

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2013
7:30 PM – TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Botellio at 7:30 pm. Members present were Vice Chairman-Charles Colby, Dan Fraro, George VanTasel, and Mark Marschall. Also present was Steve Jacobs, Town Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES

A minor correction was needed on the spelling of Mr. VanTasel's name.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to approve the minutes as modified. Seconded by Dan Fraro, all in favor, motion carried.

III. MAPLE ST. - UPDATE

Steve Jacobs reported the insurance company relinquished funds to pay for the repairs. The insurance company has paid \$206,000 for the reimbursement of the sewer main replacement and road repairs. The deductible of \$2500 will be split with the town. The WPCA will pay \$1305.00 for their portion of the deductible.

IV. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – REPAIRS

Steve Jacobs reported that two new bypass valves have been installed. The actuator valves have been unstuck will need to be repacked. Orders have been put in place for new parts.

Commission members had a brief discussion on design of valves and how to keep a parts and maintenance system in the computer to keep the parts up to date.

Steve Jacobs reported for the past month the toxicity test has failed. The test has been run three times with a failed result. Steve suspects maybe something is being dumped into the system. Another factor is that the ammonia levels are higher than normal. Steve and his crew are still trying to trouble shoot. They might have to start checking for pollutants. The state has been informed of the issue and is helping address the problem.

V. WELL WATER ARSENIC SURVEY

Steve got the results back from well testing on Northwest Drive. Almost every house tested on Northwest Dr. had arsenic levels over the drinking water standard. There are also traces on Bilton Road which are just under the drinking water standard.

There was a brief discussion between Mr. VanTasel and Steve Jacobs regarding organic versus inorganic arsenic. Commission members reviewed a geological map of the town. There was

a discussion on well depths and bedrock elevations. Commission members reviewed locations of wells with arsenic in the town. Commission members discussed the possibility of the arsenic coming from a specific source verses it being solely from the naturally occurring bedrock.

Janice Gaskell of 200 Watchaug Rd. was present in the audience to ask questions regarding the arsenic in the wells. She asked if the commission had received a written report from Mr. Bowe. Steve Jacobs said he had received no response yet. Mrs. Gaskell asked if the people on Northwest Drive had been informed of the arsenic. Steve informed her that yes, the homeowners have been informed. A map of detected wells with arsenic will be available at the town hall for anyone in the town who wants to view it. The state has been informed also.

VI. PROPOSED PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING ORDINANCE

This agenda item was deferred until the next meeting. Steve Jacobs will email commission members the draft of the ordinance and it will be reviewed/discussed at the next meeting.

VI. WPCA 2013 BUDGET

Commission members reviewed the budget and WCPA revenue projections. There was a slight increase in expenditures.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to accept the budget as proposed. Seconded by Dan Fraro, all in favor, motions carried.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Steve Jacobs sent correspondence to the DEEP regarding a home on Bittersweet Drive. Levels in one of the wells in this area has risen to 4 parts per billion. Steve has asked the state to be proactive and ask that a filtration system be put in the the home. Additional monitoring of Winwood Circle has also been requested.

A few more delinquent sewer accounts were paid.

James Botellio read new WCPA re- appointments. They were as follows:

Charles Colby- term reappointed until 12/22/2015

George Van Tassel- term reappointed until 12/22/2015

Jim Faust- term reappointed until 12/22/2015

Dan Fraro-term reappointed until 12/22/2015

Stephen Getman- term reappointed until 12/22/2015

IX. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Griffin Greenhouse - \$70.30

Phoenix Labs - \$60.00, \$60.00

Gempler's - \$300.45

Mahler - \$150.35

A motion was made by Charles Colby to pay the bills as stated. Seconded by George VanTassel,

all in favor, motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Marschall to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Seconded by George VanTasel, all in favor, motion carried.