

MEETING MINUTES of the
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (WPCC)
Town of Redding
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:30pm
via ZOOM only

Commissioners Present: Amy Atamian, Chair; Dave Pattee; Kirby Klump; Vanessa McPherson; Chuck Cilo.

Also, Present: Scott McFarland of Veolia; Peter Papineau of Tighe & Bond (T&B); Nancy Portalese, WPCC Administrator; Janet August, Recording Secretary, and members of the public.

Call to Order: Amy Atamian called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING

No corrections or errors were noted in the minutes, and they were accepted.

2. REPORT FROM VEOLIA WATER PLANT MANAGERS

HEALTH & SAFETY –

- No injuries or illnesses were reported during this period
- Monthly Safety Inspection (eyewash/showers/fire extinguishers) was completed on Friday, 2-2-24
- PPE and First Aid Stations are in full supply and in good working order

OPERATIONS –

- February Monthly Reports to USEPA and CTDEEP were submitted on Monday, March 11, 2024 with full Permit compliance in all categories.
- 1.16 MG of wastewater influent was received, and .090 MG of wastewater effluent was processed
- Removed 98.9% of influent BOD and 99.0% of influent TSS
- H.I. Stone removed 110,000 gallons of wastewater & waste sludge (17 loads)
- Pupper Septic removed 12000 gallons of waste sludge (3 loads)
- No significant process alarms were experienced in February MAINTENANCE –
- Eleven of Thirteen (11/13) preventive maintenance work orders were completed

- No corrective maintenance work orders issued ● Organic CIP performed on membranes 2-7-24
- New water meter installed by Mulvaney Mechanical at 73 Redding Road, 2-8-24
- New membranes were installed on Monday & Tuesday, February 26 & 27, 2024
- Membrane Testing was successfully completed on Wednesday, February 28, 2024
- Industrial Crane & Hoist to provide quotation for fabricating UV lamp storage racks
- Mulvaney mechanical to provide quotation for repair/replacement of various leaks on Permeate Pump Skid
- Miscellaneous Addison Electric work to be scheduled
- West Hartford Lock - entry gate lock installation quotation of \$1065 rejected. Alternatives being considered.

TRAINING –

- February VNA Training Modules Completed: Snow Shoveling, Snowblower Safety, Mental Health-seasonal affective disorder, Office Ergonomics

ADMINISTRATION / MANAGEMENT –

- No odor, noise or other complaints were received
- Vacancy of Class III Operator position began Monday, 1-8-24. Temporary O&M Technician, Willie Buchanan, began work on Monday, March 4, 2024. Final interview for full-time position scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024

Visitors –

- Susan Unger, CTDEEP, 2-7-24
- Colin Augia, Hach, 2-14-24
- Cole Algoon, Addison Electric 2-26-24
- Patrick Lindros, Veolia Poughkeepsie 2-26-24
- Lance Judkins, Wright Water Corp., 2-26-24
- David Wiel, Veolia North Haven, 2-26-24
- Shawn Wright, Wright Water Corp., 2-26-24
- Matt Margolis, Kaeser Compressor, 2-26-24
- John Esposito, NIC, 2-26-24
- Patrick Lindros, Veolia Poughkeepsie, 2-27-24
- David Wiel, Veolia North Haven, 2-27-24
- John Esposito, NIC, 2-27-24

Scott McFarland presented the Veolia report. As expected, greater hauling was done in February due to the membrane replacement project. Addison still needs to complete some work, as does the locksmith. Eastern will be on site April 1st to install the RAS pump and look at the recycle pump.

Ms. Atamian raised that next year they may want to get the offline tank up and running. Mr. McFarland discussed what would be needed for that project, including instrumentation, another mixer, and probably SCADA and electrical work. This would all probably be part of the capital plan.

Ms. Atamian reported on the violation issued by DEEP for not reporting on the UV system failure in DEEP's online report tool QLink. A response to DEEP from the Town and Veolia is being completed by Veolia and will be reviewed by Town Counsel. To clarify, Mr. McFarland stated that the UV system did not fail. The UV system was operating, but the display was not. The UV system and display are now operating 100%. Ms. McPherson added her experience and perspective of the Q-Alert System and what issues might require alerts to be entered. Ms. McPherson states that we should ask for training from DEEP on the Q-Alert System so we are clear on what issues arise to the need to report. It was pointed out that the Q-Alert System is new and that operators should have training on the system. Mr. McFarland reported that he is looking to fabricate racks for the UV system in order to take them out during the off season to protect them. He is asking for quotes from Industrial Crane and probably Barzettis. Mr. McFarland asks for suggestions on vendors for diesel fuel. Ms. Portalese will investigate this for him.

Mr. McFarland reported that the new temporary technician is working out well. They have interviewed for a Class 3 and have a Class 4 interview coming up. They are hopeful that the position formerly held by Mr. Nixon will be filled soon.

Ms. Atamian notes that no new reimbursables have been received by Veolia since the invoice dated December 2023 which was received in February 2024, and she wants them to get current with their invoicing. She adds that the \$35K charge has reappeared after it was removed by Jason O'Brien.

3. Tighe & Bond (T&B) Final Roof Report

Peter Papineau of T&B reviewed the report, recapped his recommended schedule for maintenance and replacement, and answered questions from the commissioners. Cost estimates for repairs and for replacement were provided. The roof membranes are good given their age. He discussed the option of re-roofing on top of the existing roof and the roof insulation and modifications required for roof replacement.

Veolia left the meeting at 8:25pm.

Mr. Papineau discussed the skylights and the most urgent repairs at this point, and whether to repair or replace them. The repair cost would be approximately \$500K. The commission discussed bonding this as a capital item, and whether to plan re-roofing in 2027. The consensus was to accelerate the roofing concerns for the oldest buildings first, and to add to the capital plan over the next few years.

4. Discussion and Action on Invoices and Financial Status

BILLS TO BE PAID- March 2024

Vendor	Invoice Date	Inv NO	Date Rec'd	Amt Due	Account
AIRGAS	2/29/2024	5505902523	3/12/2024	\$ 62.22	92-5540
Aquarion	2/26/2024	200280747	3/12/2024	\$ 214.87	92-5601
Eversource	3/6/2024	5152 463 4029	3/18/2024	\$ 7,536.27	92-5350
Frontier	2/9/2024	100302-5	3/12/2024	\$ 392.29	92-5260
HOCON GAS	2/29/2024	i054361	3/12/2024	\$ 5.59	92-5540
HOFFMAN LANDSCAPE	2/13/2024	17069	3/12/2024	\$ 508.00	92-5240
HOFFMAN LANDSCAPE	2/17/2024	17107	3/12/2024	\$ 407.00	92-5240
Keough's Paint and Hardware	2/23/2024	559099	3/12/2024	\$ 22.49	99-5590
Oak Ridge (30YD for Veolia)	2/29/2024	2569653	3/12/2024	\$ 518.70	92-5240
Oak Ridge	3/1/2024	2559327	3/12/2024	\$ 155.09	92-5240
Veolia - Reimbursables	12/19/2023	9000130880	2/21/2024	\$ 37,046.30	
Veolia	2/1/2024	9000136991	2/21/2024	\$ 32,639.69	92-5220
				<u>\$ 79,508.51</u>	
Layne	3/14/2024	2668096	3/14/2024	\$ 245,572.00	91-6231

Ms. Atamian stated that we will need to ask the Town for a transfer this month. She reported that Veolia has still not invoiced the commission for about \$9K in lab fees. She again stated that the erroneous past due fee of \$35K needs to be removed. The Eversource rate has increased and therefore so has the monthly cost. It was noted that two bills fell between last month's and this month's billing. Costs incurred during the membrane replacement were in line with expectations. The commissioners discussed a \$50K transfer from the Town.

MOTION: Mr. Pattee moved to request a \$50K transfer of funds from the Town of Redding to the WPCC account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klump and the motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Cilo moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$79,508.51. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klump and the motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Atamian reported that she spoke with Finance Director Jim Sanders regarding the capital budget. She states that they budgeted to repair the off-line aeration tank for \$95K. Ms. McPherson stated that she feels strongly that the commission should not invest in the second tank until we evaluate all facility needs first. She added that she does not see this as a critical investment until we anticipate more wastewater flow than we have currently. The commissioners discussed the issue along with issues in the online tank and the foam buildup, and the need for a recirculation pump. The discussion included optimizing processing and the availability of the off-line tank as a holding tank while maintenance is being performed in other parts of the plant. Ms. McPherson questioned if upgrading the offline tank needed to be as early in the capital plan as it is. Ms. Atamian stated that the facility audit is in the capital plan for \$75K.

Ms. Atamian reported that Mr. Sanders suggested we apply unexpended funds towards the proposed FY 25 capital projects (aeration basin repair and facility audit). This would allow us to pay for items without bonding.

Ms. McPherson supported the idea of a facility audit to determine the needs of the plant, identifying critical needs, and assist us in planning to resolve both critical needs and routine equipment and maintenance expenses. The commissioners discussed having available funds ready for any urgent issues identified by the facilities audit.

5. Engineer RFQ

Ms. Atamian stated that the RFQ needs to move forward. Ms. McPherson has added comments including construction administration, coordination of contract operations and solicitation. The commissioners discussed posting the RFQ, as well as responses to any questions from applicants. A discussion of the best place to post the RFQ in order to cast a wide net for responses and help to ensure quality based selection. The commissioners discussed whether bidders should visit the site before completing and submitting their bids, and the merits of a site visit. WestCOG may be able to help with posting and soliciting responses. Ms. Atamian stated that she will meet with Jim Sanders to get the RFQ posted.

6. Executive Session: Discussion and Possible Action on the CTDEEP Notice of Violation

MOTION: Ms. McPherson moved to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klump and the motion carried unanimously. The commission entered Executive Session at 9:41pm.

MOTION: Mr. Pattee moved to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Klump and the motion carried unanimously. The commission exited Executive Session at 9:56pm.

7. Commissioner Member Comments

Nothing further.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. McPherson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pattee and the motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:59pm.

Submitted by
Janet August, Recording Secretary

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