

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2024, 7:00pm
Regular Meeting and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER. The Regular Meeting of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Emily Dreyer, Tim Vecchiarelli, Mark Folsom, Dan Fraro, Mark Marschall, and Duane Mason. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent, Matt Jermin (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson and Attorney Ken Slater of Halloran & Sage.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the minutes, with corrections, all in favor, motion passed.
- II. WPCA Draft Ordinance change -Challenges – Attorney Ken Slater – Halloran & Sage – Attorney Slater introduced himself and his firm. He shared his experience working with other Water Pollution Control Authorities, DEEP, and the EPA. He has experience with both usage and EDU billing approaches. His firm's rate is \$250/hr. After Attorney Slater departed, a motion to engage him was made by Tim Vecchiarelli and seconded by Mark Marschall, all in favor, motion passed. Dan Parisi volunteered to reach out to Attorney Slater to request a services contract. The board is engaging outside counsel to help with an ordinance change and EDU reviews of high usage customers.
- III. WPCA Plant Upgrade – Weston & Sampson – Dan Parisi, John Ruvo, and Matt Jermin met with the EPA to accelerate the grant payment process. The EPA is considering granting an exception to the detailed and unnecessary environmental requirements imposed on the grant. The EPA is contracting a third party to conclude this work and it is expected the grant funds will become available to the WPCA within the next month or two. The sand bed work can begin anytime now. The disinfection work will need to start after the disinfection season has concluded in the fall.
- IV. Somersville WPCF - Facility Upgrade Project Funding – On hold. See Section III.

- V. WPCA 2023-2024 Budget – Reporting and Balance – Reporting through the end of March 2024 was provided to the board.
- VI. WPCA 2024-2025 Budget – Set Public Hearing for June 4, 2024 – A motion to set the hearing date was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Duane Mason, all in favor, motion passed. The intended EDU rates will be \$280 for Maple Ridge and \$490 for Somersville. The new rates will be published prior to the June 4th date.
- VII. WPCA - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Hazardville Water Meter – Contracts were received from the Hazardville Water Company. A termination clause will need to be added to the Non-Disclosure Service Agreement. Mark Marschall will create one. A penalty clause will need to be added to the Project Proposal or Non-Disclosure Service Agreement. Mark Folsom will create one. A final attorney review is recommended.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Liz Duarte presented a couple ideas of her intended approach and ballpark costs. She will provide a more formal proposal via email by Mid May. Computil provided an estimate for billing. Further review is required. No update on the non-payment by the user discussed at the April meeting.

IX. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

a. Eversource	\$640.78
b. Phoenix Labs	\$52.00
c. Phoenix Labs	\$111.10
d. Trojan Technologies	\$2690.59
e. Avery	\$600.00
f. Hazardville Water	\$18.98
g. USIC	\$51.36 - under review for possible overbilling.
h. USIC	\$35.31 - Revised

A motion was made by Emily Dreyer to pay the bills and seconded by Mark Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

- IX. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Emily Dreyer, seconded by Mark Folsom to adjourn at 8:35pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Folsom, Secretary