

CITY OF NORWALK
AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY - MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2025

PRESENT: Galen Wells, Chair; Diana Lenkowsky; Richard Roina; Louis Schulman; Chapin Bryce; Tammy Langalis; Darius Williams; Ana Tabachneck (6:05PM)

STAFF: Alexis Cherichetti

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. It should be noted that this meeting was held on Zoom.com with participants calling in separately.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti called the roll.

III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Wells noted Ms. Lenkowsky would be seated for all items.

IV. REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

A. New Applications for Registration

Ms. Cherichetti noted there were three new applications and she would review each of them individually.

1. **#RA25-121 – 336 Main Avenue – Sunoco, Inc.** – APA Registration application for the active repair/maintenance of vehicles or internal combustion engines of vehicles, underground storage/transmission of petroleum, and retail oil or petroleum dispensing

Ms. Cherichetti stated this application was complete and recommended acceptance.

***** MR. SCHULMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION AS COMPLETE.**

***** MS. LANGALIS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).**

2. **#RA25-122 – 304 Main Avenue – Ritz Cleaners** – APA Registration application for active dry cleaning

Ms. Cherichetti indicated that the application for this facility was complete.

Mr. Schulman asked if the business was a new business or an existing business. Ms. Cherichetti confirmed it was an existing business and the same business that initially registered in 2009.

***** MR. SCHULMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION AS COMPLETE.**

***** MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).**

Ms. Tabachneck joined the meeting at 6:05PM.

3. #RA25-123 – 17 Gold Street – Esposito Auto Body – APA Registration application for active repair/maintenance of vehicles

Ms. Cherichetti stated this application for a small autobody shop was complete.

***** MS. LANGALIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION AS COMPLETE.**

***** MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0).**

B. Pending Applications for Registration

Ms. Cherichetti reiterated that applications are either accepted as complete or rejected as incomplete. The Agency determination of incompleteness and rejection stops the application from being automatically accepted after a certain time period.

1. #RA24-98 – 347 Main Avenue – Global Montello Group Corp. d/b/a Global Service Station #7180 – APA Registration application for active underground storage/transmission of petroleum and retail oil or petroleum dispensing

Ms. Cherichetti stated that this facility finally has submitted and implemented a complete application for Registration. She noted the Materials Management Plan now fully addresses the catch basins at the front of the property.

Ms. Langalis asked if Ms. Cherichetti tests to confirm large underground petroleum tanks, such as the ones at this facility, are not leaking or having issues. Ms. Cherichetti indicated she does not, but these types of facilities are also regulated by the state. Ms. Cherichetti confirmed that in the event of a spill the APA and its staff are not first responders. - the fire department is a first responder and if there is contamination, then the state or federal government oversee remediation. is She noted the APA program

***** MS. LANGALIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION AS COMPLETE.**

***** MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0).**

2. #RA24-104 – 255 Main Avenue – Nina & Marco, Inc. d/b/a Aamco – APA Registration application for active repair/maintenance of vehicles

Ms. Cherichetti summarized that this application was rejected during the APA April 2025 meeting where it was determined that the registration warranted a certified Materials Management Plan (cMMP) and a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). The facility operator was given a deadline of August 20, 2025 to complete and implement the plans. She reported the operator provided a SWMP, but needs to complete site work prior to completion of the plan; she also noted the operator was still working on completing a cMMP. She noted the operator and his retained professional were in attendance at the meeting if the Agency would like to hear from them prior to any action on the application.

Mr. Schulman thought they should not speak tonight, but return once the application is complete. He asked if giving the operator more time was an favor. Mr. Roina countered the registration application was incomplete because the Agency added additional requirements. Mr. Bryce suggesting hearing from the operator would be helpful prior to determining the Agency's next action.

Harry Rocheville, McChord Engineering, noted they had reviewed staff's comments on the SWMP submitted last week and that they had no issues with the comments. They would continue to work to meet the requirements. He described the existing site conditions and the issues.

Mr. Bryce asked when all plans and BMPs could be completed. Mr. Rocheville indicated that 90 days would be achievable.

***** MR. SCHULMAN MADE A MOTION TO REJECT THE APPLICATION AS INCOMPLETE AND PROVIDE NINETY (90) ADDITIONAL DAYS TO ESTABLISH A NEW DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION.**

***** MR. BRYCE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0).**

3. #RA25-108 – 18 Pearl Street – L, F and P, Inc. – APA Registration application for active repair/maintenance of vehicles

Ms. Cherichetti explained that this facility was also determined to require a SWMP in April and was given the same August 20th deadline. She noted she has not yet received anything new from the facility operator. She noted the applicant was present at the meeting.

Ms. Langalis noted she had to leave the meeting.

Mr. Piza explained that they were still looking for an appropriate professional to do a SWMP. He also noted that business was tough and economically it was difficult.

***** MR. BRYCE MADE A MOTION TO REJECT THE APPLICATION AS INCOMPLETE AND ALLOW NINETY (90) ADDITIONAL DAYS TO ESTABLISH A NEW DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION.**

***** MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0-1) WITH ONE ABSTENTION (SCHULMAN).**

4. #RA25-109 – 277 Main Avenue – Croce's Transmission Specialists, LLC – APA Registration for active repair/maintenance of vehicles or internal combustion engines of vehicles

Ms. Cherichetti recalled this facility also required completion and implementation of a SWMP. She noted that as of this afternoon, the plan was complete and implement.

***** MR. BRYCE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION AS COMPLETE.**

***** MS. LENKOWSKY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0-1) WITH ONE ABSTENTION (SCHULMAN).**

5. #RA25-112– 4 Broad Street – Magg's Auto Body, LLC – APA Registration for the active repair/maintenance of vehicles

Ms. Cherichetti noted this item was on the agenda as a placeholder – no action was required tonight. The Agency previously determined a SWMP was required and gave a deadline of September 17th.

- 6. #RA25-115 – 283 Main Avenue – Global Montello Group Corp. d/b/a CITGO Global Station #175** – APA Registration for the active underground storage/transmission of petroleum and retail oil or petroleum/oil dispensing

Ms. Cherichetti confirmed this application for registration was finally complete. The operator has updated all plans and has installed oil-absorbent filters in all stormwater catch basins.

***** MR. SCHULMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION AS COMPLETE.**

***** MR. ROINA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).**

- 7. #RA25-117 – 27 Broad Street – Wesco, Inc.** – APA Registration application for the active repair/maintenance of vehicles or internal combustion engines of vehicles, retail oil or petroleum/oil dispensing and vehicle washing

Ms. Cherichetti said this facility made some updates to both paperwork and to the site and now meet all BMPs. She stated the registration application was complete.

***** MR. ROINA MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION AS COMPLETE.**

***** MR. SCHULMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0).**

V. DISCUSSION

- a) Discussion regarding APA Citation & Fine Ordinance

Ms. Cherichetti stated she had met with the Ordinance Committee staff person. Once she had draft language she will forward it to the Agency members.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) April 16, 2025 meeting minutes

***** MR. SCHULMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2025.**

***** MR. BRYCE SECONDED.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

***** MR. WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

***** MR. BRYCE SECONDED.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44PM.