

**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY - MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Chapin Bryce, Chair; Galen Wells; Louis Schulman; Richard Roina; Darius Williams; Harvey Jones; Jacquen Jordan Byron; Tammy Langalis; Diana Lenkowsky; Ana Tabachneck

**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 Bryce noted Ms. Lenkowsky would be seated for the first item and Ms. Tabachneck would be seated for the second.

**IV. REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

**A. *New Applications for Registration***

Ms. Cherichetti noted there were no new applications

**B. *Pending Applications for Registration***

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

Ms. Cherichetti noted this application was previously rejected after the Agency determined that the registration warranted a certified Materials Management Plan (cMMP) and a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). She was pleased to report the facility operator had submitted both plans and had fully implemented the additional best management practices (BMPs).

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

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

**\*\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0-2) WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS (JORDON BYRON AND JONES).**

Ms. Tabachneck left the meeting at 6:09PM.

**V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

- a) **#APV25-45 – 18 Pearl Street – LF & P General Auto Repair – Show-Cause Hearing & Decision - Operation of a facility with regulated activities in non-compliance with APA Regulations**

Ms. Cherichetti explained the show cause hearing process. She explained the Agency would use the information provided during the show-cause hearing in their determination to either uphold the Order, modify and uphold the Order or withdraw the Order. Ms. Cherichetti noted

the show-cause hearing would begin with her review of events that lead to the issuance of the Order. The respondent would then be given an opportunity to provide additional testimony.

Ms. Cherichetti described the APA Registration process. She noted the Registration for LF&P Auto had expired on February 6, 2025. The facility operators submitted a Registration application on January 16, 2025 however during the April 16<sup>th</sup> APA meeting, the Agency determined the location warranted a Stormwater Management Plan and the Agency rejected the application as incomplete and gave a deadline of August 20<sup>th</sup> to complete the Stormwater Management Plan. She noted that during the Agency's meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>, no progress was noted and the Agency provided a 90-day extension of time and gave a new deadline of November 18<sup>th</sup>. During the November 12, 2025 APA Agency meeting, the facility owner was not present and no additional information was submitted. The Agency directed staff to take enforcement action if the application was not complete by the deadline. Ms. Cherichetti stated an Order was issued December 1, 2025 and directed the operator to cease all regulated activity.

Ivan Rosas spoke on behalf of the facility owners. One of the owners, Pedro Piza Ortega, was also present. Mr. Rosas stated that the issue was brand new and that there was very little information provided. He said there was no information about what exactly was needed from staff. He noted the anticipated cost of the additional plan was the main delay and mentioned a variety of potential professionals. He stated that Harry (McChord Engineering) did not put them on his schedule until December.

Ms. Jordan-Byron questioned the respondents lack of information and the timeline. Mr. Rosas explained they called electricians and plumbers but no one they called knew what was needed. Mr. Rosas said that staff finally gave them a list in August, but some on the list would cost too much and it was a very complicated process.

Mr. Schulman asked Ms. Cherichetti if she was withholding a list of consultants from the facility operators. Ms. Cherichetti stated as City employees they cannot make any recommendations regarding private contractors of any kind. She noted the April letter notifying the facility of the need for a stormwater plan was clear and descriptive and that the letter states such plan must be done by a professional engineer, hazardous materials manager or licensed environmental professional. After hearing that facilities were having some issue with finding these professionals, as an additional courtesy, staff reached out to firms and asked if they would like to be on a list of contractors that did this type of work. Mr. Schulman observed that staff seemed to be extremely generous in giving time and assistance.

Mr. Schulman asked if the Agency upheld the Order as drafted, could the facility owners complete their application and become registered. Ms. Cherichetti suggested language modifications to the Order to allow the facility to submit a late registration. Ms. Schulman asked for confirmation of the result if the Order were to be upheld with no amendment. Ms. Cherichetti responded that then this facility operator would be prohibited from operating at their current location.

Ms. Langalis asked if there were pollutants entering the aquifer because of the delay. Ms. Cherichetti noted that the APA program focuses on implementation of best management practices and, while there were no active spills that she was aware of, there were some best management practices that were required but were not implemented.

Ms. Jordon Byron appreciated that City staff could not recommend private firms and noted the operator needs to comply as soon as possible.

Ms. Cherichetti clarified that the facility is ordered to cease all operations until a new Registration is issued.

Mr. Roina questioned Mr. Rosas's timeline of engagement with McChord Engineering.

There was discussion regarding a timeframe to complete the Registration application. Ms. Cherichetti read an email from McChord Engineering regarding completing the Stormwater Management Plan. Agency members noted six weeks would be sufficient time. Ms. Cherichetti again noted that the facility is prohibited from engaging in any regulated activities and the sooner the application is complete the sooner they can work on cars.

There was discussion regarding the directives to cease all operations and to submit a complete application no later than six weeks from today.

**\*\*\* MS. WELLS MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDER AS DISCUSSED AND UPHOLD THE AMENDED ORDER.**

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

Mr. Bryce suggested setting the deadline as Tuesday, January 20, 2025. Ms. Wells agreed and amended her motion.

**\*\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (9-0)**

## **VI. DISCUSSION**

- a) Discussion regarding APA Citation & Fine Ordinance

Ms. Cherichetti stated there was no information to report.

## **VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) November 12, 2025 meeting minutes

**\*\*\* MR. WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025.**

**\*\*\* MS. LANGALIS SECONDED.**

**\*\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH EIGHT IN FAVOR AND 1 ABSTENTION (MS. JORDON BYRON).**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*\* MS. LANGALIS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\*\* MR. JONES SECONDED.**

**\*\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.