WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Trumbull

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FEBRUARY 26, 2026
AGENDA

NOTICE is hereby given that the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Trumbull, CT will hold a special meeting via videoconference on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Join the meeting:
Water Pollution Control Authority Special Meeting
Feb 26, 2026, 6:00 PM
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89303251358?pwd=Z3FZhnCS0cua9vly95DOxp2PX9cZdk.1
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. JANUARY 14, 2026, MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:
   https://www.trumbull-ct.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_01142026-5961

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
   - February 21, 2026, Pump Stations Tour
   - Bridgeport WPCA & Town of Trumbull Agreement
   - Earmark Grant $1.1 Million Award from the Office of Jim Himes

5. NEW BUSINESS:
   - Wildwood Pump Station Emergency Repair Approval
   - FY2026-2027 Operating Budget Update Approval

6. OLD BUSINESS:
   - Update - Trumbull WPCA 2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)-$2,700,000 Bond Issuance
   - 2135-2145 & 2155 Reservoir Avenue Sanitary Sewer Connection Request

7. ADJOURNMENT

TOWN OF TRUMBULL

NEXT YEAR BUDGET LEVELS REPORT

PROJECTION: 20271 2026-27 BUDGET FOR PERIOD 99

SEWER			2025 REVISED BUD	2026 REVISED BUD	2027 DEPT REQ	2027 FIRST SEL	2027 BD OF FIN	2027 TOWN CNCL
10	ENTERPRISE FUNDS							
20100000	SEWERS-ENTERPRISE							
20100000	501101	SAL-FT/PER	383,095.00	427,252.00	459,435.00	.00	.00	.00
	MATHAS contract expires 6/30/26. Only step increases are included in the budget. Any amount for potential increases after contract settlement is held in Contingency.							
	MATE salaries increased 2.75% per contract.							
	Delinquency & Collections Administrator position is shared (50/50) with Tax Collector.							
20100000	501103	SAL-SEASON	5,760.00	5,872.00	5,872.00	.00	.00	.00
	$5,872- Summer college intern - 40 days x $18.35/hour x 8 hours/day							
20100000	501105	SAL-OVRTIM	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	.00	.00	.00
	Includes: Emergency service calls, Clerical. Attendance at WPCA meetings and other Town meetings. Overtime for all non-exempt employees.							
20100000	501888	UNIFORMALL	1,610.00	1,685.00	1,685.00	.00	.00	.00
	$ 525 Safety shoes (3 employees @ $175 each) $ 200 Safety shoes (1 employee) $ 960 OSHA require apparel							
	$1685 TOTAL							
20100000	522201	SVS-CLRC	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	.00	.00	.00
	Clerical services for WPCA Meetings							
20100000	522202	SVS-PROF	138,811.00	165,000.00	165,000.00	.00	.00	.00
	Outside Professional Services as needed (including but not limited to the following):							
	$ 80,000 Sewage Discharge Alternatives (Legal) $ 50,000 Sewage Discharge Alternatives (Consultant) $ 35,000 General Legal services from #01012800							
	$165,000 TOTAL							

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SEWER			2025 REVISED BUD	2026 REVISED BUD	2027 DEPT REQ	2027 FIRST SEL	2027 BD OF FIN	2027 TOWN CNCL
20100000	522204	SVS-CONTRC	7,683,228.00	7,651,398.00	7,842,178.00	.00	.00	.00

$7,386,500 - (BRIDGEPORT WPCA sewage treatment 1,100,000 CCF X $6.715/ ccf
$ 221,595 - Add 3% for potential rate increase from Bridgeport
$ 125,000 - Potential payment for excess flow amounts

$ 7,733,095 - Projected BPT WPCA

$ 56,602 - QDS- WPCA Sewer Usage Billing
$ 17600 - Aquarian sewer use readings
$ 7,500 - Mission - Pump Station Online Monitoring Services
$ 5,901 - 1 year subscription for ARC GIS (1/2 Engineering - 1/2 WPCA)
$ 7,210 - 1 year subscription for AutoCad Civil (1/2 Engineering - 1/2 WPCA)
$ 2,200 - United Alarm for pump station
$ 8,500- Northeast Generator
$ 1,250 - Legal Notices
$ 320 - Post Office Box
$ 2,000- OSHA Training & SDS Support

$ 7,842,178- TOTAL

20100000	522210	REIMB-GF	690,000.00	734,000.00	820,000.00	.00	.00	.00

WPCA reimbursement to the Town of Trumbull per schedule prepared by Finance Dept.

20100000	534402	MTLS-PROG	14,000.00	18,800.00	18,000.00	.00	.00	.00

The program account is used provide the WPCA with the office supplies, misc. supplies, janitorial accessories, road safety apparel, chemical solvent and misc. items necessary to maintain safe and sanitary working environment. Also used for training staff, computer hardware and software programs.

$10,535 New Computer and Video software for Camera Truck

Total $18,000.00

20100000	545501	COM-LEGAL	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	.00	.00	.00

The account is used for the Tax Collector's quarterly newspaper notices and the required advertising of legal and assessment notices. Amount is based on 2021-2022 projections.

20100000	567701	TRNSP-GAS	9,200.00	9,200.00	9,200.00	.00	.00	.00

Estimated Fuel Costs based on historical usage/expected fuel rates.

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20100000	567702	TRNSP-VEH	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	.00	.00	.00

Anticipating routine maintenance on the department vehicles.

20100000	578801	MNTNCE-SV	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	.00	.00	.00

Preventive maintenance of 13 pump stations; annual main line cleaning and inspection of problem areas that are prone to overflows; annual wet well cleaning.

20100000	578803	MNTNCE-PRG	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	.00	.00	.00

The program-related account is used to fund parts needed for the repair and routine maintenance of 13 pump stations, their electrical control equipment, flow metering and chart recorders, pumps, hoists, hydraulic check valves, mechanical seals, hoses, hardware, pipe cleaning and inspection equipment, etc.

20100000	578805	XTRA ITEM	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	.00	.00	.00

Requesting $50,000 for unforeseen repairs for sanitary system.

20100000	581888	CAP OUTLAY	781,300.00	781,300.00	796,300.00	.00	.00	.00

Requesting Capital Outlay - Pay as part of user rate
$ 5,000 - G.I.S- updates for Infrastructure Inventory asset management program
$ 60,000 - Adjust manholes on various paving roads
$ 50,000 - Sanitary sewer inspection on 2025 paving roads
$ 50,000 - Easement Maintenance & Clearing
$600,000 - Town Wide Repairs of force mains, gravity lines and I&I repairs
(Rolled into the Fund 83 Account)
$ 16,300 - Rack Body Truck with lift & Plow (year 4 of 5 year "Town Lease")

$ 15,000 - Pick-up Truck with lift & Plow (year 1 of 5 year "Town Lease")

$796,300 Total

20100000	590011	UTIL-HEAT	16,727.00	12,750.00	16,500.00	.00	.00	.00

Nov 2024, PURA denied SCG's increase in rates and imposed a decrease in 2.5%. SCG has appealed this decision. With a change in leadership, PURA will likely be less confrontational. However, the cost of utilities in CT is becoming a higher profile concern and has become an election issue.

The Heating Budget is made up of a blended rate of distribution and generation costs.

FY27 Budget assumes a slight increase in usage, a 4% increase in Generation, and a 3% increase in distribution costs.

Results also compared against historical activity and adjusted accordingly.

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SEWER			2025 REVISED BUD	2026 REVISED BUD	2027 DEPT REQ	2027 FIRST SEL	2027 BD OF FIN	2027 TOWN CNCL
20100000	590012	UTIL-ELECT	231,862.00	243,000.00	245,000.00	.00	.00	.00

Sept 2025, the State of CT sold bonds to cover the cost of lowering Public Benefits charges that are run through the electricity bills. This lowering of the Public Benefit charges was to partially offset the Oct 2025, PURA approval of a 17% increase in UI distribution revenues.
With a change in leadership, PURA will likely be less confrontational. However, the cost of utilities in CT is becoming a higher profile concern and has become an election issue. As many charges on the UI bill are not controlled by UI, there is political pressure to limit or eliminate these charges from the electricity bill.

The Electricity Budget is made up of a blended rate of distribution and generation costs.

DASI increase upped the generation cost from $.1049/kwh to $.1134/kwh

FY27 Budget assumes a slight increase in usage and a 3% increase in distribution costs.

Results also compared against historical activity and adjusted accordingly.

20100000	590013	UTIL-WATER	2,275.00	2,600.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00

Aquarion's Rate Request of March 2023 was denied, and they lost the appeal. PURA's lower rate decision was implemented by Aquarion in 2024. 2025 Eversource announced a deal to sell Aquarion. PURA blocked the sale to RWA, which had projected rate increases starting in 2027 of 6.5%-8.35% over the next decade. Aquarion subsequently requested a rate increase of 42%. CT state judge sent the RWA purchase deal back to PURA (which has had a turnover in leadership and may not have ability to actually block the sale versus add stipulations) to review. Budget assumes a slight increase in usage, a 1.5% increase in usage cost rate, and a 2.5% increase in rates in FY27.

Results also compared against historical activity and adjusted accordingly.

20100000	590014	UTIL-PHONE	1,440.00	1,612.00	2,740.00	.00	.00	.00

4 phones 4 ipads

On a town wide level this budget includes charges for Verizon wireless. All service costs were annualized for current year and compared to prior year budget and actual costs. In addition, the Town's technology department continually monitors cell plans for usage and potential rate savings.

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20100000	595888	INT-BOND	323,031.00	339,439.00	321,957.00	.00	.00	.00
	$ 321,957 - Interest on bond issues of 2014 through 2025 bonds							
	$							
20100000	597888	PRINC-BOND	508,564.00	553,564.00	607,564.00	.00	.00	.00
	$ 607,564 - Principal over 20 yrs on 2014 through 2025 bonds							
TOTAL SEWERS-ENTERPRISE			10,947,253.00	11,103,822.00	11,470,281.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS			10,947,253.00	11,103,822.00	11,470,281.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL SEWER			10,947,253.00	11,103,822.00	11,470,281.00	.00	.00	.00
		GRAND TOTAL	10,947,253.00	11,103,822.00	11,470,281.00	.00	.00	.00

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RE: 2135, 2145 and 2155 Reservoir Avenue, Trumbull, Connecticut (Assessor Map G 11, Lots 71, 73 and 74)
Sanitary Sewer Connection Request

Dear Commission Members, Mr. Mauer and Mr. Nugent:

Our firm represents Vessel Technologies, Inc., the parent company of Vessel RE Holdings, LLC (together hereinafter referred to as "Vessel" or the "Applicant"). I am writing to you regarding the Water Pollution Control Authority's (the "WPCA" or "Commission") consideration of Vessel's request to connect a proposed affordable housing development, submitted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 8-30g ("8-30g" or the "Statute"), at 2135 – 2155 Reservoir Avenue, Trumbull, CT (the "Property") to the Trumbull sewer system (the "Proposal").

Both the Applicant's professional engineers and the Town Engineer have evaluated the system's performance under conservative, worst-case assumptions — including peak wet-weather flow conditions driven by extreme storm events and the potential for inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer. Using extremely conservative assumptions and modeling, Vessel's engineers have projected approximately 89% utilization of available pipe capacity for only one hour during the heaviest usage day/wettest day of the year.[1] The Town Engineer has more recently suggested a higher figure of approximately 97%, while noting that "the pipe segments can accept the flow from the proposed Vessel Development."[2] Both figures are projections based on conservative modeling. Critically, however, both analyses reach the same conclusion:

[1] Vessel's engineers maintain that this projection is likely higher than actual flows to be generated by the Proposal.
[2] A correspondence from William Mauer, Town Engineer, to Luke Mauro of Solli Engineering, dated February 3, 2026, is attached to this letter for your reference.

that the system retains capacity to accept the incremental flow associated with the Proposal under peak-case conditions.

A local water pollution control's decision to approve or deny a request to connect to an existing municipal sewer network must be based on substantial evidence within the record before it.[3] Speculative concerns do not amount to the substantial evidence necessary for a water pollution control authority to deny a connection request.[4] It is not entirely clear to the Applicant how the Town's professionals arrived at the conclusion that the pipe segment will be approximately 97% full during peak flow conditions. However, this number is a projection based on extremely conservative assumptions, and not on actual sewer usage data provided from another operational Vessel building within the State of Connecticut.

Vessel remains committed to providing the safe, affordable homes needed to address the housing crisis facing Connecticut. Approval of the Project will provide needed housing without overtaxing local infrastructure. Even so, Vessel is prepared to accept enforceable conditions enacted by the Commission to provide further assurances on this point. During the many months before any construction would occur, Vessel will undertake monitoring, sampling, and verification of actual capacity in the relevant pipe segment. If such testing demonstrates that the system would in fact be overburdened as a result of the Project, Vessel will implement those measures necessary to mitigate that impact, including, if required, the installation of on-site holding tanks and/or funding improvements within the public right-of-way. These measures may be in addition to the projected $1,050,000.00 connection fee for the proposed 150 apartments. Vessel will follow up within the next several days with additional details regarding these potential mitigation measures, including preliminary site planning for on-site storage.

Vessel respectfully requests a meeting in the coming days with the Commission's representatives, the Town Engineer, and relevant Town staff to discuss a clear process for conducting the proposed testing and based on the results, determining what remedial measures, if any, should be implemented as conditions of approval. Given the Commission will be considering the connection request in the near future, Vessel respectfully requests that this meeting take place within the following week. The Applicant believes this evidence-based pathway will fully address any remaining concerns while allowing this important affordable housing application to proceed and deliver needed homes to the people of Trumbull. Thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Klein

Jason A. Klein

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[3] See *Forest Walk LLC w. Water Pollution Control Authority*, 292 Conn. 271, 285 – 87 (2009).
[4] *See Armstrong v. Washington Zoning Board of Appeals*, 158 Conn. 158 (1969); *Milkus v. Fairfield Zoning Board of Appeals*, 154 Conn. 399 (1967).

From: William Maurer
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: 2135-2155 Reservoir Avenue - Engineering & WPCA Comments
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:52:39 AM
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Hi Luke,

We are in receipt of your letter, dated January 20, 2026. responding to Wright-Pierce's review of the proposed Vessel Multifamily Development sewer connection on Reservoir Avenue.

In the time since our last meeting and before the receipt of this letter, Wright Pierce and the Town revisited our approach on the flow analysis and related pipe capacities. Adding the proposed flow (based on Wright-Pierce's determination) from the Vessel project to the flows already planned for the sewer segment being evaluated, the peaking factor from the Table in TR-16 can be revised. In lieu of the 5.6 stated in our review memo, we consider a peaking factor of 5.2 to be more appropriate for the updated flows. Based on this change, the pipe segments can accept the flow from the proposed Vessel Development; the pipe will be approximately 97% full during peak flow conditions.

I have forwarded your letter to Wright-Pierce; however, we do not intend to have them respond, nor do we intend to respond to the comments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bill

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: 2135-2155 Reservoir Avenue - Engineering & WPCA Comments

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Bill,

Just left you a voicemail. Following up to see if you and Christine have availability to discuss our responses to the WPCA comments and thoughts on the calculations we presented.

Thanks!

Luke Mauro, P.E., PTOE
Senior Project Manager

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: 2135-2155 Reservoir Avenue - Engineering & WPCA Comments
Importance: High

Hi Bill,

As discussed, please find attached our formal response to the WPCA comment letter from Wright-Pierce.

Please review and let us know if you and Christine have availability to discuss next week.

Thanks!

Luke Mauro, P.E., PTOE
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