

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

**WPCA REGULAR MEETING  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room  
March 10, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. The meeting originally scheduled for March 3, 2015 was adjourned to March 10, 2015. A notice was placed on the doorway of the meeting location indicating the adjournment.

Members present were: Jim Botellio; George VanTasel; Steve Getman and Charles Colby (7:55). Also present was Town Sanitarian, Steve Jacobs. Absent were Dan Fraro, Mark Marschall and Jim Faust.

**II. Minutes:**

*Charles Colby made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015, as written, seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

**III. Somersville WPCF Maintenance:**

Advanced Coating Equipment in Windsor came up with a quote of \$63,000 to do the job of coating the two primary wet wells and repairing the concrete. Avery Construction has decided that they will not bid on this job. R. J. Forbes' bid of \$29,000 plus \$75.00/sq. ft. of concrete repair was previously received. Steve Jacobs said this job is planned for late spring or early summer. Materials will be warranted for 3 years and the workmanship for one year.

George VanTasel was concerned that this is their final price and there will not be any additions. George also asked that this job is not stretched out for months.

*Jim Botellio asked for a motion. Charles Colby made a motion that we award this job to R. J. Forbes of Attleboro, MA with the stipulation that \$29,000 plus concrete repair is the complete cost and that they complete the job within an acceptable time frame. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

The Commission requested that Steve Jacobs invite Town Attorney Carl Landolina to our next meeting to discuss possible legal action against Hinckley Construction.

**IV. Somersville WPCF 2015-16 O&M Budget:**

Steve Jacobs reviewed the proposed WPCF 2015-16 O&M budget with the Commission. He said that expenses last year remained well within our budget. Expenses include a 3% salary increase.

*Charles Colby made a motion to approve the proposed 2015-16 Somersville O&M budget; seconded by George VanTasel. Jim Botellio and Steve Getman abstained. The motion passed.*

**V. Maple Ridge Comm. System 2015-16 O&M Budget:**

Steve Jacobs reviewed the proposed MR 2015-16 O&M budget with the Commission. The septic tanks are cleaned every three. This year's budget is exactly the same as the previous year. Last year, we borrowed \$2,000 from the surplus; this year we should only borrow \$1,000. To cover the decrease in borrowing, an 11% increase in user charge is proposed that only amounts to \$15 per EDU. The user charge would go from \$120 per EDU to \$135 per EDU.

*Charles Colby made a motion to approve the proposed 2015-16 Maple Ridge Community System 2015-16 budget and also an increase in user charge from \$120 per EDU to \$135 per EDU – an 11% increase that amounts to \$15 more per EDU. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

**VI. WPCA/Health Fee Schedule:**

Steve Jacobs reviewed the proposed changes in the WPCA Health Fee Schedule with the Commission. These proposed changes have to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

*George VanTasel made a motion to forward the new fee schedule to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. This motion was seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

**VII. Correspondence/Audience Participation:**

- Tim Webb, our current seasonal maintainer, is too busy to continue with this job. Dan Parisi, our operator at the plant, has recommended hiring Michael Dudek to replace Tim Webb. Michael Dudek currently works at the Enfield plant and therefore is experienced with the job requirements. Steve Jacobs would like to interview Michael Dudek and then make a recommendation to the Commission at the next meeting.
- George VanTasel asked about the FOI complaint against the WPCA for having a meeting without posting an agenda. Steve Jacobs said he has not heard anything and will check with the Town Clerk.

**VIII. Bills/Transfers:**

Somers Ace Hardware	\$32.37
Steve Jacobs reimbursement for soil testing dues	\$40.00
HACH	\$114.67
Phoenix Lab.	\$128.00
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*George VanTasel made a motion to approve payment of these bills; seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Getman; seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary

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