

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2025**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
John Igneri, Vice Chairman
Barbara Smyth
Chris Mannella
John Bove
James Frayer
Heather Dunn

Staff: Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer
Christine Pacelli, Wastewater Systems Manager
Mario Pizighelli, Stormwater Systems Manager
Chris Torre, DPW Superintendent of Operations

Others: Trever Steeprock, Project Manager, Veolia, Inc.
Ross Gambino, Asst. Project Manager, Veolia, Inc.
Michael Burke, 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- AUGUST 18, 2025

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

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments this evening.

V. NEW BUSINESS

**A. PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR BOUTON STREET SEWER
EXTENSION (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb stated that a few months ago, the board had directed staff to develop a proposal and had subsequently reached out to Woodard and Curran, who drafted a proposal. It is a “menu-type” style proposal, and for Phase I, it will come with 30% design drawings along with a benefits appraisal, with a total cost of \$58,000. If the WPCA board wishes to pursue this further in the future, additional costs will be associated with items such as pre-characterization, wetlands flagging, and permitting requirements.

Mr. Kolb stated that the WPCA has an existing contract with Woodard and Curran, and there are funds available under that contract, which would require only a task order to proceed. It was the board's direction that staff move forward.

**B. AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF \$115,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS FOR USE ON THE STORM/SANITARY SEWER SEPARATION
PROJECT BEING ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND M.
RONDANO, INC. FOR PROJECT DGR 2023-3 ON CALL DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. ACCOUNT NO.S 09204062-5777-
C0361 AND 09244062-5777-C0361**

Mr. Pizighelli said the on-call drainage contract has been in effect for the last few years and is now on its third amendment. The funding for the project will go towards catch basin disconnects for which there are field designs, as well as any miscellaneous sanitary sewer items that would coincide with the on-call drainage contract.

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:40 PM.

Executive session ended at 5:56 pm.

During the executive session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Contract Operations Report

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

Mr. Steeprook reported that the Veolia collections system team completed 2.80 miles of TV inspection in August. He said 3.30 miles of sewer cleaning, 58 manhole inspections, 3.90 miles of SL Rat, responding to eight service calls. Both chlorine contact tanks are on a monthly cleaning schedule. The IPP inspection program conducted 32 inspections.

Mr. Steeprook stated that the facility's nitrogen performance for August was strong, at 431 pounds.

Mr. Steeprook said primary tanks two and four distribution boxes were cleaned, and a new check valve was installed for grit pump number two.

Mr. Steeprook said even with the heavy rain event in August, the facility did not experience a wet weather event.

Mr. Steeprook stated that all permit requirements were met for August, and all required reports were submitted to the CT DEEP and the EPA.

2. Major Repair or Replacement/ Out of Scope Items

a. MRR 06-006 Fort Point Pump Station SCADA (copy included)

Mr. Steeprook stated that through the Walk Bridge project, the Fort Point Pump Station is undergoing some work, and this MRR is to contract Aaron Associates to oversee the integration effort, ensuring there are no issues with the new pumps.

B. REPORTS:

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

There was no discussion.

2. OPEN HOUSE- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025, 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM (FLYER INCLUDED)

Ms. Pacelli announced that the DPW Open House will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

C. DISCUSSION ON WPCA ENGINEERING PROJECTS:

1. FINAL SETTLING TANK

Ms. Pacelli said the staff have been working with their design consultant, ARCADIS, and they are progressing towards the 30% design.

2. BETTSWOOD ROAD AND BARBARA DRIVE SEWER SEPARATION AND DRAINAGE PROJECT

Mr. Pizighelli said they will be performing test pits to finalize the design in the coming week. A technical correction is also being finalized for the project, and the project will go out to bid in late fall.

D. DISCUSSION ON WPCA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

1. PS-FORT POINT IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Pacelli said the construction has begun at the Fort Point Pumps Station, and the contractor has started preparing for the transition of the bypass. Staff anticipate that the bypass will be in place within the next couple of weeks. The WPCA team continues to collaborate with the Walk Bridge team.

2. COLLECTION- BEACON STREET SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT

Mr. Pizighelli stated that the traffic plan has been approved for the road closures and proposed detour routes for the entire project. The sanitary sewer bypass is scheduled to be set up in early October and is expected to break ground on East Avenue at Daskams Lane in late October.

**3. COLLECTION-SAMMIS AND BELL ISLAND SEWERSHED REHABILITATION
(COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said the lining project is progressing well, and through a change order, staff has allowed Insituform to extend the work completion date through the end of October. He also stated that some additional time was extended for Brown and Caldwell for their construction administration and resident engineering services related to the additional work added to the Insituform contract.

E. SEWER USE APPEALS/ADJUSTMENTS UPDATE

Ms. Pacelli said the sewer use appeals and adjustments to date are \$6,335

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd