

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2026**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Ann Wennerstrand
Chris Mannella
John Bove
James Frayer
Josh Goldstein (arrived at 5:33 PM)

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

Others: Trever Steeprock, Project Manager, Veolia, Inc.
Zach Donahue, Vice President of Operations, Veolia. Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Oustafine called the roll; all those listed in attendance were present.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: May 18, 2026

Mr. Oustafine noted that the April minutes were tabled last month and will need to be included on the next agenda for approval.

**** MR. BOVE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION-
MR. FRAYER.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments this evening.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$25,000 TO TIGHE & BOND, INC. FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES BEING ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND TIGHE & BOND INC. FOR PROJECT (DPW 2024-) ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09194062-5777-C0361

Mr. Kolb noted that the WPCA and DPW are undertaking a joint sewer separation project, and this is the WPCA's contribution toward the cost of preparing the bid documents.

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. **AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH C.J. FUCCI, INC. FOR THE BEACON STREET SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT (WPCA 2025-) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 09254062-5777-C0361

Mr. Kolb noted that the orders on contract were due to costs associated with the realignment of the sanitary sewer main, which resulted in the excavation of rock that was not anticipated

**** MR. BOVE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) OPPOSED-MR. MANNELLA.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Contract Operations Report:

1. Veolia Monthly Report- May 2026 (copy included)

Mr. Steeprock presented the Veolia Monthly Operating Report for May 2026, highlighting collection system activities (CCTV inspections, cleaning, manhole inspections, service calls) and plant maintenance.

2. Veolia Staff Updates

Mr. Steeprock provided an update, noting a transition in the VP role and that Mr. Burke has moved on; Zach Donahue is the new VP. Mr. Donahue introduced himself.

3. Major Repair or Replacement/ Out of Scope Items

A. Fort Point PS Improvements (copy included)

Mr. Steeprock provided an overview of the project.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B. Reports:

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

There was no discussion.

2. FDA/Aquaculture-WWTP Flow Tracing Dye Study

Ms. Pacelli noted that the work by the FDA and Aquaculture was performed and completed the week of May 17th.

3. Grant Application Submission:

a. Bouton Street

b. Keeler Brook PS

Ms. Pacelli provided an overview of the submitted grants.

C. Discussion on WPCA Engineering Projects:

1. WWTP - Final Settling Tanks Upgrade

Ms. Pacelli noted that Arcadis is at 60% design and is still awaiting approval from CTDEEP for the value of engineering.

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

Mr. Kolb noted that the WPCA is working with the DPW team and Tighe and Bond to prepare the bid documents for that sanitary sewer separation and drainage improvement project.

3. Collection – Fort Point PS Sewershed Rehabilitation

Ms. Pacelli noted that Brown and Caldwell has continued working on the scope, finalizing the scope, and preparing the bid documents.

D. Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects:

1. PS - Keeler Brook PS Replacement (copies included)

Ms. Pacelli noted that the pump station continues to operate on a temporary bypass and is monitored daily by Veolia and WPCA staff.

2. Collection – Beacon Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Mr. Kolb provided an overview of the Beacon Street sanitary sewer replacement project.

3. Walk Bridge Program- FT. Point St. Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Ms. Pacelli noted the work has been completed and the area is off of bypass.

E. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

Ms. Pacelli said the appeals/adjustments to date are \$39,677.00.

F. Information Copies

1. None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dilene Byrd