



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

**WPCA Regular Meeting
June 27, 2019 7:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Amy Siebert, Rudy Marconi
WPCA absent: Kevin Briody
Suez: Jeff Pennell, Michael Burke, Matt Brown, Ryan Richmond
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 7:00 by Ms. Siebert

1) New Business

- a) **Approval of Minutes, May 23, 2019 and June 11, 2019.** Motion to approve May 23, 2019 and June 11, 2019 minutes by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, Passing 4-0.

2) Old Business

Bond Commission Update. South Street WWTF Upgrade Contract Execution.

The State Bond Commission met on June 26th and approved the funds for the DEEP Clean Water Fund (CWF), which included \$136.5 million in grant funds. Discussed the urgency in signing the contract for the South Street WWTF Upgrade to be eligible for the Phosphorus grant. WPCA will continue to address the bond resolution and financing side of the project, including obtaining legal advice. Mr. Hill questioned whether there was a written commitment from DEEP for the grant funds. Mr. Pearson noted that until the CWF grant/loan Agreement is signed between the Town and DEEP, the funds are not committed. DEEP has confirmed that the funds authorized by the Bond Commission have funds for the Ridgefield project. The Grant/Loan will be done in two steps: the initial CWF application will cover the South Street WWTF and engineering. When the Route 7 PS, Force Main, and WWTF Decommission contract is bid, and the source of the additional funds needed identified as a result of the South Street WWTF Upgrade bid cost being higher than anticipated, the application can be submitted for the second contract and the balance of the project costs. Given that the WPCA has sufficient funding in place for South Street, the contract with Spectraserv for the South Street WWTF Upgrade can be signed.

Motion to authorize WPCA Chair, Ms. Amy Siebert, to sign the South Street upgrade contract with Spectraserv, as presented by AECOM by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing 4-0.

- a) Discussed Issuance of Notice to Proceed to Spectraserv.

Motion to approve Issuance of Notice to Proceed to Spectraserv by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing 4-0.

- b) **Raftelis Rate Study Update.** Discussed Financial Summary spreadsheet and will set rates at future meeting. Discussed different scenarios regarding postponing Quail Ridge Pump Station gravity line/pump station relocation and Route 7.

c) **Danbury Interlocal Agreement.** Discussed Danbury/Ridgefield Interlocal Agreement regarding Boehringer-Ingelheim and Turner Hill subdivision. Reviewed Attorney McCormack's letter to Boehringer-Ingelheim regarding their input and payment to Danbury.

d) **Policy for payment in lieu of repairs to collection system.** The WPCA plans to generate a policy and then review it with Mr. McCormack.

3) **AECOM Report**

1. **WWTF Upgrade Design.**

a. **Permits/Easements**

- i. AECOM received the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) and Inland Wetlands (IW) Resolutions of Approval for South St WWTF upgrade with a number of conditions for permit issuance:
 - Submittal of a Phasing Plan, Staging and Storage plan from the construction contractor in order to obtain the permits
 - Removal of blue barrels prior to the start of construction (no later than 9/21/19). It was noted that the barrels have already been removed.
 - Provide additional wetland plantings in the pocket wetlands behind the WWTF. AECOM noted that this will need to be addressed by change order with Spectraserv.
 - Submittal of Final Stormwater Pollution Control Plan and DEEP General Permit for Stormwater/Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities obtained by the construction contractor.
 - Submittal of the construction contractor's Construction Schedule showing how WWTF will remain operational during construction
- ii AECOM is working on P&Z/IW applications for Route 7 PS, FM and WWTF Decommissioning contract. AECOM noted that there is still a need to meet with owner of 901 Ethan Allen Highway to review fence options and discuss easements. The WPCA administrator will work with AECOM to set up the meeting. P&Z/IW Applications are targeted to be submitted in July, as P&Z does not meet in August.
- iii The South Street WWTF 10 foot temporary Easement Plan/Legal Description for the easement from 55 Old Quarry Road is being prepared, and can then be forward to Town Counsel for preparation of Easement Agreement – the WPCA will locate a prior easement Agreement for use as a template for the new Agreements.
- iv AECOM noted that the Flood Management Certificate application for Route 7 PS and FM submitted to DEEP. This permit is required since the force main route crosses the 100 year floodplain in several locations.

2. **WWTF Upgrade Engineering During Construction**

- a. The preconstruction meeting with Spectraserv Inc. has tentatively been scheduled for 10 am on Tuesday July 16th at the Town Hall Annex. AECOM will confirm the date and time.
- b. AECOM is continuing with the preparation of the NPDES permit renewal application for the Route 7 WWTF.

3. **Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Design.** In response to a request from the Conservation Commission, AECOM Mr. Pearson forwarded the base survey mapping from the Quail Ridge PS Relocation project to the Conservation Department.

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

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Zawacki at 8:00 p.m., passing 4-0.

Submitted by Diana Van Ness