

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2026, AT 5:30 PM
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Darren Oustafine, Chairman; John Bove; Christopher Mannella;
Anne Wennerstrand.

STAFF: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works; Ralph
Kolb, Senior Environmental Engineer; Christine Pacelli,
Wastewater Systems Manager

OTHERS: Trevor Steeprock (Veolia)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. There was no quorum present.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman Oustafine called the roll call and acknowledged those present as noted above.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: April 20, 2026

The minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was opened. No public comments were received. Public participation was closed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed this evening.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Contract Operations Report:

1. Veolia Monthly Operating Report — April 2026

Mr. Steeprook presented the Veolia Monthly Operating Report for April 2026, highlighting collection system activities (CCTV inspections, cleaning, manhole inspections, service calls), plant maintenance (including troubleshooting, repairing, and the scum storage tank scum pump and planning temporary improvements to FST#3), operations, nitrogen performance, and regulatory compliance.

2. Major Repair or Replacement/Out of Scope Items:

a. VFD for Influent Pump #2 (copy included)

Mr. Steeprook reported an issue with pump #2; upon investigation, it had failed, and a quote was received to replace it.

B. Reports:

1. FY 25/26 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS report (copy included)

There was no discussion.

2. Vacant Staff Positions

Mr. Kolb noted that the WPCA team is currently down two staff members: an assistant civil engineer and a stormwater system manager. Both positions are posted on the city's website.

3. FDA/Aquaculture- WWTP Flow Tracing Dye Study

Mr. Kolb noted that tomorrow, the FDA/Aquaculture will introduce a reddish dye into the plant effluent. The goal is to trace the dye and the discharge to the Norwalk River and ultimately the Norwalk Harbor over the next several days.

4. Grant Application Submission:

a. Bouton Street Sewer Extension

b. Merrill Rd & Highbrook Road Drainage Improvements

c. Keeler Brook PS

Mr. Kolb provided updates to the grant applications.

C. Discussion on WPCA Engineering Projects:

1. WWTP- Final Settling Tanks Upgrade

Ms. Pacelli provided updates on WWTP – Final Settling Tanks Upgrade

2. Collection- City of Norwalk for Bettswood Road and Barbara Drive Drainage Improvements and Sewer Separation

Mr. Kolb provided updates on the drainage improvements and sewer separation on Bettswood Road and Barbara Drive.

3. Collection – Bouton Street Preliminary Engineering 30% Design.

Mr. Kolb noted that the project is currently on hold until the grant award status is confirmed.

4. Collection – Fort Point PS Sewershed Rehabilitation

Ms. Pacelli provided updates to the Fort Point Street PS Sewershed Rehabilitation and noted the goal is to have the bid documents out by the end of the summer.

D. Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects: Updates were provided on:

1. PS – Keeler Brook PS Replacement.

Ms. Pacelli provided an update, noting that the temporary bypass is operational and maintained daily.

2. Collection – Beacon Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement.

Mr. Kolb provided an update and noted that 725 feet of 24” pipe installation has been completed to date, and six new manholes have been installed.

3. Walk Bridge Program- Fort Point Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Ms. Pacelli provided an update and noted that all of the work is being done at night.

E. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

Ms. Pacelli stated that the adjustments to date total \$39,677.

F. Information Copies: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

****MS. WENNERSTRAND MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd