

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2026, 6:45pm
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. The Public Hearing of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 6:45pm by Chairperson Stephen Getman.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Call to Order – Reading of Public Hearing – Chairperson Getman read the Public Hearing notice.
2. Public Hearing – Sewer Rates for 2026-2027 – No public attendees or correspondence present. Alternate member Duane Mason asked about the plan to switch to usage-based billing.
3. Close Public Hearing – Chairperson Getman closed the Public Hearing at 6:55pm.

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, Jeremy Bourque, Alternate Michelle Michaels, Alternate Duane Mason filling in for Emily Dreyer, Tim Vecchiarelli, and Mark Marschall. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent and John Ruvo (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson.

REGULAR MEETING

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Special Meeting of April 28, 2026 and Special Meeting of May 26, 2026, were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Duane Mason to approve the April 28 minutes, all in favor, motion passed. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Duane Mason to approve the May 26 minutes, all in favor, motion passed. Mark Folsom abstained.
- II. Superintendent – Report on Plant Upgrade – Dan Parisi reported the e coli levels have been up and down.

- III. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – John Ruvo reported the open items punch list is being worked. The control panel still being installed. John Ruvo requested a meeting with Dan Parisi at the plant to review odor complaints and the punch list open items.
- IV. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – No update.
- V. WPCA 2025-2026 Budget – No update.
- VI. WPCA 2026-2027 Budget - Sewer Rates – Somersville \$500, Maple Ridge \$310 - A motion was made by Jeremy Bourque and seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli to raise the Somersville EDU rate to \$500.00, all in favor, motion passed. Duane Mason, Mark Marschall, Stephen Getman, and Mark Folsom abstained. A motion was made by Duane Mason and seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli to raise the Maple Ridge ratepayer rate to \$310.00, all in favor, motion passed. Mark Folsom abstained. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the Somersville 2026-2027 budget of \$183,322, all in favor, motion passed. Stephen Getman and Duane Mason abstained. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the Maple Ridge 2026-2027 budget of \$5,100, all in favor, motion passed.
- VII. WPCF - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Duane Mason recommended the Board revisit the EDU guidelines to have them reflect current town usage patterns. The Board has enough water usage data to create a factor to charge for household discharge.
- VIII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – No update.
- IX. Maple Ridge Community Sewer – Repairs – No update
- X. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Will Abramczyk, President, Clean Water Ops.com, introduced himself and mentioned he has an odor treatment product. The owner of 41 School Street wrote asking for a rate reduction due to no water is being used. The board requested to see their Hazardville Water Company bill to verify before granting a rate reduction. 55 School Street, a Town of Somers property, is charged the normal rate. The

Town is asking for rate relief. A motion was made by Jeremy Bourque and seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli to maintain billing the normal rate, all in favor, motion passed.

XI. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

a. Eversource	\$310.51
b. Phoenix Labs	\$74.00
c. Phoenix Labs	\$133.10
d. Hazardville Water	\$8.99
e. EML	\$948.02
f. Carlson	\$17,883.00
g. USIC	\$169.81

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

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

XII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mark Folsom and seconded by Mark Marschall to adjourn at 7:53pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Mark Folsom, Secretary

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