



**Approved
Town of Ridgefield
Water Pollution Control Authority**

**WPCA Zoom Meeting
July 30, 2026 7:00 p.m.
66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877**

WPCA: Gary Zawacki, Corinne Ketchum, Amy Siebert, Maureen Kozlark
Absent: Russell Fink
AECOM: Matt Formica
Veolia: Ryan Richmond, Roger Bates
Guest: David Fox

**These are not verbatim minutes of the proceedings, but identification of
general items and specific actions undertaken.**

WPCA Regular Zoom Meeting was called to order by Ms. Siebert at 7:00 p.m.

**1) Approved May 28, 2026 minutes by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Kozlark,
passing 4-0**

2) New Business

Sewer Rates.

**Mr. David Fox consulted with Mr. Kevin Redmond and stated the sewer
rates for the upcoming year should remain the same noting that the national
average for sewer rate increase is approximately 6%.**

**Motion for sewer rates to remain the same: South Street \$932.00 and Turner
Hill \$522.00 for fiscal year 2027 by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Kozlark,
passing 4-0.**

Ms. Kozlark left meeting at 7:26.

3) Old Business.

South Street WWTF NPDES Permit Renewal

Mr. Formica indicated that the NPDES permit renewal application for South
Street WWTF was submitted to DEEP before the July 4, 2026 deadline.
Thank you to Veolia, Diana and Amy for your effort to complete this task

4) AECOM Report

a. Quail Ridge Pump Station

Prospect Woods Easement.

Mr. Formica reported that Pullman and Comley are working on drafting two of the three easements

The Prospect Woods easement is being drafted to include the concession/ specific requests from the Prospect Wood Homeowners Association and the revised sewer elevation plan behind the adjacent units. Pullman and Comley noted that they expect to provide a draft shortly.

AECOM had responded on 6/26/26 to a 6/14/26 request from Shane Herlet's Attorney with additional requests (fence, trees, etc.) with the WPCA and the HOA CC'd). There has been no follow up or additional correspondence since.

77 Sunset Lane

Mr. Formica noted that this easement is being drafted without any concessions as none had been requested. Pulman and Comley indicated a draft of this easement will follow the prospect word easement

CT DEEP

Mr. Formica reported that the third easement application with the State was submitted to DEEP in early May

CT DEEP provided initial comments and concerns related to the sewer routing on 7/2/26 and requested a follow-up meeting to discuss. AECOM provided a response on 7/7/26 to their request and asked for available dates to discuss their concerns. They have indicated that they need to submit the application to the DEEP State Dams Section and coordinate with the USDA Natural Resources Conservations Service to obtain their feedback. We will let the WPCA know when we hear from them.

b. Route 7 Pump Station, Force Main and WWTF Decommissioning

It was noted that a legal update can be provided in executive session.

c. South Street WWTF Upgrade

Pump Station No. 2 Hatch Door Replacement. Mr. Formica indicated that the hatch doors were returned to the manufacturer for review. They provided some information on them and several photos indicating that they are able to fit in the frames appropriately and are ready to return to the site. AECOM has requested some additional photos and documents for review including the 5-year warranty that they

indicated they would provide. We are waiting on a response prior to allowing a release.

Spectraserv Settlement. Mr. Formica reported that with the Settlement and Release Agreement with Spectraserv for the project AECOM had done the following:

- Finalized and executed Spectraserv final last payment for \$600,000.00 as agreed upon and that payment should be made shortly
- Developed and Change Order to formalize this change and have provided a draft to the state. They are in the process of reviewing it to allow for CWF grant and loan reimbursement for the portion of the retainage release to them. Once approved that reimbursement application will be submitted.

Aeration Tank No. 2 Concrete Repair. Mr. Formica noted that CH Nickerson completed the repair work last month and is expected to complete the work in the next few weeks within budget.

Wetlands Enhancement. Mr. Formica indicated that New England Landscape and Management, Inc. has indicated that they will be on site next week for plant removal. They are coordinating with Veolia

5) Veolia Report

a) Mr. Richmond indicated that the following operational and maintenance tasks were performed last month:

- i) • Greased & Lubricated Odor Control Units 1, 2 & 3
- ii) • Replaced Lab pH probe & sample thermometers
- iii) • Semiannual Preventative Maintenance performed on a Pump Station Generators
- iv) • Cleaned & Calibrated all Dissolved Oxygen probes
- v) • Lubricated & Greased Final Settling Tank gear reducers & prefilter mixer
- vi) • Replaced failed UV light ballast
- vii) • Monitor and clean Plant Water prefilter
- viii) • 6/24 Callout to Quail Ridge Pump Station for Low Air alarm
- ix) • Replaced Quail Ridge failed air compressor
- x) • IDC Electrical replaced Soft Start for booster pump 1B

b) Mr. Richmond detailed the force main leak repair on the Fox Hill discharge sewer last month. It was noted that the leak originated from a broken pressure reducing valve (PRV) in a blowoff manhole. It was noted that this blowoff manhole had at some point been paved over and damaged. The repairs conducted include replacement of the PRV as well as reconstruction/repair of the blow off manhole. Mr. Richmond thanked the efforts of the CT DOT and

the Contractor that performed the work and thanked the Fox Hill residents for their patience.

c) Mr. Richmond as reported an usual power anomaly at the WWTF. During the recent storms all of the breakers to the individual buildings had tripped. Mr. Richmond understood that this may have been the result of a power surge on the utility side as it appeared to correspond to a local event were car crashed into a utility pole. Veolia was alerted to the event as result of a Johnson Controls call indicating an issue with the fire alarm. Veolia was able to come to the site to reset the power and associated equipment around the site.

d) Mr. Bates presented the monthly permit sampling data, as well as the rain data for the month and year-to-date. Roger noted that Nitrogen continues to remain well under the credit threshold of 29 lb/day. Ryan Richmond then added that the Town will not owe any money for Nitrogen to the state of CT for 2025, but will instead receive funds.

6) Motion to go into Executive Session and invite Mr. Formica and Ms. Van Ness by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Zawacki passing 3-0.

a) The WPCA returned to public at 8:07 p.m. with no votes taken.

7) Adjournment

a) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. by Ms. Kozlark seconded by Mr. Zawacki, passing 4-0.

Submitted by Diana Van Ness