



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

**WPCA Regular Meeting
March 24, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA Present:	Amy Siebert, Gary Zawacki, Ron Hill, Rudy Marconi
WPCA Absent:	Kevin Briody,
Suez:	Jeff Pennell, Michael Burke, Jorge Pereira
AECOM:	Jon Pearson
7-9 North Salem Road:	Michael Eppoliti
626 Danbury Road:	Jorge Castillo, Freddy Centeno

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 February 25, 2016 by Mr. Zawacki, seconded by Mr. Hill, passing unanimously.**
- b. **7-9 North Salem Road.** Mr. Eppoliti requested a change in sewer lateral connection to the main sewer line. Rather than pumping to the North Street line that discharges to Copps Hill, he preferred connecting the project by gravity to the line that runs to the intersection of Danbury Road and North Salem Road and then to Grove Street. The WPCA agreed and Suez United Water will check the manhole and flow in that specific line. AECOM was requested to review the capacity evaluation completed in the Phase 1 Facilities Plan and provide feedback to the WPCA on the results of the evaluation on the sewer system downstream of the potential gravity sewer connection on North Street.
- c. **626 Danbury Road.** Mr. Jorge Castillo and Mr. Freddy Centeno distributed copies of three eco-friendly carwash systems. The WPCA discussed this briefly and will review.

2. Old Business

- a. **Meetings with St. Stephen's Church and Jesse Lee Church re. roof drains.**
 - i. **St. Stephen's Church.** On March 3, 2016, AECOM mobilized SDE to re-test the rectory building downspouts. The results of the re-testing confirmed that there is a connection between the rectory building downspouts and the sanitary sewer system. St. Stephen's Church is working with Arc-O-Rooter to eliminate infiltration into the sanitary sewer.
 - ii. **Jesse Lee Church.** Mr. Brian Egge, Jesse Lee Church, is coordinating efforts with American Rooter to eliminate infiltration into the sanitary sewer.
- b. The WPCA discussed different options, incentives and time line for property owner's to disconnect roof drains and sump pumps from the collection system.

3. AECOM Report

a. Facilities Plan Update.

- i. **Draft Phase 1 Wastewater Facilities Plan.** AECOM submitted the report to DEEP in the spring of last year. AECOM has not yet received any comments. AECOM contacted DEEP regarding the status of the review. DEEP indicated that due to limited staffing and resources, the draft report has not yet been reviewed, and DEEP could not provide a timeframe for when the review would be completed.

ii. Phase 2 Wastewater Facilities Plan.

1. AECOM is distributed copies of the March 2, 2016 WWTF Condition Assessment Technical Memorandum. This memorandum summarizes the assessment of the physical condition of the South Street and Route 7 WWTFs. This memorandum will be incorporated into the Phase 2 Facilities Plan report.
2. Work is continuing on identifying WWTF upgrade alternatives and AECOM discussed scheduling the Alternatives Workshop with Suez and the WPCA. It was agreed that the Alternatives Workshop will be held on Thursday April 21st at 10:30 am at the South Street WWTF. AECOM will confirm this date with Charlie Fisher, send out a meeting invitation, and distribute a draft Alternatives Identification memorandum prior to the workshop to provide information on what will be discussed at the workshop.
3. AECOM distributed a proposed schedule for restarting the I/I field investigations. The next fieldwork efforts to be initiated are the manhole inspections and house to house inspections to locate sump pumps connected to the sewer system. The dye water tracing and internal television inspections would then follow. AECOM will work with the WPCA Administrator to place notices in the press, make information available on the website, and conduct other public notification efforts. It was noted that Social Media through the Selectman's office should also be used. Media will emphasize that the house to house inspections are needed to identify and eliminate sources of inflow to reduce costs for the WWTF Upgrade, not to catch and penalize violators of the sewer ordinance. The goal is to encourage residence to comply.

iii. DEEP Clean Water Fund Draft FY16/17 Priority List

1. AECOM distributed copies of the DEEP Draft FY16/17 Clean Water Fund Priority List, and reviewed the various sections where Ridgefield's projects are listed. It was noted that placeholder costs of \$25 million for the South Street WWTF and \$10 million for the Route 7 WWTF were submitted, and these project are ranked highly on the priority list. It was also noted that the South Street WWTF was eligible for the 50% grant under the Phosphorus Removal Reserve. The WPCA requested that AECOM generate a suggested letter to support Ridgefield's project ranking on the list, and the Town may attend the April 19th public hearing at the DEEP office.

2. A copy of Bill 5481 was also distributed, and AECOM noted that this bill was recently referred to the Office of Legislative Research and the Office of Fiscal Analysis. The bill extends the current deadline for the 50% Phosphorus Grant of July 1, 2018 for award of the WWTF phosphorus upgrade construction contract to July 1, 2020. AECOM suggested that the Town may want to encourage their legislative representatives to support this bill as the timeline to meet the July 1, 2018 deadline that requires completion of the Facilities Plan, WWTF Upgrade Design, and bidding is challenging.

b. Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation Feasibility Study.

1. AECOM noted that the Draft Feasibility Report had been submitted to the WPCA at the February meeting, and asked if there were any comments or questions on the report. It was noted that the WPCA is in agreement with the recommendations of the report. **Mr. Zawacki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to request the AECOM prepare a scope of services and fee proposal for the design of the relocation of the pump station as recommended in the report.**
1. **Suez Report.** Suez Environmental reviewed the monthly report for February 2016.
 - a. **Boom Truck.** Mr. Zawacki and Mr. Pennell researched different trucks with cranes. They met with Mr. Gay, Finance Department, to implement an RFP.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hill at 8:25 pm, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, and passing unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Van Ness