

**CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL  
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 16, 2024**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
John Igneri, Vice Chairman  
Chris Mannella  
John Bove  
James Frayer

Staff: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works  
Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer  
Nelya Bauer, Wastewater Systems Manager  
Chris Torre, DPW Superintendent of Operations  
Jared Schitt, Chief Financial Officer

Others: Trever Steeprock, Project Manager, Veolia, Inc.  
Ross Gambino, Asst. Project Manager, Veolia, Inc.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**2. PUBLIC INPUT- (GUESTS AT THE WPCA MEETING MAY SPEAK TO ANY ITEM  
ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE  
(3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.)**

There were no public comments this evening.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW WPCA STAFF, CHRISTINE PACELLI AND MARIO  
PIZIGHELLI**

Mr. Kolb said that for fiscal year 2024/25, the WPCA had two new positions in the operating budget. He said that Mario Pizighelli had joined the WPCA from DPW, and Christine Pacelli joined the WPCA from the Town of Fairfield and is happy to have them join the team.

Mr Oustafine welcomed Mr. Pizighelli and Ms. Pacelli to the team.

**4. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE WPCA MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

**\*\* MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC. FOR THE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT (PROJECT:WPCA2023-01) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09244062-5777-C0361**

Ms. Bauer said this is for additional lining work under the current contract with Insituform Technologies, and it will be done on streets that will be paved in the near future.

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**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE KEELER BROOK PS PROJECT**

**\*\* MR.IGNERI MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The executive session began at 5:41 PM.

The executive session ended at 7:04 PM.

There were no motions made, and no votes were taken.

**7. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:**

- a. Veolia Monthly Operating Report – November 2024 (copy included)

Mr. Steeprock reported and said in November the Veolia collections system team completed 1.25 miles of TV inspection, the cleaning of 3.17 miles of sewer lines, 20 manhole inspections, 11.71 miles of SL Rat, and responded to six service calls. He said over the last month they have been working closely with the WPCA team to streamline the workflow for customer service.

Mr. Steeprock said the IPP inspection program conducted 52 inspections.

Mr. Steeprock said primary settling tank #1 is back service.

Mr. Steeprock said the facility experienced the 2<sup>nd</sup> best nitrogen performance for November in the past 10 years.

Mr. Steeprock reported on the regulatory events and said the facility followed all permit requirements for November, and all the reporting was completed and submitted to the CT-DEEP and the EPA. He said there were a few rainy days in November all of which had a very quick recovery of the system and there were no formal storm events.

- b. Major Repair or Replacement/ Out of Scope Items: None

## **8. REPORTS:**

- a. FY23/24 and FY24/25 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Reports (copies included)

There was no discussion.

- b. Draft FY 25/26 Capital Budget (copy included)

Ms. Bauer said that \$10 million dollars are being requested for wastewater treatment plant work and 7.6 million dollars for collection system work for projects that are proposed under the collections system master plan and facility plan.

- c. Financial Model Update

Ms. Bauer said that staff is currently working with Woodard and Currin to finalize the model and will be presenting it to the board next year.

- d. Discussion on WPCA Engineering Projects:

- 1. Beacon Street Sanitary Sewer (copy included)

Ms. Bauer said that the staff is currently reviewing the 30% design drawings.

2. Catch Basin Disconnect Program

Ms. Bauer said the program is currently on hold and is waiting to hear back from the CTDEEP on that work, and DPW will be doing some catch basin disconnect projects next year from that program.

3. Hubbell's Lane Relief Sewer

Ms. Bauer said staff is currently reviewing 90% of design drawings and specifications that were prepared by Brown and Caldwell

e. Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects

1) Collection – Sammis and Bell Island Sewershed Rehabilitation (copies Included)

Ms. Bauer Insituform crews are currently doing some lateral grouting and manhole repair work.

2) Supervisory Control Data Acquisition (SCADA) Updates

Ms. Bauer said that the SCADA updates are ongoing at the wastewater treatment plant and pump stations to enhance reporting and to also add some new monitoring alarms at the pump stations.

3) Keeler Brook PS Replacement

Mr. Kolb said that staff continues to work with the Eversource and City legal team on permanent easement agreements.

f. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal status

Ms. Bauer said the appeals to date are \$82,310.

g. Information Copies: None

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* MR. FRAYER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd