

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
P.O. Box 308
Somers, Connecticut 06071**

**WPCA SPECIAL MEETING
7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
January 13, 2015**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Members present were: Jim Botellio, George VanTasel, Dan Fraro, Steve Getman, Charles Colby, Mark Marshall. Also present were: Steve Jacobs, Sanitarian

II Somersville WPCF – Maintenance

Steve Jacobs has spoken with Hinckley Construction. The Board has been concerned that Hinckley would not return to fix the errors in construction for his job at the sewer plant. The decision was made to contact other contractors to complete this work.

Steve Jacobs has been unable to get a quote from United Concrete. However, he contacted Avery Construction and was able to get a quote of \$2292.00 to correctly install the valves that Hinckley has yet to come back and do. This would entail reinstalling the valves and installing new gaskets. There are 2 sets of valves.

After a discussion, Charles Colby made a motion to accept Avery Construction's quote of \$2292.00, seconded by Mark Marshall, and unanimously approved. Avery will be required to finish this job within 60 days.

Coating of the wet wells has also yet to be done. Steve Jacobs has had two companies look at this job and hopes to have quotes available by our next meeting.

George VanTasel asked Steve Jacobs to check on the price of the original tanks to see if replacement could be an option. It was agreed that replacement would be too expensive.

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III. WPCA 2015-16 Budget

Steve Jacobs reviewed the proposed 2015-16 budget with the Commission. He said that Revenue Projections are just a little bit higher than last year as new construction is still very slow.

Steve Jacobs stated that legal expenses are under the BOS budget and we are now required to get permission from the Selectman's Office to use the services of our Town Attorney, Carl Landolina. The Commission asked Steve Jacobs to make Lisa Pellegrini aware that we are looking into possible legal action for the work at the sewer plant and we would like Attorney Landolina to send Hinckley Construction a letter stating our intentions.

Dan Fraro made a motion to approve the proposed 2015-16 budget, as written. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Commission.

IV. Correspondence/Audience Participation

- We received the insurance payment for repairs due to the July, 2014 lightning strike at the Sewer Plant in the amount of \$13,013.47.
- A reminder – FOI training on February 4th at the Town Hall.
- Update on sewer bills. Collection rate in Somersville is 78%. Maple Ridge stands at 88%. All delinquent properties have been liened. Ten properties are at least two or more years delinquent and qualify for the tax sale this year if not paid. The grammar school in Somersville closed this year and Steve does not know if they will be coming back.

V. Bills/Transfers

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| Environmental Monitoring Lab. | \$556.50 |
| USA Blue Book | \$46.74 |
| Ace Hardware | \$12.85 |
| Ace Hardware | \$25.17 |
| USA Blue Book | \$126.38 |
| Phoenix Lab. | \$128.00 |
| Phoenix Lab. | \$60.00 |

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One transfer from WPCA Clerical to pay George Rostkowski for his year end audit of the sewer billing: \$828.78 from Maple Ridge & Somersville sewer accounts to the General Fund.

Motion made to approve these bills and transfer by Charles Colby; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Botellio, seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Sec.

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