

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

**WPCA REGULAR MEETING  
7:30 p.m.  
Toen Hall Conference Room  
May 5, 2015**

**I. Call To Order:**

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present were: Jim Botellio; Charles Colby; Jim Faust; Mark Marschall; George Van Tassel; Stephen Getman and Town Sanitarian Steve Jacobs

**II. Minutes:      April 7, 2015**

*Charles Colby made a motion to approve the 4/7/15 minutes after a small typographical error was noted. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

*A motion was made by Charles Colby, seconded by George VanTassel and unanimously approved to add a discussion of the sewer user rate for a property at 129 Springfield Road.*

**III. 129 Springfield Road – Discussion of Sewer User Rate:**

Kevin Riley, the owner of the 129 Springfield Road property, feels that his assessment of 5 EDU's is too high for his current use of the property.

He has two tenants at this time, although the property has 15 bedrooms and a maximum occupancy of 32 people. The property is a rooming house with 8 bedrooms on the first floor; 5 bedrooms on the second floor and an apartment on the third floor. However, these units are not yet rented.

Also, there is a well on the property that Mr. Riley would like to use for washing machines and irrigation. If this well has potable water, then he would not need the public water system. However, this would not affect the sewer rate.

Mr. Riley asked if the 5 EDU assessment could be lowered until he has rented at least most of the units available. Jim Botellio said that the Authority will review his situation and get back to him with an answer.

**IV. Somersville WPCF Maintenance:**

R.J. Forbes Company is scheduled to coat the two primary wet wells and repair the concrete the first week in June. The job should be completed within two weeks.

Steve Jacobs will be meeting with Town Attorney Carl Landolina concerning legal action against the original contractor.

Our new seasonal maintainer, Michael Dudek, has started working and is becoming familiar with the operation of our sewer plant.

Skip's Septic Service will jetting the sewer lines on Main Street in Somersville this month.

**V. Correspondence/Audience Participation:**

1. Steve Jacobs sent a letter out to the owners of 66 Maple Ridge Drive stating that the Authority will pick up the tab for the emergency septic tank cleaning this one time but will not do this again if grease build-up causes future problems.
2. Received a notice from Hazardville Water Company that their rates will increase on all meters and pipes.
3. Received our final permit modification from DEEP to eliminate the UV intensity requirements. However, we still have to keep a record of bacterial testing to be sure that everything is operating satisfactorily.

**VI. Bills/Transfers:**

Phoenix Lab (MR well testing)	\$280.00
Phoenix Lab.	\$60.00
Phoenix Lab.	\$128.00
Journal Inquirer (publish new sewer rates)	\$144.81
Ace Hardware	\$101.18
HACH (supplies for testing at sewer plant)	\$164.79

*Jim Faust made a motion to approve payment of the bills; seconded by Mark Marschall and unanimously approved by the Authority.*

Transfers:

Steve Jacobs had to repeat the approved transfers using a new form. Within a year or so, we should be done with the water service connections. Steve will check with Attorney Landolina to see if we can continue to collect after the loan is paid off.

Steve Jacobs reported that the owner of 40 Goodwin Drive came in and paid most of his delinquent sewer bill. He still owes ~\$40 in interest which he indicated he will pay.

**VII. Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn was made by George VanTasel; seconded by Jim Botellio and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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