

CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
June 19, 2017

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
Dave McCarthy  
John Flynn  
John Bove  
John Igeneri  
Greg Burnett  
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian

Staff: Bruce Chimento, DPW Director  
Lisa Burns, DPW Principal Engineer  
Ralph Kolb, DPW Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: Cathy Mallon, ARCADIS  
Raul Torres, ARCADIS  
Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.  
William Haberstroh, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.  
Patrick Devito, Shellfish Commission  
Steven Bartush, Shellfish Commission  
Pat McNichols

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (GUESTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS MAY SPEAK TO ANY  
ITEM ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN (3)  
MINUTES PER SPEAKER).**

Mr. Steve Bartush stated that he had some questions regarding the ability to receive data from the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that the information that is available on-line was very basic and asked if the Shellfish Commission to have access to all the information contained in the reports that get reported to the State of Connecticut, and if so in what form would they be in. He also asked if the contract between OMI, Inc. and the City of Norwalk is public information. Mr. Chimento said that "yes" it is. Mr. Kolb said that he will provide Mr. Bartush with the information that he has requested.

Mr. McNichols stated that he lives at 9 River Drive and that his property is adjacent to the Marvin Beach pump station, and that neighbors are getting increasingly frustrated with the current temporary pump being close to three months in operation. He said that there were intentions on numerous residents attending tonight's meeting to share their concerns, but do to the large agenda Mr. Kolb had suggested and arranged a meeting last Friday along with Mr. Chimento and Ms. Molloy, and he thanked Mr. Kolb for doing that and that they had updated the neighbors and it was much appreciated. He also said that assuming the immediate nuisance is addressed with the temporary pumps, the neighborhood is requesting that they continue to be informed and involved with the planning of the replacement pumping station, and that the board and or it representatives meet with the neighbors to make sure there is an opportunity to get more in depth feedback from the people that are most impacted by what will be happening, and their hope is that this will continue to be an open and transparent process as it has been so far, and that the board takes everyone's concerns into account and end up with the best possible result.

### **3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2017.**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

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

### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS:**

- **Personnel Issues (interview)**
- **Litigation (Flowserve)**
- **Contract Remedies (OMI)**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

Executive session began at 5:40PM

Executive session ended at 7:00PM

No action was taken.

### **5. PRELIMINARY DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION (representatives from ARCADIS to attend.**

Ms. Mallon stated that ARCADIS was engaged to prepare the strategic plan and the purpose was to plan for the future and to provide guidance of some options both from an operational perspective as well as the structure going forward. She presented the report said that the report is a draft and that there are incremental steps and decisions and policy guidance that will need to be made from the Board. Mr. Torres said that based on the summary of possible institutional arrangements summarized in the report it appears that the following four alternatives are most viable.

- The WPCA remains part of the City of Norwalk's municipal structure and it is not transferred to a third party.

- The WPCA finds one or more municipalities to create a new standalone public authority as allowed by current statutes and the assets are transferred to such newly created entity.
- The WPCA is transferred to an existing regional public authority.
- The WPCA is sold to a private entity.

Mr. McCarthy questioned the comparison of alternatives and the ranking system as well as the environmental regulatory burden which will not change even if the structure changes. He also said that there facts in the report that do not have supporting documentation and he will provide his feedback via staff. There was discussion ensued and Ms. Burns said that the report is in very draft form and that one internal draft has been done and had made some changes but that in no way shape or form is it close to a final version.

**6. DPW/WPCA EXISTING/PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS/ WPCA INTERIM DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION (COPIES INCLUDED)**

There was no discussion.

**7. AUTHORIZE RETENTION OF CONTRACT WPCA INTERIM DIRECTOR (PART-TIME) FOR FISCAL YEAR 17/18 FOR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE ORDERS ON THE CITY OF NORWALK FEBRUARY 14, 2017 CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED ALARM SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE CCTV REPLACEMENT AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CENTER (PROJECT:3709) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,171 (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said that the cameras are being replaced and that it is a Public Works project and they will be paying for a majority of it, but there are some cameras at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that will also be replaced. Mr. Oustafine asked how much Public Works will be paying. Mr. Kolb said over \$100,000.

**\*\* MR. FLYNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF BALANCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS SET ASIDE IN FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 TO FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 TO BE USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE THE FUNDS WERE INTENDED FOR.**

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>
224062-5298	\$169,701	ARCADIS US, INC.-MLP PROJECT
224062-5298	\$7,171	ADVANCED ALARM SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.
224062-5789	\$125,000	WPCA INTERIM DIRECTOR FY17/18

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF BALANCES FROM ACCOUNT 224062-5298 FOR ARCADIS US, INC. AND ADVANCED ALARM SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.**

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

**10. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:**

**a. OMI MONTHLY REPORT- APRIL & MAY 2017 (COPY INCLUDED)**

Ms. Molloy reported and said for maintenance in month of April the focus was on the primary and final settling tanks, and there was a monthly permit violation and a permit performance guarantee violation received and that it was reported to Aquaculture. She said that nitrogen fell into band "D".

Ms. Molloy reported and said for maintenance in the month of May that preventive maintenance was done on final settling tanks 2 and 4. She said that there were no permit violations or performance guarantees for the month, but there were four bypasses and the one at 250 Westport Avenue was a 500 gallon spill in the water and was far away from the shellfish beds, and that it was reported to Aquaculture. She said that nitrogen fell into band "D".

Ms. Molloy reported on collections and said that they are concentrating on the Walk Bridge project as well as the paving list.

**b. CONTRACT YEAR 18- CPI ADJUSTMENTS (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said that the CPI adjustment for contract year 2018 is 2.02%

**11. REPORTS**

a. FY 16/17 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)  
Mr. Kolb reported and said that everything is tracking as expected.

b. Discussion on Marvin Beach Pump Station Status  
Mr. Kolb reported and said that there is a rock that is blocking the process of getting flow to the wet well, and due to the size of the rock and the condition of the manhole it is unsafe to send someone down to remove the rock so they will be installing a doghouse

manhole upstream, which will allow them to relocate the current bypass pump to allow them to replace the pipe from the brick manhole to the wet well. He said that once that is done there will be flow back into the station and that the station can then be turned back online, and the Godwin pumps that are currently on site can be removed. He said that staff has also authorized Wright-Pierce to redesign the pump station and the new pump station will be in the vicinity of the existing pump station.

c. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

- 1) Sluice Gate Replacement  
Mr. Kolb said the project has been completed.
- 2) Wastewater Pump Station Asset Management Plan  
Mr. Kolb said that Wright-Pierce has been authorized to do a long term capital improvement for all the pump stations, and within the last couple of weeks they have been to all the pump stations. He said that 55% grant will be received from the State of Connecticut for the work.
- 3) Collection System Projects  
Mr. Kolb said that staff has authorized CH2MHill, Inc. to enter into a design for the various problems throughout the city to try and eliminate some of the hotspots for maintenance. He said that the project will go out to bid by the end of the year, and that most of the work will be lining with the exception of the few areas that will require a replacement due to the condition of the pipe.
- 4) Beacon Street Interceptor project- Warranty Inspection  
Mr. Kolb said that Heitkamp will be doing warranty inspections.

d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

- 1) Appeal Status  
Mr. Kolb reported and said that the adjustments to date are \$ 78,519.

e. Information copies:

- 1) WPCA Contact List Update (copy included)  
No discussion.
- 2) Final Nitrogen Credit Exchange- 2016 (copy included)  
No discussion.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd