

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

**WPCA MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2011
TOWN HALL – 7:30 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:32 pm. Members present included: James Faust, Daniel Fraro, Steve Getman and George VanTasel, Jr. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL (6/7/2011):

a) June 7, 2011

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 6/7/2011 Minutes. There was general discussion regarding the motion and second for the previous meetings Minutes approval as the 6/7/2011 Minutes did not denote this. The committee decided that Mr. Colby had motioned for approval and Mr. Getman had seconded. Mr. Faust pointed out a recurring error in the Minutes regarding the word “anonymous” needing to be changed to “unanimous.” There are approximately 13 instances of this. The word “confrontation” was replaced with “consultation” in the Bills section.

A motion was made by Mr. VanTasel to approve the 6/7/2011 Minutes as corrected above; seconded by Mr. Getman, and then unanimously voted to approve by the members.

III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION:

Mr. Jacobs provided the following information regarding the status: preliminary review of the final As-built has been done and some changes are needed. Landmark Surveying is doing final plans. There are two problems that still exist, (1) 13 Main St. grading issue which is keeping water from draining and (2) 20 Sunset Drive patching on driveway needs to be done. Committee members discussed issues related to improper grading for home owners and withholding payment. Mr. VanTasel recommended holding the entire payment, keeping full retainer (\$13,890.00), until the job is done satisfactorily. Another Grant Request needs to be prepared for approximately \$30,000.00 but cannot be requested until the retainer is paid. Mr. Jacobs also informed the committee that a letter has been sent to Mrs. Dion regarding her \$2,000.00 insurance deductible. The town attorney has reviewed this issue and has approved sending it to Mrs. Dion. No motion needed at this time regarding further action. Committee agreed in principle to holding back payment for now.

IV. SALE OF OLD GENERATOR:

After an open invitation to bid, two bids of \$200.00 and \$300.00 were received for the Generator. After discussion the committee decided to award the Generator to the highest bidder, Mr. Jim Jenkins.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraro to approve the awarding of the Generator to the highest bidder; seconded by Mr. Getman, and then unanimously voted to approve by the members.

V. FINANCIAL STATUS:

Chairman Botellio provided the following information as per Ms. Marcotte: with a quarter of the year remaining there is \$114,000.00 in the Somersville O&M account as of 6/30/2011. The Somersville Capital account has approximately \$275,000.00. There is \$23,000.00 owed to Maple Ridge and money is also owed for Goodwin Drive which is paid up to 3 of the 10 years. Chairman Botellio stated that the accounts are in "good financial status." Mr. Getman asked how finances will be resolved moving forward. Will there be quarterly updates or monthly updates? Chairman Botellio responded saying that there should be quarterly updates moving forward and that no motion was needed on this point but recommended a Memo be written to Ms. Marcotte requesting quarterly updates.

Chairman Botellio stated that the \$5,800.00 for fire protection, which is supposed to be paid into the Water Fund each year from the town has not. At this point approximately \$34,000.00 has not been received. After some discussion the committee decided that a Memo should be written stating the following: based on "x" number of years, amount "x" should be in our account earning interest. This money should be taken off of the \$329,000.00 owed. Mr. Jacobs will draft a memo with Chairman Botellio.

This was the final year for assessments on water; everyone is paid up except for \$24.00.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Jacobs reviewed the following as current correspondence:

- a) **Sewer Plant Power Outage:** The Sewer Plant recently ran on back up power for 11 hours and during this time there was an issue with the motors tripping on and off. It is believed that this was due to the new generator, which is under warranty. Huntington Power checked out the generator and believes the issue was due to a computer problem which is similar to an issue experienced in Thomaston. They will be back on Monday. United will also look at the controllers when they come out to replace the transducer. Mr. Fraro asked if United looking at the generator will affect the warranty and the response from Mr. Jacobs was "no they will not do any repairs to the generator".
- b) Mr. Jacobs stated the following regarding Year-End Reports on Sewer/Water billing: Sewer deposits were ~\$82,000.00 and Water deposits were ~\$16,300.00.
- c) Mr. Jacobs stated that the Annual Report has been received through Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. on Osborn Remediation Project.
- d) A Memo regarding sewer budgets to was sent Ms. Marcotte which will be forwarded to OPM with the Town budget for State compliance.
- e) Public Works installed the manhole rings in Somersville and did a great job.

VII. BILLS:

Mr. Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Journal Enquirer	\$130.79
Jack Farley Co.	\$203.20
Environmental Monitoring Lab	\$826.60
S. Jacobs reimbursement, RS License	\$40.00
CBS	\$180.00
Folsom Construction	\$13,890.00

A motion was made by Mr. VanTasel to table the bill for Folsom Construction until the Committee is happy with the end result of the project; seconded by Mr. Faust, then unanimously approved by the members.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. VanTasel; seconded by Mr. Faust, and unanimously approved to adjourn the July 12, 2011 Regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Lee Hameroff, Recording Secretary

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