

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

**WPCA MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 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, Steve Getman. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian,

II. MINUTES APPROVAL (3/02/10 and 4/20/10):

a) March 2, 2010

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments on the 3/02/10 Minutes. He pointed out that on page 2, Section IV, the last paragraph should have included his request that the Efficiency Committee consult with the WPCA Commission. Some discussion followed and it was decided that a vote on the Minutes would be tabled, and the Recording Secretary would check her original notes taken and bring them to the next WPCA meeting.

b) April 20, 2010

Mr. Botellio asked members for comments on the 4/20/10 Minutes. A number of corrections/changes were pointed out by members.

- The Meeting should have been listed as “Special Meeting” in the header, above the date at the top of the Minutes.
- Page 1, Section V, f – should read: “... - 10 have paid in full. The others are still pending a tax sale.”
- Page 2, Section VI, the motion was seconded by Steve Getman, not Jim Faust.

A motion was made by Jim Faust to approve the 4/20/2010 Minutes as amended; seconded by Charles Colby, and then unanimously voted to approve by the members.

III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION:

Steve Jacobs stated he is unsure of whether the Bond Commission will meet at the end of this month. Penny Biaccia is currently working to be included on the agenda.

Mr. Jacobs then reminded Commission members he had been tasked at the last meeting to look into the Water and Sewer accounts. This, in an effort to identify funds to pay Mike Mocko, who is owed approximately \$3,000.00. Both accounts are essentially flat. The Water Account has \$10,700, with 1 more bond payment (approximately \$8,000.00) due.

Mr. Botellio was surprised at this accounting. He stated there should have been over \$200,000 in the Water account – funding to pay down the bond. The question arose as to whether the Water Assessments had ended up in the Town’s General Fund. He also questioned mis-appropriation of the funds.

Mr. VanTasel suggested using the Town’s Annual Reports to determine where the funds had been allocated. Mr. Jacobs agreed to look into this further and report back to Commission members.

IV. SOMERSVILLE WPCF:

Steve Jacobs mentioned he has not received a formal Bid from D. Hinckley as yet. Mr. Hinckley has agreed to share some of the cost (either labor or materials) with the Town. Mr. Hinckley is suggesting using a conduit, which will be less expensive. The estimated cost will be approximately \$500.00 + electrician hours.

V. HEALTH DEPT. REGIONALIZATION:

Steve Jacobs distributed copies of a Fee Schedule and Task List to members. Mr. Botellio explained that he met with the First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini to specifically address these tasks. He pointed out that these are tasks that Mr. Jacobs does for the Town that the North Central Health District will not do. Mr. Botellio stated that 31% of Mr. Jacobs’ time is focused on sewer systems. He informed the group that Ms. Pellegrini wants to see this cost paid for by users.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the Town’s User Fee (\$198.00) is among the lowest in the State. Mr. Botellio stated his intent to impress upon the First Selectman, that the Sewer Plant is a Town facility and as such the Town has the responsibility to maintain it with a full-time Administrator.

Mr. Botellio stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Pellegrini and Bill Blitz, director of North Central Health District and asked members any other questions or issue he might bring to that meeting.

Mr. VanTasel asked for a response as to why Enfield is considering withdrawing from North Central and specifically wants to know where the proposed methadone clinic will be located. He also would like to know what the Town of Vernon’s experience with North Central has been.

Mr. Colby questioned how North Central can expect to provide more health programs to the Town with reduced State funding.

Mr. Botellio summarized the discussion by repeating the issues he will bring to his meeting with Ms. Pellegrini and Mr. Blitz:

- Review Task List
- Question Costs (approx. 3.5x)
- What exactly are the Health Programs/Services North Central will provide

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Steve Jacobs reviewed the following as current correspondence:

- a) Request for hook-up at 10 Polo View Road.** Mr. Jacobs stated that this has been put out to Bid. To date, he has received only 1 response and would prefer to wait and review other responses.

VII. BILLS:

Steve Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Millipore Corporation	\$68.37
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A motion was made by Charles Colby to approve these invoices for payment; seconded by Jim Botellio, then unanimously approved by the members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Charles Colby; seconded by Steve Getman, and unanimously approved to adjourn the May 4, 2010 Regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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