

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Members present were: Jim Botellio, Jim Faust, George VanTasel, Charles Colby, Dan Fraro and Steve Getman. Also present were: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian and Mike Mocko, Ward Engineering.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 10, 2009

Charles Colby made a motion to approve the November 10, 2009 minutes, as written. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority.

III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION:

Steve Jacobs reported that nothing much has happened on this agenda item during the last month. We are hoping to make the Bond Council agenda for December. First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini said she would contact State Representative Penny Bacchiochi and Senator John Kissel to ask them to do what they could to make this happen.

Mike Mocko of Ward Engineering said that he has revised some numbers to make everything eligible for the Bond Council's approval. He has not received any feedback from the State on this submittal for funding. Mike said we are ready to bid this project in the spring. If approved, we should go out to bid in February of 2010 in order to begin this water main project in March of 2010.

IV. SEWER/WATER BILLING COLLECTION UPDATE:

Steve Jacobs said that collections are very slow. We sent out (61) Intent to Lien notices, including both assessment and user charges. There are still (3) delinquent water accounts. This is not a good year for collections. The Tax Collector intends to do another tax delinquency sale sometime in March. We will have all the liens in place by this date and we will add any delinquency over two years old.

V. 11 MAPLE STREET – SEWER/WATER ASSESSMENT APPEAL:

The owner of 11 Maple Street, Frank Vono, Jr., is appealing his EDU assessment of 2 EDU's because he said that 11 Maple Street is a single family residence and he does not have a 2-bedroom apartment on the second floor. Steve Jacobs recommended that we

leave the assessment and defer payment on the new assessments until such time the building is occupied as two units.

Charles Colby made a motion to leave the EDU assessment at (2) EDU's and defer payment until the unit is occupied and we can determine whether it will be a 2-family assessment. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Steve Jacobs said that there were a few alarms at the sewer plant during the past month. Steve got in touch with Frank Smith who stated that the floats had to be calibrated at a cost of \$1,200 to \$1,500 in order to recalibrate the equipment. It was the decision of the Authority that we should contact other companies that service the ABS equipment. Hank Anderson and Steve Jacobs will research other firms offering this service and report back to the Authority next month.

Weld Power came down and did a check on our generator at the sewer plant. They said the alternator is overcharging the new battery. It will cost \$820.00 to replace the alternator. Charles Colby made a motion to authorize this expenditure; seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority.

Avery Septic was told that he won the bid to clean the septic tanks at the sewer plant and he will proceed to do this in the near future.

The selectmen decided at their last meeting to go to an outside vendor service for both Recording Secretaries for commission meetings as well as legal services for the town. Our Recording Secretary, Connie Careno, received a letter from First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini stating that her services would no longer be required effective January 1, 2010. Jim Botellio will check with the First Selectman to see why the selectmen felt that this change was necessary.

Steve Jacobs presented the proposed meeting dates for 2010 to the Authority for their approval. After a brief discussion, Charles Colby made a motion to approve the 2010 meeting dates, as presented. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VII. BILLS:

Ward Engineering #5 (Sunset Drive)	\$1,100.00
Journal Inquirer (11 Maple Street)	\$133.79

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

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by George VanTasel; seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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