

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

**WPCA MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 4, 2011  
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: Charles Colby, Daniel Fraro, Steve Getman, and George VanTasel. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian.

**II. MINUTES (11/9/10 and 12/14/10):**

**a. November 9, 2010 Minutes**

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 11/9/10 Minutes. Mr. Faust referenced page 3, item V, (d). It should read "Rye Hill PCE Monitoring." He added that the minutes on this item should also include: "Commissioners discussed additional remediation on the east side of Rye Hill Circle."

*A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve the 11/9/2010 Minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. VanTasel, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.*

**b. December 14, 2010 Minutes**

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 12/14/10 Minutes. None were brought forth.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust to approve the 12/14/2010 Minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Colby, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.*

**III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION PROJECT:**

Mr. Jacobs began the discussion of the project by stating that the water main has been installed, and mains were being flushed today (12/4/10) to activate the hydrants. Mr. Botiello asked if any problems have been encountered. Mr. Jacobs responded things have gone smoothly; minor complaints have been resolved in a timely fashion.

Mr. Jacobs informed members that 22 of the 26 homeowners have signed Agreements for Town Water Service. He added that Folsom Construction most likely will do the individual hook-ups in the spring, due to time of the year. Mr. Jacobs finished by recommending that he send certified letters to the remaining 4 homeowners with a final offer for service, with a February 28, 2011 deadline. Members agreed this would be a good course of action.

**IV. SOMERS VILLAGE – PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE:**

Mr. Jacobs informed members he spoken to the Town Attorney, who recommended that he take no action currently, due to a conflict of interest.

**V. SOMERSVILLE WPCF - GENERATOR:**

Mr. Jacobs stated they currently have a temporary generator in placed, which the Town is renting. He met with 1 contractor who estimated approximately \$10,000.00 higher than anticipated. Mr. Jacobs then got the following 3 bids:

- Cummins Power -- 20 kW generator, \$16,800 -- with a 2 year stand-by warranty.
- Huntington Power – 25 kW Generac generator, \$18,711 – with a 2 year standard warranty.
- Kingsley Power – 20 kW Kohler generator, \$24,085 – with a 1 year warranty.

Mr. Jacobs stated he would recommend Cummins, the lowest bid. Mr. VanTasel suggested he do some additional research on the Generac (Huntington) generator; he was not familiar with the Cummins brand. Mr. Faust also referring to the Huntington Power generator, stated the extra capacity was good for expansion, given the minimal price difference for the additional 5 KW. Mr. Jacobs answered that there is not much room to expand capacity other than the Mill. He added that the design capacity exceeds use capacity.

Mr. Botiello asked about delivery of a new generator. Mr. Jacobs responded 7-8 weeks. He added that Huntington Power also offered a \$400 per month off of the rental charge. Mr. Botiello explained they were paying \$1,500 per month to rent the current generator. Mr. VanTasel stated that brings the net cost differential to approximately \$1,000.00 and the Huntington bid (with the rental rebate) makes the most sense. Mr. Botiello agreed, pointing out the added reserve capacity, a better generator, and the savings on the rental.

*A motion was made by Mr. Faust to pursue the Huntington Power bid, contingent upon their discount of \$400.00 per month on the current rented generator; seconded by Mr. VanTasel, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.*

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Steve Jacobs reviewed the following items as current correspondence:

- a) **Change of Use Application, 102 Main Street:** Mr. Jacobs said he became aware of this recently, a former restaurant (Ricky T's) is to be turned into a package store. He recommended a reduction in the user fee; from the current 6.5 EDUs to 3.0 EDUs based on the Sewer Use Ordinance.

*A motion was made by Mr. Colby to reduce the user fee to 3.0 EDUs; seconded by Mr. Faust, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.*

- b) **Scitico Water Pump Station:** Mr. Jacobs informed members that he was copied on an email from the First Selectman, but still has not heard from the Town Attorney. He added that Atty. Landolina said as far as he is concern - the transfer of water system has been completed. He will provide a letter instructing the assessor to start taxing the system.
- c) **DEP Permit Application – Somersville Sewer Plant:** Mr. Jacobs informed members he had sent the application in on time; beginning a 180 day timeline for their review.
- d) **S. Jacobs – Furlough Days:** Mr. Jacobs told members he had a brief meeting with the First Selectman, and other than notification of Furlough Days in 2011, he has received no other correspondence. Mr. Botiello stated he had met with Ms. Pellegrini, who committed to bringing up Mr. Jacobs' concerns to the Board of Selectman. Mr. Botiello anticipates a meeting with the Board of Selectman this month.

Mr. Jacobs then asked Tom Careno, from the audience, to address the Commission. Mr. Careno stated that he had spoken with Hank Anderson, who had expressed interest in doing the Somers Village pump station maintenance privately. Mr. Botiello informed him that the Town cannot be involved at this time, but that he was able to have a separate contract with either Mr. Jacobs or Hank.

**VII. BILLS:**

Mr. Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Folsom Construction	\$58,275.00
Somers Ace Hardware	\$28.11
Weld Power	\$528.75

Mr. Jacobs questioned the Weld Power invoice, stating that the Town should not be charged, as the original diagnosis was incomplete. Mr. Fraro asked when the inspection took place. Mr. Jacobs responded that the routine inspection was December 6, 2010; and the voltage regulator was said to be faulty. When they came to replace it, they found much more extensive problems and quoted \$20,288.81 to replace the rotor and stator. Mr. Botiello said Weld had mis-diagnosed, and that the Town should only pay the mileage (\$85.00) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> visit. He recommended Mr. Jacobs contact Weld Power to discuss this further.

Mr. Jacobs added that they needed to decide what to do with the old generator. He said the Town could: sell for salvage (he had been approached), or use for parts. Mr. Botiello suggested determining if the Town can use, and if not, pursue the individual who had contacted Mr. Jacobs.

*A motion was made by Mr. Colby to pay the bills; seconded by Jim Faust, then unanimously voted as approved by the members.*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Colby; seconded by Mr. Fraro, and unanimously approved to adjourn the January 4, 2011 Regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:25 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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