

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2026, 7:00pm
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. The Regular Meeting of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Stephen Getman. Other members present were Mark Folsom, Dan Fraro, Emily Dreyer, Tim Vecchiarelli, Mark Marschall, and Jeremy Bourque. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent and John Ruvo (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Mark Marschall to approve the minutes, as amended, all in favor, motion passed. Dan Fraro abstained.
- II. Superintendent – Report on Plant Upgrade – New electronics and valve scheduled to be installed on January 21, 2026. ITS is scheduled to install the new controller in early February 2026. Dan Parisi handed out Weston & Sampson’s estimate for the proposed aeration work.
- III. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – John Ruvo is recommending some demolition of existing cabinetry in the control building to make room for the proposed aeration blower. Weston & Sampson has engaged to Avery to request a formal quote on installing the blower and accessories. The work will entail mechanical, electrical, and cleanup. EPA has requested a site tour. The Board members shared their displeasure with the poor results of Weston & Sampson’s remediation plan. Members shared their skepticism with the probability of success with the aeration approach. Most viewed aeration as a short term “band-aid” effort. Specific concern was raised about breaching the sealant on the newly repaired wet well walls. The Board agreed to look at other alternatives. Engaging an UMASS summer intern from their engineering school was discussed for taking core samples and investigating leading edge alternatives. Jeremy Bourque shared there may be state funds to conduct a town wide facilities plan for water pollution control which the state would provide.

- IV. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – No update.
- V. WPCA 2025-2026 Budget – No update.
- VI. WPCF - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Hazardville Water Meter Reads – No update.
- VII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – No update.
- VIII. Maple Ridge Community Sewer – Repairs – No update
- IX. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None.
- X. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:
 - a. Eversource \$516.28
 - b. Phoenix Labs \$52.00
 - c. Phoenix Labs \$111.10
 - d. Phoenix Labs \$52.00
 - e. Phoenix Labs \$52.00
 - f. Phoenix Labs \$111.10
 - g. Phoenix Labs \$227.00
 - h. USIC \$23.16
 - i. Hazardville Water \$57.71
 - j. Weston & Sampson \$10650.78
 - k. Weston & Sampson \$8643.61
 - l. Avery \$40773.61
 - m. EML \$622.457
 - n. ITS \$40000.00

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

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

XI. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Jeremy Bourque to adjourn at 8:23pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Folsom, Secretary

Minutes are not official until voted on and approved at the following meeting.