

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2024, 7:00pm
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER. The Public Hearing of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:00 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 and Matt Jermin (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson and prospective new member Jeremy Bourque.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Getman called the Public Hearing to order.
2. Public Hearing – Chairman Getman read aloud the published Public Meeting Notice listing the proposed increased rate (\$280) for Maple Ridge and the unchanged rate (\$490) for Somersville. He asked for comments and as there were none, he moved to close the Public Hearing.
3. Close the Public Hearing – Chairman Getman closed the Public Hearing at 7:11pm

CALL TO ORDER. The Regular Meeting of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:12 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 and Matt Jermin (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson and prospective new member Jeremy Bourque.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made by Duane Mason and seconded by Mark Marschall to approve the minutes, without corrections, all in favor, motion passed.
- II. WPCF Plant Upgrade: Weston & Sampson – Matt Jermin indicated a possible meeting with the EPA may occur next week. Matt said the contracts are still not ready to go out to bid due to the remaining outstanding federal regulations. DEEP remains hands off from our ongoing upgrade process as they seem satisfied by the Board's approach. Matt requested the WPCA review the new Weston & Sampson change order. Emily Dreyer pressed Matt to provide details behind cost increases in sections 2.7.3 and 2.7.4

- III. Somersville WPCF: Facility Upgrade Project Funding – On hold pending EPA release.
- IV. WPCA 2023-2024 Budget – Reporting & Balance – No reports provided by the Town.
- V. WPCA 2024-2025 Budget – Sewer rates – Somersville \$490; Maple Ridge \$280 – A motion was made by Mark Folsom to maintain the current Somersville rate at \$490, seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli, all in favor with Emily Dreyer, Stephen Getman, and Duane Mason abstaining, motion passed. A motion was made by Mark Folsom to increase the Maple Ridge rate to \$280, seconded by Mark Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.
- VI. WPCA - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – The Board decided to create a calendar for the Hazardville Water Company data extractions. Dan Parisi will incorporate the new termination clause and remedy clause into the Hazardville Water Company contract. The board agreed to have the revised contract reviewed by an attorney before sending to the Hazardville Water Company. Liz Duarte's tax bill proposal was tabled.
- VII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Halloran & Sage has not sent a services contract since the last meeting, as of June 4, 2024.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Received a Somersville tank cleaning proposal from Avery for \$31,539.20. A motion was made to accept the proposal by Emily Dreyer, seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli, all in favor, motion passed. Received a Maple Ridge tank pumping proposal from Avery for \$19,878.00 A motion was made to accept the proposal by Emily Dreyer, seconded by Duane Mason, all in favor, motion passed. Received a WPCF proposal for brush removal at the plant from New England Landscaping Services for \$3,945.00. Dan Parisi will contact the Town to see if they will perform this work for free. Jeremy Bourque introduced himself and covered his professional qualifications and his interest in joining the Board. Stephen Getman informed Jeremy only an alternate position is currently open.

IX. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

a. Eversource	\$501.37
b. Phoenix Labs	\$63.00
c. Phoenix Labs	\$122.10
d. Parker Septic	\$370.00
e. State of CT	\$1722.50
f. Hazardville Water	\$18.90
g. USIC	\$9.63
h. USIC	\$35.31
i. Plumber – Brookman.	\$425.00

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

- X. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mark Marschall, seconded by Emily Dreyer to adjourn at 8:16pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Folsom, Secretary