

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
P. O. Box 308  
Somers, Connecticut 06071**

**WPCA Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 3, 2006  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Members present were: Jim Botellio, George VanTasel, Steve Getman and Charles Colby (7:40). Also present was Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian.

**II. Approval of Minutes: September 5, 2006**

A change was made on page 2, 4th paragraph, line 3 - change "above" to "below". A motion was made by George VanTasel; seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved to accept the minutes, as amended.

**III. Somersville WPCF - Expansion Update:**

Mike Mocko was not present. However, Mike Mocko did meet with the UV manufacturer and will try to convince the DEP that there is adequate protection in the system. However, there is no update available on the results of that meeting. The new pump station will be similar to that of the age restricted development. The developer has half a dozen homes sold and will have a maximum of ten sold by spring, so there should not be a problem with the sewer plant capacity.

**IV. Goodwin Drive - Sewer Main Extension:**

Steve Jacobs reported that the other purchase agreement for 23 Goodwin Drive has been received so we can move ahead on the design. It looks like the design will be completed and go out to bid this winter in order to do the project in the spring. Jim Botellio said he will request to be placed on the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the funding for the project.

**V. Sunset Drive - TCP Contamination:**

Steve Jacobs reported that he and David Pinney met with DEP representatives as well as State Representative Penny Bacchiochi and Senator John Kissel. Everyone agreed that public water should be brought in. However, we still need the consent order.

An informational meeting for the affected residents will be held on October 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. The DEP will be available to explain the hazards of TCP contamination and the logic of installing public water. The DEP indicated that there would be funding available from the State, but it has to go before the Bonding Committee for approval. It could be 100% funding if there is enough money available. They would fund everyone in the area - probably contingent upon well

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abandonment. They will only fund for potable water - not fire protection or hydrant costs that the town will have to pay for. This is a 2,000 foot road that will require three hydrants.

Charles Colby made a motion to set a public hearing for October 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss with the affected citizens the installation of public water on Sunset Drive. This meeting will be contingent upon the availability of DEP representatives, Representative Bacchiochi and Senator Kissel. This motion was seconded by Jim Botellio and unanimously approved by the Authority.

The State will put the water main in and offer the connections to everyone on the street. If they do not hook up initially, then they may have to pay for themselves. There is a five year window for hooking up to the water main.

### **VI. Health Department Regionalization:**

First Selectman David Pinney and Steve Jacobs met with Bill Blitz and Kimberly Fox of the State Health Department. The pros and cons of joining the Regional Health District were discussed. Both Bill Blitz and Kimberly Fox spent some time trying to convince David Pinney that Somers should be part of the health district. Dave Pinney said he would discuss the possibility of joining the health district with the other two selectmen. If the legislation comes through to make joining mandatory, then Somers will have to consider their offer.

### **VII. Correspondence/Audience Participation:**

Steve Jacobs reported that we have problems at the Quality Avenue pump station. One of the pumps is just about dead and needs to be rebuilt for a cost of about \$4,800 according to Frank Smith, our contractor. Frank Smith suggests that we purchase a pump that we would have for the new pump station and use it at the current station until the new pump station is ready. Steve Jacobs has asked him for a quote on a new pump that would be compatible with the new pump station. Frank Smith did not come through with a quote before this meeting. It was the consensus of the Authority to place this item on the agenda for the special meeting on October 24, 2006. By that time, we will have a quote for a new pump and the WPCA can decide which

course to follow.

Steve Jacobs sent out an Invitation to Bid for cleaning the tanks at the Somersville Sewer Plant. He received two quotes - one from Skip's Septic for \$5520, total cost and the other from Avery Septic for a total cost of \$4935. George VanTasel made a motion to accept Avery Septic's bid of \$4,935 for cleaning the septic tanks at the Sewer Plant; seconded by Steve Getman. The vote was (3) in favor; (0) opposed; (1) abstention (Colby). The motion passed.

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We received the quarterly report from the DOC for the mitigation at the prison. The figures are staying about the same. They will continue to pump and treat but might discontinue the HRC procedure. Received notice from Maurice Hammil of DEP that a new firm will be taking over the neighborhood well monitoring.

Received a notice from the DEP that our permit needs minor modification because of a typographical error.

### **VIII. Bills:**

Ellington Printery (lagoon slips)	\$95.03
Journal Inquirer	\$70.83
HAC	\$114.40

Also two transfers from last fiscal year: \$104 and \$90 from Supplies to Clerical water billing.

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

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Charles Colby, seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary  
Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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