

***Town of Somers***  
***Water Pollution Control Authority***  
***Regular Meeting 3/4/2014***  
***7:30 p.m. Town Hall***

***I. CALL TO ORDER***

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Botellio at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Vice-Chairman Charles Colby Jr., Secretary Dan Fraro, and members Stephen Getman, George VanTasel, Mark Marschall and James Faust. Town sanitarian Steve Jacobs was also in attendance.

***II. MINUTES 1/4/14***

Vice-Chairman Colby was marked in attendance inadvertently, and needs to be deleted.

Vice-Chair Colby also suggested it be made clear, in item 4, that *the cooling system allows no industrial discharge to the sewers*. Member George VanTasle made a motion, seconded by member James Faust, to approve the minutes from 1-4-14 as amended.

*All in favor, motion carried*

***III. Somersville WPCF Maintenance***

1. Town Sanitarian, Jacobs informed members that Mr. Hinckley agreed to correct the faulty valve installation at the Quality Ave Pump Sta. for \$800. Member VanTasle suggested to Mr. Jacobs that he inquire about re-coating the tanks.
2. Sanitarian Jacobs informed members that one of the valves for the main wet-well has a faulty sensor and is not recording properly. He did get a quote of \$7,000.00 to replace the sensor. Mr. Jacobs stated that a visual inspection could give the same amount of information, and that the other two valves were still recording. Members Marschall and Faust asked about comparative labor quotes to replace the faulty sensor. The board requested that Mr. Jacobs get a minimum of 2 to 3 additional quotes for the purpose of replacing this sensor.

***2014-2015 O&M Budget***

3. Sanitarian Jacobs distributed the 2014-2015 budget draft. He reviewed line item by line item with members. Estimates were within norms with some adjustments, such as pricing out labs and finding a 20% savings. The new budget reflects a 3% increase for salary adjustment.

*Vice-Chair Colby made a motion, seconded by Member VanTasle, to approve the budget as written. All in favor, motion carried. . All members voted in the affirmative with the exception of two abstentions by member Stephen Getman and Chairman Botellio.*

***IV. Maple Ridge Comm. System 2014 O&M Budget***

Mr. Jacobs reviewed specific line items, such as testing, that reflected increases in the projection and differences based on EDU charges. Chairman Botellio suggested revisiting the yearly user fee rate for 2015.

*Member VanTasel made a motion, seconded by Member Faust, to approve the budget as submitted*

***V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION***

Mr. Jacobs reviewed issues with pension concerns which required a letter to the selectmen's office. Members told Mr. Jacobs to inform the finance manager of his record of deductions. The chairman offered to meet with finance manager if needed.

***VII. BILLS/TRANSFERS***

Phoenix Labs	\$ 60.00
Maher Corp.	\$1,807.34
Reimbursement	\$40.00 dues

Motion made by Member VanTasle, seconded by member Faust, to approve payment of bills.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

A motion was made by Member Faust, seconded by Member Getman, to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Stephanie Benson

*Recording Secretary*