



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

**WPCA Zoom Meeting
April 23, 2026 7:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Corinne Ketchum, Maureen Kozlark, Amy Siebert
Absent: Russell Fink
AECOM: Matt Formica, Connor Halloran
Veolia: Ryan Richmond, Roger Bates
Guest: Nancy Tine, Roger Kavanaugh, John Hawkins, Kat Keaton, John
Wilson, Shane Herlet, Mary Quaranta, Hareesh (last name not
provided)

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

WPCA Regular Zoom Meeting was called to order by Ms. Siebert at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Approved February 26, 2026 minutes by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Kozlark, passing 4-0**
- 2) Approved March 27, 2026 minutes by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Kozlark, passing 4-0**
- 3) Nickerson purchase order was approved by David McFate.**
- 4) New Business. None**
- 5) Old Business.**
 - a) Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation**

1. Planning and Zoning

Mr. Formica noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) Public Hearing for the project's Special Permit was continued on 4-14-26. As result of several

requests from commission at the 3/10/26 meeting AECOM prepared, submitted, and reviewed the following:

1. A narrative to clarify what benefits the Town is receiving by allowing the use of the Town's property for the project's gravity sewer.
2. A summary of the conditions the area associated with the cross-country gravity sewer from Prospect Woods to the new pump station be left in after this project is completed
3. Clarification of where the landscaping plans and screening at the Pump Station are in the application files.
4. A summary of the comments and responses from the Prospect Woods Condominium association providing specific contract language to address their concerns.

As follow up item, there was direction from the PZC that in addition to the description of what the restoration of the area of the gravity sewer would be after installation, that an effort should be made to flatten the remaining grade to the extent possible to allow it to be flat enough to walk. It was noted to the PZC that this could require cut and fill and potentially retaining walls and it was not intended to be provided as it would be an additional cost to the WPCA. Mr. Formica noted his intent to respond by providing a brief written description that the remaining grade will follow the existing grade which is between 0%-8% on Town property and that the best information on the existing and remaining grade can be found on the contract documents submitted with the application. As a point of reference, a portion of the grade at the bottom of Old Quarry Road is around 12%.

Mr. Formica noted that he has also received feedback from residents and Home Owner Association (HOA) at Prospect Woods in the form of PZC and WPCA meeting attendance, phone calls, and emails as well as at the Special Meeting of the WPCA and the Prospect Woods unit owners closest to the project work on 4/2/26. For those not in attendance at these meetings the concerns fall in the following major categories that will be addressed with either the existing or modified contact requirements:

Traffic / Parking

- At the request of the HOA, all traffic plans in their area (which will be developed by the contractor) are to be reviewed and approved by the HOA.
- The HOA has requested that contractor's working hours be modified from 7 am to 3 pm to 8 am to 4 pm (M-F, no work on holidays).
- The traffic plans shall allow for passage of one lane of vehicular traffic at all times during the Contractor's work hours with the exception of during the installation of the new gravity sewer within the pavement or during the demolition of the existing Quail Ridge Pump Station.

- The traffic plans shall also allow for parking of one vehicle per garage bay on the street adjacent to and on the opposite side of units (Prospect St) from the work area, for times when access to the unit's driveways/garages are impeded by the Contractor's work. This parking requirement applies to 120 Prospect Street, Units 29-31 and 120 Prospect Street Units 61-68.
- For all times outside the Contractor's work hours, the full width of the roads shall remain unimpeded by the Contractor's work and/or equipment.
- As discussed on the HOA call on 4/2/26, the contractor's access to the Prospect Woods will be limited to the installation period of work in Prospect Wood (sewer install and PS demo). Work on the balance of the gravity sewer will be accessed from the Goodwill trailer side of the work.

Property Damage

- Per the contract documents, the contractor is required to replace all items damaged by their work to the existing conditions at no cost.
- At the request of the HOA all restoration plans are to be approved by the HOA.

Noise /Dust Control

- The contractor is to abide by the Town of Ridgefield Noise ordinance.
- The contractor is to provide silencers on equipment compressors, hoists, and other mechanical devices and/or gasoline or oil operated devices
- Contractor is to provide a 48 hour notice to the HOA before any noise making operations.
- The contractor is responsible for minimizing dust including:
 - o Maintaining areas of work free of waste and debris caused by construction activities.
 - o Wet down of material as needed.
 - o Covering or wetting of excavated material.
 - o Maintaining roads in a clean dust free condition.
 - o If dust control measures are considered inadequate, the Engineer may require additional control measures.

Structural Concerns

- The pervious structural issues associated with several buildings were evaluated based on the information provided by the HOA. The documentation showed issues with the foundation walls on the Prospect Street side of the units and not the driveway side (proposed sewer side). Additional structural reinforcement/elements were added to the foundations on the Prospect Street side of the units. This appears to have been done in order address the issue with the foundation walls inability to resist the lateral soil pressure on the walls. The driveway garage side of these units does not experience the same forces as they are exposed walls (not buried foundation walls) with the garages on this side and little or no soil against these foundation walls.
- Pre and post construction video and photographic surveys will be conducted to document the condition of the structures and adjacent features.

- Trench boxes will be required for all excavation work for the sewer adjacent to the units.
- In the areas adjacent to the deck piles, the excavations will be back filled with gravel and compacted with low vibration hand tools to minimize vibrations.
- Vibration sensors will be placed on deck piles of adjacent units and monitored. Should excessive vibrations be detected, work will stop until a means to continue the work with reduced impact can be evaluated.
- Survey pins will be installed on deck piles of adjacent units and monitored for movement. Should movement be detected work will stop until a means to continue the work without issue can be evaluated.

Other Items

To minimize the time to complete the gravity sewer in the paved area adjacent to the Prospect Wood Units, the contractor will be required to have all of the materials on site to complete the work in the area and will need to complete the work in the area once an the excavation has started before moving on to another project element.

The HOA will be named by the Contractor as additionally insured.

The WPCA will have a resident representative on site at all times when the contractor is doing work to:

- Enforce the contract requirements.
- Serve as a liaison to the WPCA.
- Serve as a liaison to residents.

A demolition plan is required to be submitted and accepted prior to any demolition work. This can be provided to the HOA.

Limitation for Pedestrian/Small Vehicle Access to Prospect Woods Property

Mr. Formica acknowledged the concerns foot/bike traffic from the unit owners and noted that there have been some suggestions for barriers, fences or other deterrents to keep non-owners out of these areas. While acknowledging that there is no perfect solution to keeping folks out while maintaining esthetics, Mr. Formica proposed the use of split rail fence that would fade to a more natural color with postings of private property along the fence to provide another visual indication to those that are not welcome. We would be interested in alternative visions from the HOA.

Attendees Input

Shane Herlet – Noted concern on possible bike activity the easement up to the driveway behind affected units. 20-ft wide open easement encourages it as it appears as an open walking path. He expressed concern of how the easement will look following clearing trees and brush. He asked if trees or brush will be installed following the construction of the pipe. Mr. Formica replied that

replacement trees/brush are not planned to be installed but it is expected that the brush will eventually take over. Mr. Herlet suggested a gate or other barriers that will help steer all traffic up towards the mailboxes. Mr. Herlet stated the P&Z committee is planning to install a new trail, after the Quail Ridge Pump Station project is complete. This trail is to follow the new gravity sewer easement.

Amy Siebert - Encouraged Prospect Woods residents to attend next P&Z Public Hearing to express concerns and disagreements with possible new trail to be installed along the new gravity sewer easement. This path is not in the WPCA project or desired by the WPCA. Ms. Siebert suggested possible signage at the downstream side of the gravity sewer near the current trail to inform people where to turn to access the existing Goodwill Path. Mr. Formica noted that markups of some potential fence locations will be provided to the HOA attendees for review.

Roger Kavanagh – Indicated that he was against walking path suggested by the PZC. He encouraged more Prospect Woods residents to attend next P&Z Public Hearing to express concerns and disagreement.

Nancy Tine – Encouraged residents to write down their concerns and provide it to the PZC. The PZC prefers concerns in writing rather than by word of the mouth. It was noted that the next P&Z Public Hearing is 4/28/26.

Tree Survey

Mr. Formica reported that while AECOM has a surveyor under contract, they have yet to give us a date to perform the field work. We will keep the WPCA informed of the status and submit the information to the PZC as soon as possible.

3) AECOM Report

1. Route 7 PS, FM, and WWTF Decommissioning

a) **Construction Close Out.** Mr. Formica indicated that there was no update.

2. South Street WWTF Upgrade

a. **Construction Close Out.**

Mr. Formica reported that the resolution to the outstanding Spectraserv warranty item, Influent Pump Station No. 2 hatch door replacement, that the hatch doors are in production and are expected to be delivered in May. We will keep Veolia posted.

Mr. Formica reported that there is a planned mediation session on 6/11/26.

b. **Fiscal Sustainability Plan.** Mr. Formica noted that AECOM has been

provided with comments on the draft Fiscal Sustainability Plan for the project from the WPCA. AECOM is the process of incorporating to the comments for submittal to DEP and will advise if we have any questions.

- c. **South Street WWTF NPDES Permit Renewal and AECOM MSA.** Mr. Formica reported that that Town's Attorney and AECOM's attorney are in the process of resolving differences on the agreement. Mr. Formica will follow up with the Attorneys to obtain a status update to resolve. With the MSA review in progress AECOM has developed a scope and fee for the permit renewal application. This is in internal review we plan to submit it to the WPCA next month for discussion at next month's WPCA meeting
- d. **Aeration Tank No. 2 Concrete Repair.** Mr. Formica noted that CH Nickerson is beginning the process of mobilization planning and are eager to perform the work as soon as possible. once they have a signed purchase order. We will provide Veolia with a schedule update once they are ready to begin the work.
- e. **Wetlands Enhancement.** Mr. Formica indicated that New England Landscape and Management, Inc. inspected the area of work from last fall and has reported that little regrowth has occurred they noted that they will continue to monitor the area in the next few weeks and keep us updated as to when they would clear the existing phragmites and trees.
- f. **PFAS General Permit.** Mr. Formica noted that at the last meeting that he was going to discuss the CT DEEP proposed general permit at this meeting but indicated he was not prepared to do so tonight.

4) **Veolia Report**

- Carroll Construction fixed a collection system leak that occurred at 20 Rowland Lane on 3/11 on 3/12.
- The manhole behind Home Goods (formerly Kohl's) was cleaned using the Jet Vac on 3/27.
- Preventative maintenance was completed on the Trojan UV System.
- New Haven Incinerator has been offline, causing our usual sludge disposal facility in Naugatuck to fill up. Consequently, our sludge has been sent to Passaic, New Jersey at extra cost. This is a regional issue affecting Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.
- A large amount of grit has settled in the Headworks distribution tank and we are formulating plans to remove it.

5) **Adjournment**

- a) **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. by Ms. Ketchum seconded by Ms. Kozlark, passing 4-0.**

Submitted by Diana Van Ness