



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

**WPCA Special Meeting  
June 11, 2019 4:00 p.m.  
66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Amy Siebert, Kevin Briody, Rudy Marconi  
AECOM: Jon Pearson, Don Chelton  
Finance: Kevin Redmond

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

**WPCA Special Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Ms. Siebert**

1. Ms. Siebert stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the status of the DEEP CWF funding authorization, setting new annual sewer rates and signing the construction contract for the South Street WWTF Upgrade to meet the DEEP 50% Phosphorus Grant deadline.
2. Ms. Siebert, Mr. Zawacki and Ms. Van Ness had met recently and discussed various scenarios with Mr. Fox, Raftelis, Mr. Fox sent four rate scenarios, using the rae model developed for the WPCA, which were discussed in detail.
  - a. **-Scenario 1:** \$48 million construction; \$11.5 million grant (estimated); \$8 million Town contribution; \$28.5 million SRF loan; 59.5% increase in FY 2020 followed by 2.5% increases annually.
  - Scenario 2:** \$52 million construction; \$11.5 million grant (estimated); \$8 million Town contribution; \$32.5 million SRF loan; 59.5% increase in FY 2020 followed by 4.75% increases annually.
  - Scenario 3:** \$52 million construction; \$10 million grant (estimated); \$8 million Town contribution; \$34 million SRF loan; 59.5% increase in FY 2020 followed by 5.25% increases annually.
  - Scenario 4:** \$52 million construction; \$0 grant funding or SRF loans; \$8 million Town contribution; \$44 million bonded by Town of Ridgefield @ 3% over 20 years; 154% increase in FY 2020 followed by 0.0% increases annually.

Under each of these scenarios, it has been assumed that Turner Hill (District 3) rates will remain unchanged until rates "catch up" in FY 2027.

3. The WPCA discussed the scenarios in detail and decided to table action on the rate increase for Districts 1, 2 and 3 until the next meeting.
4. Discussed the process for executing the Spectraserv construction contract for the South Street WWTF Upgrade by June 30th so the project would be eligible for the DEEP CWF grant/loan if approved at the next State Bond Commission meeting. AECOM noted that DEEP has verbally stated that the Authorization to Award the construction contract to Spectraserv Inc. will be issued this week.

- a. **Motion by Mr. Marconi to approve Spectraserv for contractual arrangement with the Town of Ridgefield and WPCA bid specifications for the South Street WWTF Upgrade. Therefore as qualified low bidder we request they put their contract paperwork together upon receipt of CT DEEP authorization to award. The above is contingent on Item #2 review and approval. Motion to table by Mr. Briody seconded by Mr. Marconi to discuss financial scenarios passing 5-0.**
- b. Discussed in detail the Scenarios listed above. Discussed taking the planned Quail Ridge Pump Station project out of the planned capital upgrades in the rate model and the impact that would have on the rates. The WPCA could cover the shortfall by delaying the Quail Ridge PS Upgrade project or fund with future referendum or town meeting action.
- c. **Motion to reconsider Tabled Motion and Motion to approve Spectraserv for contractual arrangement with the Town of Ridgefield and WPCA bid specifications for the South Street WWTF Upgrade. Therefore as qualified low bidder we request they put their contract paperwork together upon receipt of CT DEEP authorization to award by Mr. Marconi seconded by Mr. Briody passing 4-1, Mr. Hill opposed.**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Zawacki at 5:17 p.m., passing 5-0.**

Submitted by Diana Van Ness