

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
P.O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CT 06071**

**WPCA MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 2, 2010
TOWN HALL – 7:30 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Charles Colby called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:33 pm. Members present included: Dan Fraro, Jim Faust, and Steve Getman. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian. Michael Mocko joined the meeting for the Sunset Dr. portion of the meeting.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL (1/05/10):

Charles Colby asked the members for comments on the 12/01/09 Minutes. None of the members brought forth any changes or edits. It was decided that Daniel Fraro, as Secretary of the Authority, should be listed at the end of each Meeting's Minutes.

A motion was made by Steve Getman to approve the Minutes with this addition; seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously voted to approve by the members.

III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION:

Steve Jacobs opened, stating he has received the plans & specs from Mike Mocko, and has delivered it to Atty. Landolina and Hazardville Water Company for review. Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Mocko will be meeting with Hazardville Water Co., this week to discuss some minor changes suggested by the Water Co.

Steve Jacobs also mentioned that funding of the project remains pending. The State Bond Commission's January meeting had been canceled. The next Bond Commission meeting is expected at the end of this month (February 2010). Steve also relayed that WPCA Chairman, Jim Botiello had met with the Town's Board of Finance last week. His request for an additional \$6,000.00 for the project was turned down.

IV. 2010-2011 WPCA BUDGET:

Steve Jacobs distributed copies of 2010-2011 Revenue Projections and the proposed 2010-2011 WPCA Budget. Per the Board of Finance's current mandate to all Town Commissions, the budget remains flat. Additionally the First Selectman has asked the Authority to prepare a 2nd 2009-10 budget depicting 5% and 10% reduction scenarios. Mr. Jacobs distributed copies of his proposed adjusted budget to the members. As outlined, the 5% reduction can be met entirely by the Lagoon Operation; whereas the 10% reduction would also require reductions from New Equipment and Dues and Seminars as well.

Mr. Colby asked for comments and/or a motion on the Budgets. A motion was made by Jim Faust to approve the 2010-2011 Budget, and approve the 2009-10 Reduced Budget to be submitted if necessary; seconded by Dan Fraro, then unanimously approved by the members.

V. HEALTH DEPT. REGIONALIZATION – GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

Steve Jacobs distributed copies of a summary report prepared by the Department of Health. Per Governor Rell’s Executive Order in July of 2009, it recommends that all municipal Health Departments join a regional district by 2014.

Rather than simply joining in the North Central Health District, Mr. Jacobs stated that the Town also has the option of speaking to neighboring Towns, i.e. Stafford & Ellington which share similar demographics, about creating a new District. Here, he reminded the members that the larger towns within a district will have better representation on the Public Health Board. Additionally, if the other towns wish to withdraw, they must give a 2 year prior notification to the North Central District.

Mr. Getman questioned whether the WPCA should make a recommendation to the Town. Mr. Colby suggested the members table this issue until next month.

A motion was made by Steve Getman to table any recommendation until further review in March; seconded by Jim Faust, then unanimously approved by the members.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Steve Jacobs reviewed the following items as current correspondence:

- a. Water Bills – Final bills had been sent. As the Lien Fee had not been included on the final bills, revised invoices were sent and the programmer, Blair Lawson, was asked to fix the software.
- b. Lien Releases – Mr. Jacobs asked the members to give him the authority to sign the releases.
 - *A motion was made by Dan Fraro to allow Steve Jacobs to sign Lien Releases; seconded by Steve Getman, with the proviso that Lien Releases continue to be brought to the attention of the Authority, then unanimously approved by the members.*
- c. 138 Main St. – still has not paid in full his sewer and water assessments; therefore no new permits are allowed. A portion of the water assessment was paid. This is a BOS jurisdiction.
- d. Demand Notices – 19 properties who owe 2 or more years. An approximate aggregate total of \$40,000.00. Next step, List will be compiled, delivered to attorney, to begin the process for Tax Sale. Attorney fees will attach at that point.
- e. Current status on prison sewer construction – new mains completed and tested. Working sewer line done. Cleanup and abandonment of old pump station will be completed this Spring.
- f. LEA Engineering - Rye Hill Monitoring – slight increases at Winwood Circle but still below potable standards. Thought to be seasonal.

VII. BILLS:

Steve Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Weld Power Equipment	\$2,697.87
Macalaster Bicknell Company	\$229.38
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Environmental Monitoring Laboratories	\$562.00
CBS	\$90.00
Recorder Charts & Pens Inc.	\$117.71
Ward Engineering, Inv. #6	\$2,200.00,(Prev. paid)

A motion was made by Jim Faust to approve these invoices for payment; seconded by Steve Getman, then unanimously approved by the members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Fraro; seconded by Steve Getman, and unanimously approved to adjourn the February 2, 2010 meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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