



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

**WPCA Regular Meeting  
July 28, 2016 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA Present: Amy Siebert, Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Kevin Briody, Rudy Marconi  
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.**

**1. New Business**

- a. **Approval of Minutes from June 30, 2016 by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Hill, passing unanimously.**
- b. **65 North Street, Donna Barber. Ms. Barber was not present.**
- c. **29 Prospect Street, easement. The WPCA reviewed the easement. Motion to accept the easement contingent on approval by legal counsel by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing unanimously.**

**2. Old Business**

- a. **411 Main Street.** At the June 2016 WPCA meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Amatuzzi asked if relief of some form could be given as a result of delinquent sewer hookup fees left unpaid by tenant. They asked if sewer hookup units could be returned or any other relief provided. The WPCA discussed in detail the request, as well as a draft letter provided by Attorney David Grogins regarding this matter. Attorney Grogins review of the Connecticut General Statutes indicated that the time period for fee return or reduction had passed. Correspondence will be finalized for review at the August 2016 meeting.
- b. **First Congregational Church revised sewer plan.** Mr. Fisher, Town Engineer, reviewed the revised plan. Mr. Fisher's comments were approved by the WPCA and sent to Mr. Alan Pilch, Evans Associates. Mr. Alan Pilch replied and modifications were approved by Mr. Fisher. The WPCA approved the amended plans.
- c. **Meetings with St. Stephen's Church and Jesse Lee Church re. roof drains.**
  - i. **St. Stephen's Church.** Church officials are still investigating remediation of infiltration.
  - ii. **Jesse Lee Church.** Mr. Brian Egge notified the WPCA that they successfully remediated the drainage problems.
- d. **Balance Sheet Review.** Discussed sewer rate planning and evaluation in light of the planned upgrades of the 2 wastewater treatment facilities. The WPCA approved an increase in sewer use rates after a detailed discussion as follows: **Motion to approve the following annual sewer use rates**
  1. **District I (South Street) \$440.00**
  2. **District II (Route 7) \$440.00**
  3. **District III (Turner Hill) \$390.00**

**4. Tipping Fee \$ 90.00**  
**By Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Ms. Siebert, passing, four to one,**  
**Mr. Briody abstaining.**

**3. AECOM Report**

**a. Facilities Plan Update.**

**i. Property Expansion for 22 South Street Upgrade.** This item was not discussed.

**ii. Phase 2 Wastewater Facilities Plan.** Work is proceeding on a number of tasks on the Phase 2 Facilities Plan as follows:

1. House to House Building inspections to locate sump pumps:
  - a. 978 house to house inspections are complete with 73 connected sump pumps identified. Only 6 owners have refused inspections. All buildings in Sewer District 1 have had 3 contact attempts made, with 219 buildings not yet responding. Scheduled inspections by appointment will be conducted this Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. If there are further responses from the 219 buildings, inspection appointments will be made in the next several weeks, and if not, the building inspection program will be complete. AECOM noted that approximately 80 percent of the inspections attempted have been completed, which is a high rate compared to other communities. Of the 73 sump pumps identified, 20 are in the Casagmo Condominiums, and 10 are in the Fox Hill Condominiums.
2. Manhole Inspections:
  - a. Total completions: 467. AECOM is coordinating with Suez staff to review the 88 manholes that could not be located. The manhole inspection effort is 85 percent complete. AECOM noted that a number of the manholes not yet located are in the Casagmo, Fox Hill and Quail Ridge condominiums and they will be reaching out to the property manager for each condominium, and Diana Van Ness can assist with this.
3. Dye Water Tracing:
  - a. Dye water tracing was conducted on July 14-18, 2016. During smoke testing, suspect inflow sources were identified as a potential source of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system. 20 sites were tested using dye water tracing. Of the 20 sites, two of the sources tested were considered significant sources of inflow. AECOM provided a summary of the testing results.
5. WWTF Upgrade Alternatives:
  - b. Work is continuing on the definition of alternatives to upgrade both WWTFs. Vendor lab testing work on phosphorus has been completed and the data is being reviewed. Data from Blue Pro showed their process could achieve the phosphorus level of 0.05 mg/l but limited zinc removal, and data from Kruger on the Actiflo process is pending.
  - c. A testing laboratory will be visiting both WWTFs in the near future to collect samples and test for hazardous materials (asbestos, lead paint, PCBs) at the WWTFs. AECOM will coordinate with Suez once a date is scheduled for the testing.
  - d. AECOM submitted the grant increase application and MBE/WBE subcontract information to the DEEP.

- e. AECOM is reviewing the basis for the effluent zinc limits at the South Street WWTF and will be discussing this further with the DEEP.
- f. It is anticipated that the WWTF Upgrade Alternative Evaluation workshop will be scheduled for early fall with Suez and the WPCA.

**iv. DEEP Clean Water Fund Draft FY16/17 Priority List.** DEEP issued the Final Clean Water fund FY16/17 Priority List in late June. AECOM distributed a memorandum reviewing the relevant elements of the Clean Water Fund.

**b. Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Design.**

- 1. AECOM's wetlands subcontractor flagged wetlands in the area behind the Quail Ridge Condos and along South Street that had not been flagged previously. AECOM is scheduling their survey subcontractor to conduct field survey in the next several weeks which will include the wetland flags, and will coordinate the survey schedule with Ms. Van Ness so the WPCA can alert abutters such as the Quail Ridge Condominiums.

**3. Suez Report.** Suez Environmental reviewed the monthly report for June 2016.

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hill at 9:16 p.m., seconded by Mr. Zawacki, and passing unanimously.**

Submitted by Diana Van Ness