \$5,700 is waived.
- d) **84 Governor Street.** The WPCA discussed the flow in the line from Governor Street.
- e) **800 Ethan Allen Highway.** The WPCA discussed the sewer allocation for this property. It was determined that G10-0026, 800 Ethan Allen Highway has 12 units allocated.

2) Old Business

- a) **Rate Consultant.** Mr. David Fox, Raftelis, sent an update on the progress of the rate analysis. Mr. Fox requested a special meeting to discuss the status of the project and input from the WPCA. Meeting dates were discussed.

3) AECOM Report

- a. **Phase 2 Wastewater Facilities Plan.** DEEP had submitted the EIE Record of Decision (ROD) to the State Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for the Phase 2 Wastewater Facilities Plan on April 10, 2018. DEEP received additional comments from the Dept. of Public Health (DPH) on the ROD and forwarded a copy of the comments, which AECOM distributed at the meeting. No action is required from the WPCA at this time, as DEEP has indicated that they will respond to the DPH comments.
- b. **WWTF Upgrade Design.** AECOM prepared the memorandum summarizing the review of the 30% Value Engineering (VE) recommendations including the WPCA's decision on each item and submitted the memorandum to the DEEP on May 21, 2018. AECOM subsequently contacted the DEEP to offer to meet with DEEP staff to review the 30% submittal, the VE

Report, and/or the VE Review Memorandum, but DEEP has indicated no meeting is needed at this time.

AECOM is continuing with the advancement of the design, with the next milestone being the 60 percent design submittal, which is scheduled for mid-July. Once that milestone is achieved, the 60 percent VE review will then be conducted by ARCADIS. AECOM has targeted August 7-9, 2018 for the 60 percent VE review, which will be held at the Town Hall Annex similar to the 30 percent VE Review. AECOM asked for confirmation that the estimated project cost for the referendum in November is needed by mid-August, and this was confirmed. AECOM noted that with this schedule, the project estimated cost will be based on the 60 percent design submittal.

Test borings along the force main route are scheduled to begin on Monday June 11, 2018. The Inland Wetlands officer has issued a permit for the work, and the drilling subcontractor will be obtaining the excavation permit from the Highway Dept. and a permit from DOT for the boring along Route 7. The borings are anticipated to take 2-3 weeks to complete and will be done in 2 steps: vacuum excavation of the first 5 feet of each boring followed by drilling to the target depth for each boring. AECOM will have an inspector accompany the drilling subcontractor, Geologic Earth Exploration, and will provide contact information for the inspector to the WPCA, Town Engineer, Highway, and the Police Dept., and will also provide daily location reports to all parties. A police detail will likely be needed for traffic control for most, if not all, of the borings. The WPCA has already alerted the Police Department of the upcoming work.

DEEP Priority List – Mr. Hill raised a question regarding whether the DEEP Clean Water Fund is fully funded as he had a document which showed no revenue bonds were included in the approved state budget, and revenue bonds were the source of a portion of the funds for the Clean Water Fund. AECOM will contact DEEP on this question. AECOM did submit a letter to DEEP on the revised project cost for inclusion on the final Clean Water Fund priority list.

The need for a staging area for the construction contractor's use for the WWTF upgrade was discussed. There are some potential staging areas on the opposite side of South Street. The potential to use the planned site of the relocated Quail Ridge Pump Station behind the Goodwill Trailer was also discussed.

The potential to use a fabric structure rather than a masonry building for the Septage Building was discussed. It was indicated that the fabric structure is less robust and has a shorter life than the current proposed masonry building with translucent panels. The decision to use a masonry building could be revisited at a future date if needed.

c. **Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Design.** No activity this month.

b) **Suez Report.** Mr. Jeff Pennell presented Suez Environmental report for April 2018 with permit exceedances. The facility was over the permitted average daily flow of 1 mgd. Discussed recent rain events. Rowland Lane sewer, street and properties and other areas of Town. Discussed contacting Fox Hill and Casagmo condominiums for status of sump pump removal. **Motion to send letter to Fox Hill and Casagmo associations to attend WPCA meeting to discuss sump pump removal by Mr. Briody, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing 5-0.**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Hill at 8:45 p.m., passing 5-0.

Submitted by Diana Van Ness