

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:30 pm. Members present included: Dan Fraro, Jim Faust, Charles Colby and George VanTasel. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian, Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman, and Donna Doyker, Tax Collector.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL (2/02/10):

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments on the 2/02/10 Minutes. None of the members brought forth any changes or edits.

A motion was made by George VanTasel to approve the 2/02/10 Minutes as written; seconded by Jim Faust, and then unanimously voted to approve by the members.

III. SEWER/WATER BILLING & COLLECTION:

Steve Jacobs updated the members on Demand Notices sent 2/1/10. Three have since paid, with a fourth beginning an installment plan. Mr. Jacobs has begun working with Donna Doyker, Tax Collector, to compile the Tax Sale List of accounts which remain outstanding.

Mr. Botellio asked about the status of the Computer Guy on The Fly. Mr. Jacobs responded that this resident has begun a payment plan and has paid \$3,100 of the ~ \$8,000 to date. The full amount is projected to be paid off by May of 2010.

Mr. Jacobs told members of the Town's plan to shift the Sewer/Water billing and collection to the Tax Department and introduced Lisa Pellegrini, First Selectman to discuss this further. Ms. Pellegrini said this move is in order to streamline efforts.

Mr. Botellio questioned whether WPCA billing would become a secondary priority for the Tax Department. In years past, collection had been handled by the Tax Department and had seen a 30-40% delinquency rate. Ms. Doyker assured members that every tax to the Town is a priority. She then outlined her policies on collection and payment plans.

Mr. Jacobs recommended the transfer of billing take place at the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Pellegrini agreed on the timing which would also allow for training and testing of the new software system.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to transfer the Sewer/Water billing & collection to the Tax Collector's office at the end of the current fiscal year (timing conditional upon interim CFO approval); seconded by George VanTasel, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

**IV. HEALTH DEPT. REGIONALIZATION – GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL
RECOMMENDATION:**

Steve Jacobs re-addressed this issue of all municipal Health Departments being required by the State to join a regional district by 2014. He summarized the Town’s options as follows: a) take no action at present; b) join the North Central Health District; c) approach neighboring Towns with similar demographic, to form a new District.

Ms. Pellegrini informed members that the Board of Selectmen is forming a committee to review this topic and the three options. This Efficiency Committee will be made up of a contractor, a physician, a financial, and a business professional. The Committee is charged with gathering information and making a recommendation as to the best course of action to the Town.

V. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION:

Steve Jacobs informed members that The State Bond Commission’s February meeting had been canceled, which tables discussion of this topic at this time.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Steve Jacobs reviewed the following as current correspondence:

- a. Letter to DEP regarding Plant’s UV system.

VII. BILLS:

Steve Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Somers Ace Hardware	\$ 9.58
S. Jacobs reimbursement expense	\$40.00

A motion was made by Charles Colby to approve these invoices for payment; seconded by Dan Fraro, then unanimously approved by the members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Colby; seconded by George VanTasel, and unanimously approved to adjourn the March 2, 2010 meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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