



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

**WPCA Regular Meeting
March 28, 2019 7:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Rudy Marconi, Ron Hill, Amy Siebert, Kevin Briody arrived 7:25.
Suez: Jeff Pennell, Michael Burke
AECOM: Jon Pearson

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

WPCA Regular Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Ms. Siebert

1) New Business

- a) **Approval of Minutes, February 28, 2019 and March 8, 2019.** Motion to approve 28 February 2019 minutes made by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, Passing 3-0. Motion to approve 8 March 2019 minutes made by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, approved 4-0.
- b) **Danbury Interlocal Agreement.** Discussed Danbury/Ridgefield Interlocal Agreement regarding Boehringer-Ingelheim and Turner Hill subdivision. Chris McCormack, legal counsel, has researched the Agreement and states that the principal purpose of the 1973 agreement was to "make the benefits of Ridgefield's 120,000 gpd sewer allocation available to the B-I property in exchange for their assuming the costs and obligations associated with the allocation. Mr. Marconi and Kevin Redmond had questions about how the Town's \$8 million portion of the WWTF project would be handled. Mr. Pearson suggested they confer with Glenn Santoro, Bond Counsel, who has been contacted.

2) Old Business

- a) **Raftelis Rate Study Update.** WPCA, Raftelis and Chris McCormack will meet to discuss rates.
- b) **Policy for payment in lieu of repairs to collection system.** The WPCA will review the policy with Mr. McCormack

3) AECOM Report

1. WWTF Upgrade Design.

- a. Mr. Pearson noted that AECOM met with DEEP on March 6th to review the 100% plans and specification submittal. Key items discussed were:
 - 1) DEEP approved selected spare parts as eligible for funding assistance (spare parts for the UV System, Spare Ferric Mixer, PLC panels, Fire Sprinkler system, BluePRO filter PLC panel). DEEP subsequently issued an approval letter.

- 2) DEEP had no additional review comments on the 100% submittal documents other than the comments on limited eligibility of spare parts and warranties longer than 1 year – DEEP required separate bid items for these two components of the work to track them as ineligible costs. DEEP also requested significant documentation of changes to the plans and specifications since the 100% submittal was made, including identifying all changes to the specified spare parts and warranties.
- 3) DEEP has requested that the Clean Water Funds for the 50 % Phosphorus Grant program be authorized by the State Bond Commission, but funds have not yet been authorized by Bond Commission.
- 4) DEEP has not yet reviewed the South Street WWTF NPDES permit modification application

Advertising of the South Street WWTF Upgrade project for bids is being coordinated with the Director of Purchasing, Jake Muller. Mr. Muller has reviewed the Specification Front End and had no changes. He has forwarded Dave Grogins, Town Counsel, the documents so he may review the Front End also for compliance with Town requirements. Revisions if any, will be made by addendum.

- b. AECOM revised the 100% submittal plans and specifications to address DEEP comments as well as other revisions, and submitted signed and stamped plans and specifications to the WPCA and DEEP on March 25th with a request for approval to advertise for bids. DEEP has verbally indicated approval to bid is being issued, and will follow up with a letter. DEEP agreed the South Street WWTF Upgrade project should be advertised for bids.
- c. Mr. Pearson reviewed the planned Bid Schedule for the bidding of the South Street WWTF upgrade contract as follows:
 - Bid Advertisement - Monday 4/1/19 in the Hartford Courant/Danbury News Times and on Thursday 4/4/19 in the Ridgefield Press
 - Bid Date - Friday 5/10/19 at 11:00 am
 - Pre-Bid Conference - Friday 4/12/19 at 10:00 am in the Town Hall Annex followed by a tour of the South Street WWTF.
- d. AECOM updated the WPCA on the recent review of the project by the Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC). The Planning & Zoning regulations require this project be reviewed by AAC. AAC is only advisory to the P&Z. AECOM attended the AAC meetings on 3/12 and 3/26. Ms. Siebert and Ms. Van Ness also attended the 3/26 meeting. The AAC had a number of issues with the plans as presented:
 1. South Street WWTF.
 - a. Did not like building exterior materials – Does not like appearance of calcium silicate cast stone or the Hardie Plank Clapboard siding. Feels all buildings should be red brick.
 - b. Requested Photometric plans – AECOM provided the plans at the 3/26 meeting. Concerns with site lighting height – AECOM reducing height of light poles and revise the photometric studies.
 - c. Did not like Translucent wall panels on Septage Building – AECOM revised the plan to provide windows instead of translucent panels at the 3/26 meeting.

- d. Did not like landscaping, and confirmed plans need to be prepared by licensed landscape architect – AECOM revised landscaping plans and submitted at the 3/26 meeting.
- e. Requested 3D Renderings of site

2. Route 7 PS

- a. PS is unattractive and too close to the road. Suggested screening fence be added around all 4 sides of PS – AECOM provide a number of sample fence types but AAC suggested black chain link fence with black PVC slats.
- b. Concerned that adjoining property owners are not aware of the project and will not like having PS in front of property.
- c. Did not like landscaping – AECOM revised landscaping plan and submitted at the 3/26 meeting. Suggested raised berm/planting bed in front of the pump station.
- d. Requested gravel at PS site instead of loam and seed
- e. Requested 3D Renderings of site

These comments were discussed. AECOM presented costs and advantages and disadvantages of several types of exterior facades. Following discussion of these items, the WPCA directed AECOM to keep the building facades as currently designed, with a gray calcium silicate base and red Hardie-plank type siding on the existing buildings, and gray calcium silicate on the new buildings. At the Route 7 PS, a 3-sided screening fence with a landscaping berm in front of the PS, as well a grid pavers on the south side of the site for vehicular access are to be included.

- e. AECOM discussed the Planning & Zoning/Inland Wetland Commission Permitting schedule and noted permit applications for the South Street WWTF Upgrade contract should be submitted by the end of next week. Ms. Siebert emphasized the importance of all WPCA members attending the P&Z/IW meeting once it is scheduled to support the project.

2. WWTF Upgrade Engineering During Construction.

- a. Following the approval of the Agreement with AECOM for engineering services during construction subject to legal review at the February 28th WPCA meeting, AECOM received comments from Chris McCormack on Agreement on March 12th. AECOM provided responses to the comments, and held a conference call with Chris McCormack and Ms. Siebert on March 19th to review and agree on revisions. AECOM submitted a revised Agreement that incorporated the agreed to revisions, and the Agreement was executed on March 26th.

3. Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Design. No activity this month.

4) Suez Report. Mr. Jeff Pennell presented Suez Environmental report for February, 2019.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Briody at 8:27 p.m., passing 5-0.

Submitted by Diana Van Ness