

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

**WPCA MINUTES
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
Town Hall Conference Room
7:15 p.m.**

I. Public Hearing – 138 Main Street:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. and read the public hearing legal notice. This public hearing is being held to approve a change in the sewer and water assessment for 138 Main Street from 2 EDU's to 3 EDU's. There was no one in the audience. Steve Getman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority. The public hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

II. Call to Order:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. Members present were: Jim Botellio, George VanTasel, Dan Fraro, Steve Getman, Jim Faust (7:18 p.m.), and Charles Colby (7:40 p.m.). Also present were Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian and Mike Mocko of Ward Engineering.

III. Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2009

Steve Getman made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/1/09, as written. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Authority.

IV. 138 Main Street – Change of Use:

The use of this property is going from a two family apartment to two apartments and one business. This will change both the sewer and water assessment from 2 EDU's to 3 EDU's. The owner of 138 Main Street, Michael E. Redmond, joined the meeting. He did not understand why he was being assessed more. Jim Botellio explained that our ordinance requires that any change of use needs either an increase or decrease in assessment. In this case, a business is being added to the two apartments that were previously assessed at 2 EDU's. Steve Jacobs added that Somers is still lower in its EDU assessments than other towns in the area.

George VanTasel made a motion to approve a change in the sewer and water assessment for 138 Main Street from 2 EDU's to 3 EDU's. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority.

V. Four Bridges Road – Water Main Assessment:

This is a property owned by Jeff Lipton that is currently one lot with a house on it. He intends to split the property into three lots. The lot with the house on it already has

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public water. Mr. Lipton intends to extend the water line to service the two additional lots. This would require two water connection fees of \$2,600 each. Mr. Lipton has requested a deferral of assessment until a building permit is issued. After a discussion, the Authority agreed to assess one lot now for \$2,600 and defer the second lot from assessment until a building permit is issued.

Charles Colby made a motion to approve the assessment in the amount of \$2,600 for Lot #3 immediately and to defer the water assessment of \$2,600 on Lot #2 until a building permit is issued. This motion was seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VI. Somersville WPCF – Expansion Update:

Steve Jacobs reported that Frank Smith has the UV circulator pump in place and is working on the alarm system problem. He does not think he will be billing us for the new dialer and will settle it with ABS. We will be installing a new alarm system that should cost us nothing. We will have to pay \$4,500 for the circulator pump in the UV chamber.

Steve Jacobs passed out a chart showing the final numbers for the Somersville WPCF expansion. An error was found in the numbers resulting in the fact that Hinckley Construction owes the town about \$43,000 as he was paid both the Invoice #6 amount of \$35,149.00 and the retainage amount of \$78,426.00 causing an over-payment of \$43,277.00. Hinckley Construction will be advised of this over-payment. If he is not willing to pay, we still have a maintenance bond in place.

This project is closed out at a net cost of \$899,278.93. The original contract was for \$449,639.47 for both the town and the developer. The overage will be split between the town and Gingras Development/Two J's Development resulting in a reassessment amount of \$249,639.47 to the developers.

Jim Faust made a motion to accept the final cost of the project and to rebill the developers in the amount of \$249,639.47. This motion was seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VII. Sunset Drive – TCP Well Contamination:

Mike Mocko presented an engineering study of the cost of bringing public water to Sunset Drive. Total cost is estimated to be \$228,725.00. The State will cover all costs except for hydrants. They will also pay for hookups if the homeowner abandons his well.

Mike Mocko recommends going for public water. There is a total of 25 homes that would be hooked up to public water. Mike Mocko will prepare a final report for submission to the State. After the State approves the report, then the WPCA can put the project out for bid. Steve Jacobs said that he can submit this project for grant approval with the numbers we now have. Jim Botellio will have to meet with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to request approval of temporary financing for this project. The State has already put the money aside to pay for this water project. The Authority wants to fast-track this project because it has been held up for such a long time.

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Steve Jacobs said we could proceed by using the water assessment fund for temporary financing that will be reimbursed by the State.

VIII. Correspondence/Audience Participation:

Steve Jacobs received the quarterly report for monitoring the perimeter wells for PCE contamination in the Rye Hill Circle area. Nothing much has changed.

Steve Jacobs put out an Invitation to Bid for the Maple Ridge Drive septic tank cleaning. He only received one reply from Avery Septic in the amount of \$6,460.00. There are 57 septic tanks and one 3,000 gallon tank in the field. Steve Jacobs recommended that we accept this bid.

George VanTasel made a motion to approve Avery Septic's bid of \$6,460.00 for cleaning the septic tanks on Maple Ridge Drive. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust.

The vote was: (5) in favor; (0) opposed; (1) abstention. (Colby). The motion passed.

Steve Jacobs received two groundwater monitoring reports. The HRC is still working and showing a reduction of PCE contamination in the ground. The State will continue the monitoring.

IX. Bills:

Ward Engineering (Sunset Drive engineering report)	\$2,830.00
Ace Hardware	\$56.21
Millipore Chemicals	\$67.43
Electrical Technologies (changing UV chamber)	\$4,500.00
Hank Anderson (reimbursement)	\$32.21
Steve Jacobs (reimbursement)	\$40.00
Peterson Industries (2 new 12 inch sewer plugs)	\$572.66
CBS (map copier maintenance)	\$90.00

Charles Colby made a motion to approve payment of the above bills; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority.

X. Adjournment:

Jim Faust made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary
Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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