

**CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL  
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 21, 2025**

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

Staff: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works; Christine Pacelli,  
Wastewater Systems Manager; Mario Pizighelli, Stormwater Systems Manager

Others: Trever Steeprock, Project Manager, Veolia, Inc. Ross Gambino,  
Asst. Project Manager, 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- JUNE 16, 2025**

**\*\* MR. BOVE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments this evening.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Contract Operations Report**

1. Veolia Monthly Operating Report-June 2025 (copy included)

Mr. Steeprook reported that the Veolia collections system team completed 0.57 miles of TV inspection in June, which is expected to increase with the new camera and computer setup. Additionally, the team performed 6.20 miles of sewer cleaning, 140 manhole inspections, 7.7 miles of SL Rat, and responded to six service calls. They also installed new level monitoring in both the bisulfite storage tanks. The IPP inspection program conducted 32 inspections.

Mr. Steeprook said the facility's nitrogen performance for June was 566 pounds.

Mr. Steeprook stated that they have repaired primary tank #4 by removing concrete and other debris from the cross collector. Additionally, the fencing and paving at the Old Trolley Way pump station are now complete. They are now working on the grass cutting that they are responsible for this week.

Mr. Steeprook noted that a heavy rain event occurred last week, and the wastewater treatment plant experienced approximately an inch and a half of rain, but was able to sustain it without going into stormflow.

Mr. Steeprook stated that all permit requirements were met for June, and all required reports were submitted to the CT DEEP and the EPA. The quarterly report was sent to Synagro. He said they are working with the Norwalk team on the permit renewal application for the discharge permit, which is due in late September.

2. Contract Year 6- Inflation Adjustment (letters included)

Mr. Steeprook stated that, according to the contract, the inflation rate is based on a weighted average of several metrics, primarily the CPI, and this year resulted in a 3.3% increase.

**B. REPORTS:**

**1. FY 24/25 REVENUES/EXPENDITURES MUNIS REPORTS (COPY INCLUDED)**

There was no discussion.

**2. CONSENT ORDER-2025 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (COPY INCLUDED)**

Ms. Pacelli said on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the WPCA submitted the 2025 annual progress report to the DEEP. The report highlighted that the WPCA had made substantial progress towards meeting the goals outlined in the Collection System Master Plan. The highlights included the ongoing implementation of the cured-in-place piping in low-lying and coastal areas. By the end of this September, over 70,000 linear feet of pipe will be lined upon completion of the project. Continued efforts to reduce the inflow and infiltration, and have disconnected seven catch basins since last year's report, and launched a design task order with Tighe and Bond to

separate five more in the Bettswood Road and Walnut Road area. The WPCA has advanced the Hubble's Lane relief sewer project design to 90%. The project aims to mitigate significant surcharges, prevent manhole overflows, and permanently close the Wall Street outfall. The Dreamy Hollow infrastructure improvement project has been completed, and the design for the recently awarded construction of the sanitary sewer replacement project near Beacon Street has been finalized. This project aims to eliminate potential wet weather SSOs and is expected to take approximately one year to complete.

Ms. Pacelli provided an update on the Facility Plan, stating that in November 2024, the WPCA had responded in writing to a July 24th DEEP letter, in which we reiterated our plan to eliminate Outfall 002 through a comprehensive wet weather flow reduction program, rather than on-site plant treatment. This offers a long-term benefit for lifespan and improved water quality. They also propose to extend the timeline of this work from 10 to 20 years and are still awaiting DEEP's response. As part of the update, they have also initiated the design with ARCADIS for the upgrade of the final settling tank project. This project is potentially eligible for Clean Water Funding, so they have requested and obtained DEEP's approval of the engineering agreement in February 2025. The design is progressing, and the construction is anticipated to be bid as early as June 2026.

#### **C. DISCUSSION ON WPCA ENGINEERING PROJECTS:**

##### **1. HUBBELL'S LANE RELIEF SEWER**

Ms. Pacelli said the Hubbell's Lane sewer relief project is progressing to 100% design and is working on the utility conflicts with the design.

##### **2. FINAL SETTLING TANKS**

Ms. Pacelli said the design of the final settling tanks is progressing toward 30%.

##### **3. BETTSWOOD ROAD AND BARBARA DRIVE SEWER SEPARATION AND DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Mr. Pizighelli provided an update on the project, stating that we are continuing with the design and finalizing the grant paperwork, as well as acquiring easements through Norwalk Green. The project is currently at 90% design and is expected to reach 100% completion over the next couple of months.

#### **D. DISCUSSION ON WPCA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:**

##### **1. PS- OLD TROLLEY WAY SITE IMPROVEMENTS**

Ms. Pacelli said the Old Trolley Way pump station site improvements have been completed, and they are now working on the limits of the grass mowing. Ms. Valadares said the state will be mowing their area.

**2. PS- FORT POINT IMPROVEMENTS**

Ms. Pacelli said they continue to work with the Walk Bridge team reviewing the submittals for the pump station work, which is anticipated to start this fall.

**3. COLLECTION- BEACON STREET SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Pizighelli said a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, and they are hopeful of breaking ground at the end of September or the beginning of October, pending submittal reviews and approval of materials.

**4. COLLECTION- SAMMIS AND BELL ISLAND SEWERSHED REHABILITATION**

Ms. Pacelli stated that Insituform has been working on manhole rehabilitation, lateral grouting, and completing the CIPP lining. They are on schedule to complete all the work by the end of September.

**E. SEWER USE APPEALS AND ADJUSTMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Pacelli stated that the sewer use bills were sent out on July 1st and, to date, have issued \$2,688 in adjustments.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed this evening.

**VII. DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion this evening.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR.IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd