



SEYMOUR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the Seymour WPCA Board Special Meeting- April 20th, 2026- 6pm at the Sewer Plant.

Members Present; Jim Cretella, Rob Findley, Stephan Behuniak and Brian Capozzi.

Not present; Nick Teodosio

Others Present: Michael Burke, regional Vice President, Veolia Water, Jon Marro, Nathan Owens, Chief Operator and other members of the public.

Jim Cretella called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

The pledge of Allegiance was given.

The following is a synopsis of 2 ½ hours of discussion of the FY 2026-2027 budget.

Budget Workshop;

The board analyzed the 2025-2026 budget for actual expenses, actual income and whether or not the particular expense exceeded budgeted amounts. Engineering was at over 100 percent at the month of April and maintenance was over 100 percent currently. All other categories of expense were at or under budget. Discussion ensued as to various levels of expense that were under budget and the reasons why. There was no money spent on sewer backups, as 9 Bungay Road backup had not even started work on remediation until late March. The board then had to allocate more money to 2026-27 budget for this line item in preparation of payment (hopefully). Nitrogen Credit has no entry, as the WPCA is getting money (\$1,700 approx.) back this year. A new expense was introduced for the budget; the hauling of sludge as the board has decided not to repair the dump truck or look for a new one.

Income was then analyzed by the board, and the collections percentage is still at 91 percent, as the sale of the sewer use liens have not gone through. Discussion ensued about how much could be realized by the sale/auction of the sewer use liens.

The next step of the budgetary process was the adjustments to the 2026-2027FY proposed budget. The Veolia water total budgeted amount was reduced by -8.59 percent, Engineering and site inspections were increased by 20 percent to cover increasing numbers of inspections due to new construction projects. State of CT licensing fees were reduced by -43.48 percent as

a new permit for the sewer plant was already applied for. Maintenance was increased by 60 percent due to ongoing repairs and plant costs, and that the 25-26 budget actuals for the line item was already overbudget. Accidental sewer backup was increased to 100K (or a 400 percent increase) to cover 9 Bungay Road remediation costs that are unspent. A new budget category was introduced; hauling because the dump truck will not be replaced and the sludge will be carted away by a vendor. Capital spend was increased by 53.26 over last fiscal year, as the sludge press will be replaced during the FY 2026-27. Discussion ensued about the progress of all of the other capital projects that have been budgeted for; Jim Galligan will be directed with the data analysis and presenting of this report. The vehicle replacement fund was decreased by 25 percent; a smaller truck is wanted to replace the utility truck that is aging out.

The final part of the meeting was a discussion of the sewer use rate itself. Even with a transfer from Capital Fund reserves of \$1 million, the proposed sewer rate will have to be increased by 7.5 percent. The next regular meeting the proposed sewer rate and accompanying budget will be decided upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.