Unapproved
Town of Ridgefield
Water Pollution Control Authority

WPCA Zoom Meeting
October 22, 2026 7:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

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

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) **Motion to approve September 17, 2026 minutes by Ms. Kozlark, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, passing 4-0**

2) **New Business**
   a) Will discuss Bailey Avenue sewer backup next week. Mr Richmond noted that he will be discussing the issue with the Town's Insurance Agent next week.

3) **Old Business.**

4) **AECOM Report**
   a) Quail Ridge

77 Sunset Lane Easement.

Mr. Formica reported that Pullman and Comley had received a response from the Charter Group (77 Sunset Lane) on the draft easement provided to them in August. The Charter group had no comments on the draft easement but requested that the WPCA remove a dead tree from their property as part of the project when the contractor is on site. This tree is over 300 ft from the requested sewer easement. AECOM requested direction from the WCPA on how you would like to proceed with

this request so that they may coordinate/direct Pullman and Comley. The WPCA indicated that they would follow up with 77 Suset Lane directly.

Prospect Woods

Mr. Formica indicated Pullman and Comley have received a response from the Prospect Woods attorney on the draft easement provided to them in August. They have requested several new items that raised concerns with Chirs Rousseau from Pullman and Comley as they are not well defined. For example, they want to review vibration and/or settlement reports and participate in any work modifications should there be any exceedances of specified limits, but it is not clear how they plan to participate and how this could impact the project schedule. They also have some misunderstandings of the project scope as it relates to the project paving and pump station demolition. Chris is planning to return to the easement shortly. He has noted that this is one of the more complicated easements that he has worked on.

One other item that they have requested is payment of their legal fees up to $7,500. AECOM is requesting direction from the WCPA on how you would like to proceed with this request so that AECOM may coordinated/direct Pullman and Comley. The WPCA indicated that they would follow up with Prospect Woods directly to discuss.

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. They had submitted the application to the DEEP State Dams Section and coordinate with the USDA Natural Resources Conservations Service to obtain their feedback in July. We did receive some feedback this week indicating that we would be provided with comments from these groups in the next few days. There was some indication that the project will need to be modified or explained to address some comments, but no significant detail was provided. We will pass along upon receipt.

AECOM Budget

Mr. Formica reported that AECOM had kicked of the 100% deign effort and permitting efforts last fall. As you know since that time there were unexpected efforts including efforts to secure the Inland Wetlands Permit, the efforts to coordinate and secure the requirements to address the potential presence of several turtle species in the aera along the cross country gravity sewer, the significant efforts to address the requests and requirements of and attend several Planning and Zoning Commission and the past and current efforts trying to obtain the easements from the two condo associations and CT DEEP

With these efforts to date AECOM has expended all but a small amount of project funds with additional efforts expected going forward including: finalizing the three easements; public awareness efforts to support public vote for fund support of the project; and updating and finalizing contract documents including some technical updates to the Pump Station components including communication with the WWTF

and to include the requirements of the Architectural Advisory Committee, the Inland Wetlands Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the turtle habitat requirements and the requirements of the easements when known.

With that please be aware that AECOM intends to provide the WPCA with an amendment request for review at next month's WPCA meeting to increase the project budget to allow the work to continue to advance. We are hoping that in the next few weeks we will have further clarity on the easement efforts and requirements that will allow us to develop a more refined estimate for the WPCA's review.

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

Mr. Formica reported that Pullman and Comley indicated that there are no updates on the M&O lawsuit and countersuit.

b. South Street WWTF Upgrade

Clean Water Fund Loan Closure Update

Mr. Formica indicated that per past direction from CT DEEP, the Route 7 Project was included into the South Street WWTF Grant Loan Agreement. With the South Street WWTF Upgrade Project and AECOM's contract closed out, and the unknown conclusion and timeline of the M&O contract resolution, the Town has elected to extend the Clean Water Fund Gant Loan Agreement one year until October 2027. This decision was made with consultation with Pullman and Comley.

Wetlands Enhancement. Mr. Formica indicated that New England Landscape and Management, Inc. will have their work completed this week or next. Mr. Formica suggested that once complete the WPCA should reach out to the Inland Wetlands Board (IWB) to advise them that the work the IWB had agreed to is complete so that they can advise the Building Official to allow him to close out the project permit.

5) Veolia Report

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

- Replace Smartcover battery and e-box at Bobo's Cafe
- Cleaned UV Channels 1 & 2
- Fox Hill phone line issue/resolution
- Lakeside GritWasher flowmeter leak fixed.
- 9/23 Plant Water System Service Call Fleet Pumps
- 9/24 GEA Centrifuge repair completed
- 9/26 Callout: Ramapoo Pump Station power loss
- 9/28 Odor Control 1 Service Call IDC Electrical
- 9/28 Callout Scotts Ridge pump clogged with Vape Devices
- 9/30 Scotts Ridge Force Main Repair

No odor complaints were reported.

6) **No Executive Session**

7) **Adjournment**
   a) **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. by Ms. Kozlark seconded by Ms. Ketchum, passing 4-0.**
   b) **Next WPCA meeting on November 19, 2026.**

Submitted by Diana Van Ness