

# Town of Rockland

## SEWER COMMISSION



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Rockland Sewer Commission Meeting  
July 28, 2025

In Attendance: Michael Mullen, Matthew Ryan, David Taylor, Robyn Day, Megan Lynch, Dave Prickett and Justin Skelly

### Call to Order

Michael Mullen calls the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

### Approve Minutes

*Motion made by Matthew Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Mullen, to approve minutes of July 21, 2025. All in favor 2-0.*

### Administrative Update

Abatement request for 253 Hingham Street

*Motion made by Matthew Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Mullen, to approve abatement for 253 Hingham Street in the amount of \$1,775.67. All in favor 2-0.*

### Owner's Project Manager (OPM) - Review/Discuss/Vote DPC Contract

The OPM contract with DPC is to oversee the beginning stages (\$33M) of the WWTP upgrade.

The initial agreement with DPC is approximately \$820,000. Fees for tasks 1-6 are \$183,174, tasks 7-10 are \$615,877 with an additional \$21,497 for a part-time RPR.

Since the contract covers SRF loan application, DPC suggests that we submit current preliminary design plans for this year's loan application. This will keep us in the loop for this year's cycle and the previous submission from Wright-Pierce gets us into next year's cycle.

*Motion made by Matthew Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Mullen, to approve the DPC contract for tasks 1-6 in the amount of \$183,174. All in favor 2-0.*

David Taylor will forward the preliminary design in digital format over to DPC.

## Veolia Update

### – Operations Summary:

- We are allowed a maximum flow of 2.5 MGD, per our NPDES Permit. This past month we treated 61 million gallons with an average of 2.0 MGD.
- Total rainfall for the month was 2.78 inches.
- The belt filter press dewatered sludge, which is then hauled off-site twice weekly. 371,000 gallons were processed, resulting in 126 tons of sludge removed from the facility.

### – Maintenance and Repairs:

- This month Forest Street and Old Country Way pump stations were pumped out and vacuumed.
- All pump stations had their uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) batteries replaced and some had the actual UPS unit replaced.
- All of the grit was removed from the aerobic grit chamber. This gave us the opportunity to inspect the air compressor unit which is not working properly. We have 2 electric bubbler mixers we are utilizing in the grit chamber while we decide how to proceed with fixing the air compressor unit.
- We turned an off-line polymer tank (7,200 gallon) into a transfer holding tank for ferric in case we run out of ferric from the tank feeding into the aerators.
- We had an electrician inspect the variable frequency drive (VFD) which controls the #2 influent pump. THE VFD will be replaced sometime over the next (2) weeks. We are updating maintenance procedures/schedules so that all VFD filters are cleaned periodically.
- The back-up lime tank was damaged due to free flowing water entering the pump during shutoff, hardened lime formed from improper cleaning and running the pump with a closed valve. The pump has been repaired and, going forward, we are updating maintenance procedures/schedules to avoid these types of issues.
- (1) employee is returning from medical leave this week, leaving us with (1) vacant position to be filled.

## Future / Upcoming Meetings

Next Sewer Commission Meeting - Monday, August 25 - 6:30 to include discussions of the Superintendent role and possible restructuring of the position; and the stipend for the Interim Superintendent

Contractor meeting Wednesday August 6 with DPC and Weston & Sampson

## Adjourn

*Motion made by Matthew Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Mullen, to adjourn at 6:56 pm. All in favor 2-0.*

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*These minutes are a brief synopsis of discussions that occurred during the meeting. For more in-depth information, please refer to the meeting video on <https://www.youtube.com/WRPSRockland>.*