

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

**WPCA REGULAR MEETING
7:15 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
April 7, 2015**

I. Public Hearing: Somersville and Maple edge 2015-16 O&M Budgets

Chairman Jim Botellio opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and read the legal notice. There was no comment from the audience. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m. by unanimous consent.

II. Call to Order:

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Botellio at 7:20 p.m. Those present were: Jim Botellio; George VanTasel; Mark Marschall; Jim Faust; Steve Getman; Dan Fraro (7:25); and Town Sanitarian Steve Jacobs.

III. Minutes: March 10, 2015

Steve Getman made a motion to approve the 3/10/15 minutes as amended: (Mark Marschall was in attendance at the 3/10/15 meeting). This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Commission.

IV. Executive Session: Pending Legal Action

This item was postponed until the end of the meeting by unanimous consent.

V. Somersville WPCF 2015-16 O&M Budget

George VanTasel made a motion to approve the proposed WPCF

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2015-16 O&M Budget as presented with a 2015-16 user charge of \$255 per EDU - 0% increase over last year. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and approved by the Commission. Jim Botellio and Steve Getman abstained because they both own property in this area and therefore it became a conflict of interest.

V. Maple Ridge Comm. Sys. 2015-16 O&M Budget

Steve Getman made a motion to approve the proposed Maple Ridge Comm. Sys. 2015-16 budget with a 2015-16 user charge of \$135 per EDU. This is a 11% increase over last year. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Commission.

VII. Correspondence/ Audience Participation

1. Steve received an e-mail from First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini stating that the Board of Selectmen approved the new WPCA/ Health Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2015.
2. Steve Jacobs interviewed Michael Dudek for the maintainer job at the Somers Sewer Plant at an hourly rate of \$18.00/hr. Michael said that he would like this job and Steve approves hiring him. His credentials are excellent and Hank Anderson, our former plant operator, stated that he is an excellent worker and certainly more than qualified for this job.

George VanTasel made a motion to approve the hiring of Michael Dudek as seasonal maintainer at the Somers Sewer Plant at the hourly rate of \$18.00. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Commission.

3. Steve Jacobs finalized the list of delinquent sewer users. These are all delinquent over two years. Maybe we should demand the entire assessment from 40 Goodwin Drive who is delinquent every year and then pays at the last minute before the Tax Sale. Mr. Jacobs will check with Atty. Cohen as to whether we can collect the additional assessment. Demand notices will be issued to the 10 properties that have been delinquent for two years or more.

Steve Getman made a motion to issue demand notices to the 10 delinquent sewer users that have been delinquent for two years or more. This motion was seconded by Mark Marschall and unanimously approved by the Commission.

VIII. Bills/Transfers

Phoenix Lab.	\$60.00
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Somers Ace Hardware	\$14.83
Journal Inquirer (legal notice)	\$119.62
Huntington Power	\$227.50
Avery Septic (emergency cleaning)	\$390.00

This was an emergency cleaning of a septic tank at 66 Maple Ridge Dr. This looked like a grease build-up. The Commission asked Steve Jacobs to send a warning letter to the homeowner to not dump grease down the drain or the Town will not pay again for an emergency pump-out.

George VanTasel made a motion to approve payment of the above bills. This motion was seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Commission.

There were three transfers:

1. Transfer \$10,496 from the Water Fund to the General Fund for the water service connections.
2. Transfer of \$8,700 from the Water Fund to the General Fund for the Goodwin Drive Sewer Main loan.
3. Transfer of \$3,600 to the General Fund (\$3,000 from the S/V O&M, and \$600 from the Maple Ridge O&M. for 2014-15 FY bill collections.

George VanTasel made a motion to approve the above three transfers. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Commission

Jim Botellio signed about 20 releases for students from the high school who were required to attend a commission meeting.

IV. Executive Session: Pending Legal Action

Town Attorney Carl Landolina arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Fraro made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. Steve Jacobs and Attorney Landolina were invited to stay. All others exited the Conference Room. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Commission.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Getman; seconded by Mark Marschall and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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