

**CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL  
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 20, 2025**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Chris Mannella  
John Bove  
James Frayer  
Heather Dunn

Staff: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works  
Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations, DPW  
Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer  
Christine Pacelli, Wastewater 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 5:31 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**A. REGULAR MEETING- SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

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

## **V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments this evening.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Contract Operations Report**

#### **1. Veolia Monthly Operating Report- September 2025 (copy included)**

Mr. Steeprock reported that the Veolia collections system team completed 1.30 miles of TV inspection, 2.80 miles of sewer cleaning, 113 manhole inspections, 3.10 miles of SL Rat, responding to 12 service calls, and cleaned the dichlorination tank. The IPP inspection program conducted 31 inspections. The new wet-weather chlorine pumps were delivered and installed, and the final start-up is scheduled for within the next two weeks.

Mr. Steeprock said the facility's nitrogen performance for September was 456 pounds.

Mr. Steeprock said all permit requirements were followed for September, and all required reports were submitted to the CTDEEP and the EPA. The bi-monthly and quarterly sludge reports were also submitted in September.

Mr. Steeprock said the Veolia team had a great time participating in the DPW touch-truck event that was held last month.

### **B. REPORTS:**

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

Mr. Frayer said on the revenue side, there is \$110,000 in transfer adjustments, and asked if that is for the month or cumulative. Mr. Kolb said the fiancé department invests the fund balance for the WPCA, and he believes those are the funds that got moved on the back end. Mr. Frayer asked if that is included in the budget. Mr. Kolb said "Yes" and that the finance department provides the number based on the fund balance and their anticipated interest income. Ms. Valadares said it is an annual, not a monthly, payment. Mr. Frayer said he will follow up with the finance department to find out why it is being reported as an adjustment.

#### **2. TIME EXTENSION REQUEST TO DEEP ON CWF-744-PG FOR THE WPC FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Pacelli said the project grant agreement for CWF-744-PG for the facilities plan update expires on December 31, 2025, and the WPCA has requested a one-year time extension to

December 31, 2026. The WPCA facility's plan is currently pending review by the DEEP Water Planning and Management Division, which is why the extension is being requested.

### **3. NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION (LETTER ATTACHED)**

Ms. Pacelli said the NPDES permit renewal expires on March 31, 2026, and the renewal application was submitted on October 1, 2025.

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

### **1. FINAL SETTLING TANK**

Ms. Pacelli said the WPCA continues to work on the design with ARCADIS and is currently at 30% design, which is expected to be submitted this month.

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

Mr. Kolb said this is a joint project, with the City of Norwalk taking the lead, and that the WPCA is part of the sanitary sewer separation project. The legal team is currently finalizing the easement with First District Water to install a new drainage system through the green, and DPW engineering is taking the lead on a federal grant to fund the majority of this project.

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

### **1. PS- FORT POINT IMPROVEMENTS**

Ms. Pacelli said the work at the Fort Point pump station is progressing, and the station is currently on temporary bypass. The contractor has started electrical work and pump removal at the station. The WPCA continues to collaborate with the Walk Bridget team on this project.

### **2. PS- KEELER BROOK**

Ms. Pacelli said the temporary bypass in continuity is maintained daily by the Veolia team. WPCA staff continue to work with FEMA on the claim for the August 24<sup>th</sup> storm damage and are also working with the city on an application to the EDA for a federal grant to support potential funding.

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

Mr. Kolb said that the contractor, CJ Fucci, is in the process of submitting shop drawings, and Brown and Caldwell are reviewing them and will approve or issue comments. Last week, they performed 16 test pits to verify utility concerns raised by WPCA staff, and the information was surveyed and uploaded to the drawings.

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

Mr. Kolb said the CIPP lining is 98% complete, the manhole rehabilitation is 73% complete, and the grouting of sewer laterals is 81%, and anticipates the lining will be completed by the end of next week.

**E. SEWER USE APPEALS/ADJUSTMENT UPDATES**

Ms. Pacelli said the sewer use appeals and adjustments to date total \$5,903.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed this evening.

**VII. DISCUSSION**

Mr. Outsafine asked for an update on the land purchase. Ms. Valadares said the WPCA is in agreement with the property owner to purchase the land, and the only reason they have not yet closed is that an environmental analysis was required, and there was an area that the consultant could not evaluate and will need to go back and then finalize the report, and then will be able to close.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd