

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

**WPCA MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
April 5, 2011
TOWN HALL – 7:30 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:35 pm. Members present included: Charles Colby, Daniel Fraro, Steve Getman, Jim Faust and Mark Marschall. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES (3/1/11 and 3/28/11):

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 3/1/11 Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve the 3/1/2011 Minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 3/28/11 Minutes. Dan Fraro was not in attendance. Motion to adjourn was seconded by Mr. Getman.

A motion was made by Mr. Faust to approve the 3/28/2011 Minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

III. WPCA FINANCES:

Kim Marcotte, CFO was invited to tonight's meeting but was unable to attend. The Authority has many questions with regards to our Sewer/Water accounts, specifically with regards to the liabilities. It appears our records have not been kept up to date for several years. Jim Botellio said he would meet with Lisa Pellegrini to see when these questions will be answered. The Authority agreed we could not pay any settlement until we know our financial status. Jim Botellio said we may have to hire our own auditor if these accounts are not straightened out.

IV. LIPTON/GINGRAS LITIGATION:

A motion made by Mr. Colby to go into executive session at 8:09 pm; seconded by Mr. Getman. The Authority came out of executive session at 8:27 pm.

A motion made by Mr. Colby to accept the settlement agreement as discussed with the Board of Selectmen at their Special Meeting of 3/23/11; seconded by Mr. Faust, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

V. SUNSET DR. – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION PROJECT:

Mr. Jacobs reported that Folsom Construction is beginning to make appointment with the homeowners to put in the water service connections. 23 out of the 26 eligible homeowners have signed up for the water. Two have written, stating they do not want it and one did not respond to the certified letter.

VI. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – 2011-12 O&M BUDGET:

Mr. Jacobs distributed copies of the revenues for the past fiscal year and reported that collections were very good and more money was brought in than budgeted. Copies of a draft budget were distributed and Mr. Jacobs went over each line item, noting that the billing/collection line was increase to pay the Tax Collector's office for taking in the bills. A discussion ensued regarding the status in the Finance Office. Jim Botellio said Atty. Holtman recommended that the debt service for the system upgrades should be spread out over several years in the O&M budget. This item will be tabled until we get the final figures from the Finance Office.

VII. MAPLE RIDGE COMMUNITY SYSTEM – 2011-12 O&M BUDGET:

Mr. Jacobs reported that the revenues were good and distributed a draft budget. All line items were the same except billing/collection. The increase in this line is significant due to the small budget. To ease this, he is recommending pumping the tanks every three years, however the tank at the field should be pumped every year.

Mr. Getman motioned to approve the proposed budget pending the final report from the Finance Office; seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

VIII. CHAPTER 212: SEWER USE CHARGE SYSTEM – REVIEW:

The Authority discussed the possibility of increasing the connection charge for new and changed users on the sewer systems, to increase capital revenue for future upgrades. The Authority agreed that an increase to \$7,500.00 per EDU was reasonable when compared to the average cost of a new septic system today. Mr. Jacobs suggested he survey other towns. The Authority agreed and will table this item until the next meeting.

IX. WPCA LEGAL COUNSEL:

Mr. Botellio reported that he has spoken with Atty. Holtman of Katz & Seligman, LLC. He has agreed to meet with the Authority to discuss our legal responsibilities. Mr. Van Tassel recommended a sub-committee. Mr. Van Tassel, Colby and Botellio volunteered, and Mr. Fraro as an alternate.

X. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- a. Received a letter from FEMA – they have accepted our LOMA application and are reviewing it.
- b. Received a proposal from Huntington Power for annual maintenance of the WPCF generator.

Mr. Colby motioned to approve the level II maintenance for \$505/yr.; seconded by Mr. Fraro, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

- c. Received a quote from Skip's Septic Service to jet another section of the Somersville collection system of \$2700.00.

Mr. Colby motioned to accept the quote; seconded by Mr. Getman, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

XI. BILLS:

Mr. Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Huntington Power	\$14033.00
Somers Ace Hardware	\$16.18
Assoc. Measurement Co.	\$580.00
DF Power Equipment	\$165.93
McAlister Bicknell	\$175.19
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Millipore	\$83.54
S. Jacobs, (dues reimbursement)	\$40.00

A motion was made by Charles Colby to accept the bills; seconded by Steve Getman, then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Colby; seconded by Mr. Getman, and unanimously approved to adjourn the March 1, 2011 Special meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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