

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
P. O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CT 06071**

**MINUTES
WPCA Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
December 1, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Jim Botellio; Jim Faust; Dan Fraro; George VanTasel; Mark Marschall; Charles Colby; Steve Getman; and Town Sanitarian Steve Jacobs

II. Minutes: November 17, 2015

Charles Colby made a motion to approve the 11/17/15 minutes, as modified, seconded by George VanTasel, and unanimously approved by the Authority.

III. Hall Hill Road – Sewer Line Extension:

Steve Jacobs made a map showing the six properties affected by a sewer line installation. It is possible to install a gravity sewer line at this location. All of the properties that the sewer line fronts on would be assessed, whether or not the properties hook up to the sewer line. The hook-up would be an additional fee.

An estimate on the cost of the sewer line for the six properties affected would be approximately \$55,000 - \$88,000. However, the actual cost of the sewer line won't be known until the project goes out for bid. We invited the owners of properties on Hall Hill Road that would be affected by this proposed sewer to attend tonight's meeting to voice their concerns and ask any questions about this project, and to indicate whether or not they are in favor of the sewer line. Quite a few residents are present.

Jim Botellio told the people in the audience that this meeting is to let the WPCA know how many residents are in favor of this project and to hear your views and then give you a week or so to make up your minds. Steve Jacobs will send each resident a form to fill out and we will review these answers at the next WPCA meeting. Nothing can be done until Spring anyways.

Larry Urbon, 45 Hall Hill Road:

He asked why the Town was doing this?

Steve Jacobs said residents in the area signed a petition asking if a sewer line could be installed. We found out that it could be done. That's where we are at the present time.

Thomas Soule, 54 Hall Hill Road

Asked if we would be charged according to footage and Jim Botellio said no, the charge would be equal.

Annette Decario - 50 Hall Hill Road

She said she has wanted sewers for 37 years but now she doesn't want to pay the expenses involved.

Jim Botellio said payment could be made over a 10 year period at 4% interest.

Soule, 54 Hall Hill Rd.

She said it was 6%, now it is lower.

Annette Decario, 50 Hall Hill Road

There will be an assessment lien on my property until it is paid off.

Steve Getman asked Steve Jacobs to provide a comparison of cost between sewers and a septic system. in his letter to the homeowners Steve said the cost depends on the soil condition and generally, Hall Hill Road has poor soil conditions.

Urban, 53 & 45 Hall Hill Road

He said soil conditions on his two lots are very good. He does not want to hook up to a sewer line.

Laurie Conners – 42 and 46 Hall Hill Road

She said that 42 HHR does have bad drainage but a new septic system could be put in. 46 HHR is why she wants the sewer line. It is a very wet property and the septic system is about to fail. She said 46 HHR is not a 2 family house – it is a single family residence.

Larry Urban – 42 & 46 HHR

He said he did not sign the petition.

50, 54, and 60 HHR

He said not everybody concerned got a letter inviting them to attend this meeting
60 and 64 HHR agreed.

Laurie Conners – 42 & 46 HHR

She asked whether a sewer line could be put in to service her two properties, if other residents do not want it.

64 Hall Hill Road

Could you hook up at a later date if you are having problems with your septic system? You could hook up at a later date if the sewer line runs in front of your property.

Jim Botellio said if you hook up to the sewer line at a later date, it will not lower the cost of the assessment. He said having a sewer line available does increase the value of your property.

George VanTasel asked Steve Jacobs to contact a sewer contractor to see what he would charge to put in a sewer line versus a septic system.

Mark Marschall asked Steve to include a bullet list of the total cost for each property that is interested in having a sewer line installed. It would also be helpful if each of these 6 properties is identified by name of owner and address.

Steve Jacobs said he will canvas the neighborhood and present his findings at the January meeting. He also said we can run a sewer line for the two properties that need it and assess just those two properties if necessary.

IV. 41 School Street – Change of Use

Steve Jacobs met with Town Attorney Carl Landolina who stated if the Authority wishes, they can change the bill from 7.9 EDU's to 1 EDU but you can not change the delinquent interest that has been charged to this account. This would be for this year only and they can pay the delinquent interest. We voted to change the property to 1 EDU. The interest on last year's bill was almost \$400.

Charles Colby made a motion to charge the 7.9 assessment for 2014 billing on 41 School Street as issued plus the interest. The 2015 bill will be lowered to 1 EDU, plus interest. This motion was seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority

V. Correspondence/Audience Participation:

1. Steve Jacobs updated the Authority on the sewer billing – 69% paid for Somersville; 70% paid for Maple Ridge – which is not really good. We sent out 76 notices of Intent to Lien notices today. As far as delinquent accounts, three have paid up but are delinquent on the current bill. The other four properties are going to the tax sale.

2. Steve Jacobs called Paul at Ace Hardware. He said there is one bill from 2014 that has not been paid. All other bills are being paid in a timely manner. Steve gave this delinquent bill to the Finance Office to be paid.

George VanTasel still wants a list of bills that have been paid for the previous month.

3. The Authority asked Steve to include an Executive Session on the agenda at the end of next month's meeting.

4. Nothing more has been said about changing the sewer billing to QDS.

VI. Bills/Transfers:

HACH	\$150.39
Phil Eastwood (tilling two sand beds at the sewer plant)	\$220.00
Avery Septic(cleaning the S/V tanks)	\$13,455
United Concrete (replace bad float)	\$504.13
Ace Hardware (delinquent bill)	\$143.49

Charles Colby made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Faust; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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