

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

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

Staff: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works  
Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations, DPW  
Christine Pacelli, Wastewater Systems Manager  
Mario Pizighelli, Stormwater Systems Manager

Others: Trever Steeprook, 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- NOVEMBER 17, 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. CONNECTICUT AVENUE- 493**

Ms. Valadares said she is pleased to report that they closed on the property at 493 Connecticut Avenue on Thursday, and the city's Building Management team is now managing the building. The survey has been ordered, the site plan will be finalized, and we are looking forward to starting construction of the new Keeler Brook pump station in its new location. The timeline will depend on the tenants, who will need to be relocated and are hoping to do so within the next four to six months, and will demolish the building once they are relocated. She thanked the board for their support and believes this decision will affect generations to come, ensuring a very reliable pump station outside the flood zone and increasing capacity in that area.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

Mr. Steeprock reported that the Veolia collections system team completed 2.5 miles of TV inspection, 0.83 miles of sewer cleaning, 142 manhole inspections, 0.4 miles of SL Rat, responding to seven service calls. The second vector truck has returned from the repair shop and is now fully operational on all of the collections equipment. The IPP inspection program conducted 29 site inspections.

Mr. Steeprock said the maintenance team removed the roto-differential from the centrifuge to be rebuilt by the manufacturer. The liquid sludge has been hauled to maintain inventories. FST#3 suffered a structural failure of the skimmer arm and scum trough; repairs are underway. The wet-weather chlorination improvements project was completed in November, and a start-up and training session was held for the staff.

Mr. Steeprock said the facility's nitrogen performance for November was strong at 529 pounds per day. The facility did not experience a storm event in November. All permit requirements were met in November, and all required reports were submitted to CTDEEP and the EPA.

2. Major Repair or Replacement/ Out of Scope Items:

a. Beacon Street Water Main Relocation (copy included)

Mr. Steeprock said WPCA staff had approached Veolia for some help with this project, which is related to the Beacon Street sewer project. A segment of the water main needs to be relocated, and Veolia hired the contractor to keep the work on schedule.

Mr. Oustafine asked who owns the water line. Mr. Steeprock said the First District Water Department, and per Mr. Kolb, the cost of the work will be split 60/40 between the First District Water Department and the WPCA. They had bought all of the material, and Veolia is facilitating the installation.

Mr. Manella asked why the work is not going through the contract. Ms. Valadares said the idea was to complete the work as they learned about the conflict with the water main afterward.

b. Lift Actuator (copy included)

Mr. Steeprock said the secondary lift station has three main pumps, and the actuator for one of the gate valves had failed and could not be operated and was left in the open position, which did not allow them to have the flexibility to rotate the pumps, so had a contractor replace it, and the project has already been completed.

**B. REPORTS:**

**1. FY 25/26 REVENUES/EXPENDITURES MUNIS REPORTS (COPY INCLUDED)**

There was no discussion.

**2. DRAFT FY 26/27 CAPITAL BUDGET (COPY INCLUDED)**

Ms. Pacelli said that for the 2026/27 capital budget, staff are requesting \$8 million for the pump station work and \$10 million for the wastewater treatment plant.

**3. FINANCIAL MODEL UPDATE**

Ms. Pacelli provided an update and said staff are working with Woodard and Currin to finalize the model and will present it to the board next year.

#### **4. CT DEEP ISSUED- GENERAL PRETREATMENT PERMIT FOR NON-SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USER DISCHARGES TO POTWS**

Ms. Pacelli said the CTDEEP issued a new general pretreatment permit for non-significant industrial user dischargers to the POTWS, which went into effect on December 1, 2025. The WPCA has issued letters to the existing permittees on file to notify them of the change and to take action on the new online notification process by March 1, 2026.

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

#### **1. WWTP- FINAL SETTLING TANK**

Ms. Pacelli said in early December ARCADIS held a workshop to review the 30% basis of design report with the WPCA team, including Veolia. ARCADIS will be addressing staff's comments and is scheduled to kick off the 60% design next month.

#### **2. COLLECTION- CITY OF NORWALK FOR BETTSWOOD ROAD AND BARBARA DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND SEWER SEPARATION**

Mr. Pizighelli said the work is still pending archeological test pits in the Norwalk Green area to proceed with the grant, and is hoping to get the test pits done soon.

#### **3. COLLECTION- BOUTON STREET PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING 30% DESIGN**

Mr. Pizighelli said the survey is complete and that soil borings in the area are pending an agreement, but they are hoping the work will start shortly. After the borings, they will be able to get a 30% design and cost estimate to present to the board.

#### **4. COLLECTION- FORT POINT PS SEWERSHED REHABILITATION**

The pump station's sewershed rehabilitation is a new lining project as part of the ongoing I&I reduction program. It will target the sewer sheds that flow into the Fort Point pump station, which is currently being upgraded as part of the Walk Bridge project. The Veolia team is currently completing the cleaning and CCTV inspections, confirming the conditions of the assets in these sewer sheds, and Brown and Caldwell will determine the priority locations to line and develop the bid packages.

#### **5. CB DISCONNECT PROGRAM**

Mr. Pizighelli said that Rondano will mobilize to Hadak Parkway to disconnect the catch basins in that area, and will be mobilizing on Wednesday this week, and that it will be a two-day job.

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

**1. PS- FORT POINT IMPROVEMENTS**

Ms. Pacelli said the Fort Point pump station is back online. The start-up of the new pumps and the integration into SCADA were initiated last Monday and were successful, so the station has been taken off bypass. The WPCA team is continuing to collaborate with the Walkbridge team on the next portion of work for the force main replacement, which is scheduled for sometime in 2026 but may be in 2027, depending on their schedule.

**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 insurance and FEMA on the claim for the August 2024 storm damage. They are engaging Wright-Pierce to modify the station and piping design for the new location now that they have possession of the property.

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

Mr. Pizighelli said that the contractor, CJ Fucci, tested the bypass pumps today and plans to start work at the intersection of Beacon Street and Sunset Hill Avenue by installing the first manhole and mainline tomorrow.

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

Ms. Pacelli said the CIPP lining is complete, and one manhole around the river remains. Insituform is developing a plan to access it safely to do the work, and it is anticipated that the work will be completed in January.

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

Ms. Pacelli said the sewer use appeals and adjustments to date total \$19,542.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Dilene Byrd