



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

**WPCA Zoom Meeting
September 17, 2026 7:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Corinne Ketchum, Maureen Kozlark
Absent: Amy Siebert, Russell Fink
AECOM: Matt Formica
Veolia: Ryan Richmond, Roger Bates
Guest: Mona Thorpe

**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. Kozlark at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Approved August 27, 2026 minutes by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing 3-0**
- 2) New Business**
 - a) Ms. Kozlark noted at the agenda would be revised to move the Fox Hill Force Main Failure to Old Business.
 - b) Moan Thorpe of 21 Abbott Avenue attended as a member of the public and had several questions related to the multiple sewer districts in Town as well as why her sewer bill was higher than some of her neighbors. Related to the sewer districts, it was explained that Sewer District 1 is served by the South Street WWTF and receives flow from the sewered area around the South Street WWTF (District 1) as well as the flow from the old Sewer District 2 area that was previously served by the Route 7 WWTF that was recently decommissioned and is now conveyed to the South St WWTF. It was further noted that Sewer District 3 is in the Turner Hill area town bordering Danbury and the flow from its sewered area is conveyed to the Danbury WWTF. Related to the sewer rates, it was suggested that an offline discussion with one of the WWTF members could be had so that they could review Ms. Thorpe's sewer charges in advance to provide her with clarification on the rates she

pays. It was noted that the WPCA would be looking to follow up with her in approximately a week.

3) Old Business.

a) Fox Hill Force Main Failure

- i) The Fox Hill force main failure was discussed. It was noted that last month the WPCA sent a letter to Fox Hill on 9/3/26 in response to their 8/14/26 letter to the WPCA. The WPCA's letter summarized the pump station's maintenance agreement and indicated that Fox Hill is responsible for the repair. It was noted that the invoices for the work to date had been forwarded by Veolia to Fox Hill and that there is one outstanding invoice expected to be provided in the near future for final paving.

b) Centrifuge Repair

- i) Veolia is pursuing a repair with the centrifuge manufacturer. They are in the process of trying to schedule the repair.

4) AECOM Report

a) Quail Ridge Pump Station

77 Sunset Lane Easement.

Mr. Formica reported that Pullman and Comley had submitted the draft easement for 77 Sunset Lane (Charter Group) before the last WPCA meeting. As discussed last month their Homeowner's Association (HOA) President had requested \$20,000 for tree work on their property unrelated to the sewer easement. The WPCA indicated that they would review the request, however noted that as a public entity, it may be difficult to justify how a single property owner should receive public funding to address an issue on their property that is not adjacent to the WPCA's proposed work. Mr. Formica noted that based on a call he received from their HOA president last week it sounded like he is going to make this request again. There had been no contact from the HOA attorney.

Prospect Woods

Mr. Formica indicated Pullman and Comley have submitted the draft easements to Prospect Woods prior to last month WPCA meeting. There has been no contact from the HOA attorney or any additional correspondence to the WPCA or AECOM from Mr. Herlet and his attorney related to their desire for a fence or any other concessions.

Mr. Formica was requested to follow up with Pullman and Comley's attorney to see if they could solicit a response from the 77 Sunset Lane and Prospect Woods HOA attorneys.

CT DEEP

Mr. Formica noted that the 3rd easement application with the State was submitted to the DEEP's Land Acquisitions and Management Group in early May. As noted last month they have subsequently submitted the application to the DEEP State Dams Section and coordinate with the USDA Natural Resources Conservations Service to

obtain their feedback. There is no update at they have indicated that they can't predict the reviews of other projects. We will continue to seek updates.

a. Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main and WWTF Decommissioning

Mr. Formica reported that there was no update or need for an executive session to discuss the project.

b. South Street WWTF Upgrade

Clean Water Fund Loan Closure Update

Mr. Formica reported that per a discussion with Lee Rogers from CT DEEP, the project's Grant Loan Agreement is due to expire at the end of October. It was noted that DEEP had approved the South Street WWTF Upgrade Change Order No. 25 which deleted \$1,146,203.80 from Spectraserv's contract per the WPCA and Spectraserv's settlement agreement. As such, AECOM submitted the final payment application for grant loan reimbursement which would include the \$600K in payment to Spectraserv as well as AECOM's final invoices. AECOM had also submitted a final payment application for grant loan reimbursement for AECOM's effort for the Route 7 project.

With those two applications, Lee Rogers from DEEP has reached out to Kevin Redmond to determine the next steps forward for the Clean Water Fund grant loan agreement with the two options presented being:

- To extend the CWF agreement, or
- Close out the cost extended to date since the last Permanent Loan Obligation (PLO) with a new PLO.

Mr. Redmond is seeking advice from Pullman and Comley on how to proceed. We will advise on this decision at next month's meeting

Wetlands Enhancement. Mr. Formica indicated New England Landscape and Management, Inc. had provided an updated schedule indicating that they expect to complete their work by the end of the month

5) Veolia Report

Mr. Richmond indicated that the following operational and maintenance items were completed last month.

- a) Clean Chemical Building Air System components.
- b) Roof Top HVAC Filters changed/cleaned Buildings & 20.
- c) Cleaned UV Channels 1 & 2.
- d) Trojan Bank 2A Wiper seals and Quartz Sleeves changed.
- e) Trojan Bank IA All lamps replaced and wiper seals replaced.
- f) Trojan Light Ballast was replaced.
- g) FST I & 2 Gear Reducers were lubricated.
- h) Polymer Blending Unit 1 pump stator changed.

- i) Bi-Weekly Grit Pump/Removal System Preventative Maintenance.
- j) Monthly Vaughan Pump Preventative Maintenance.
- k) Weekly Pump Station and Generator Inspections

Mr. Bates reported the WWTF flows were coming back down to the reduction in precipitation between July and August and that the WWTF continues to meet permit.

6) No Executive Session

7) Adjournment

- a) **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. by Mr. Zawacki seconded by Ms. Ketchum, passing 3-0.**

Submitted by Diana Van Ness