



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

**WPCA Special Meeting
December 19, 2019 5:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Kevin Briody, Rudy Marconi,
Amy Siebert arrived at 5:15
Suez: Michael Burke, Jeff Pennell, Matt Brown
AECOM: Jon Pearson, Matt Formica, Ted Angelakis

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

WPCA Special Meeting called to order at 5:00 by Mr. Zawacki

1) New Business

- a) **Approval of Minutes.** Motion to approve November 21, 2019 minutes by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Briody, passing 4-0.

2) Old Business

- a) **South Street WWTF Upgrade Short Term Funding.** Mr. Marconi stated that the short-term funding was discussed at the Board of Finance meeting with Mr. Kevin Redmond on Dec. 18th. Mr. Marconi also stated that this was approved in the referendum vote. Mr. Pearson provided an update on the Clean Water Fund application status and noted that the DEEP is currently reviewing the application, and agreement on the grant amount has not yet been reached. Mr. Marconi noted that the WPCA and AECOM may need to attend the Board of Finance meeting on Jan. 21st to discuss the project funding and the Clean Water Fund.
- b) **Turner Hill.** Discussed application for new sewer connection for Turner Hill; capacity is available. Discussed the connection fee (benefit assessment) would benefit the Turner Hill area when Danbury upgrades its WWTF. **Motion was made by Mr. Zawacki to charge \$5,700 per sewer use unit to the Turner Hill sewer district to be designated for use to help cover the future Danbury WWTP upgrade expenses seconded by Mr. Marconi, passing 5-0.**
- c) **Universal Septic.** Mr. Soltis signed the letter stating conditions for his reinstatement to discharge septage to the South Street WWTF. Mr. Soltis provided the WPCA with a client address list, and will be required to provide addresses and

corresponding phone numbers for each source of septage that will allow verification of the septage source

- d) **Sewer Hookup Fee.** The WPCA discussed raising the sewer connection fee. The WPCA will review at our next meeting.

3) **AECOM Report**

a) **WWTF Upgrade Design**

- i) AECOM forwarded a site plan for the Route 7 Pump Station showing the locations of the proposed permanent and temporary easements needed at 901 and 871 Ethan Allen Highway to facilitate the discussions about securing an easement agreement with the two property owners. The WPCA will follow-up to contact the property owners. The WPCA will also request a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the WWTF site, potentially for the January 8th meeting.
- ii) The next step in addressing the Police Dept. requirement for night work in several locations along the Route 7 Force Main construction is to meet with the Police Dept. AECOM will propose several potential dates for AECOM and the WPCA to schedule the meeting in January.

b) **South Street WWTF Upgrade Construction**

- i) Mr. Pearson discussed that Spectraserv continues to conduct work on-site, and a monthly construction progress meeting was held earlier in the day. Mr. Angelakis summarized activities over the past month, noting that 2 of the 4 temporary office trailers arrived yesterday, and the utilities to serve the trailers have been installed. Some equipment for the project is also beginning to be delivered.
- ii) Mr. Pearson noted that AECOM has received about 88 shop drawing submittals from Spectraserv, with 21 being submitted this week including submittals for major equipment such as the wastewater and sludge pumps. It was also noted that 6 Requests for Information (RFI) have been received from Spectraserv.
- iii) Mr. Pearson indicated that Spectraserv noted that the WPCA will need to stop receiving septage at the South Street WWTF tentatively at the end of February 2020 to allow construction to proceed. The WPCA will notify septage haulers via letter, and due to the inability to receive septage in 2020, the annual fee for haulers will be waived this year.
- iv) AECOM submitted Progress Payment Estimate No. 4 for Spectraserv in the amount of \$58,330.09. Following review and discussion, the WPCA approved Estimate No. 4.
- v) It was noted that some of the items in the staging area next across from the Highway Department were relocated, but some materials remain in the area designated for Spectraserv's use. Based on a site meeting with Spectraserv and the Highway Dept, This does not appear to be an issue at this item, and Spectraserv can work around the remaining materials.
- vi) On behalf of the WPCA, AECOM prepared and submitted responses to the DEEP Call for Projects that were due on November 22nd to cover:

1. WWTF Upgrade Design
2. South Street WWTF Upgrade (addresses project cost increase due to bid results)
3. Route 7 PS, FM and WWTF decommissioning
4. Quail Ridge PS Relocation

4) Suez Report. Mr. Jeff Pennell presented Suez Environmental report for November, 2019. Mr. Pennell discussed the ongoing problems with wipes being discharged into the Route 7 pump station and expressed concerns over the Quail Ridge pump station capacity.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Briody at 5:51 p.m., passing 5-0.

Submitted by Diana Van Ness