

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

**MINUTES
WPCA REGULAR MEETING
7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room
September 1, 2015**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Those present were Jim Botellio; Mark Marschall; Dan Fraro; Jim Faust; Steve Getman; Charles Colby; and Town Sanitarian Steve Jacobs. George VanTasel was absent.

II. Approval of Minutes: August 4, 2015

Steve Getman made a motion to approve the 8/4/15 minutes, as written. This motion was seconded by Charles Colby, and unanimously approved by the Authority.

III. Somersville WPCF Maintenance:

Steve Jacobs reported that a R. J. Forbes' technician became nervous when he was sand blasting because there was more concrete repairs than anticipated. The repair were made with concrete mix. The job is totally finished. Steve passed around a picture of the new wells before they are used again. Everything is running fine. It cost \$75 per square foot for the concrete repairs. R. J. Forbes also replaced several bolts that had rusted. It appears that these bolts were not stainless steel which were included in the contract with Hinckley Construction.

Charles Colby made a motion to approve payment to R. J. Forbes for the change order covering 80 square feet at a cost of \$75 per square foot with a total of \$6,000. This motion was seconded by Mark Marschall and unanimously approved by the Authority.

Steve Jacobs talked with Town Attorney Carl Landolina about the breach of contract notice sent to Hinckley Construction. Carl has talked with Hinckley's insurance company and estimated the value of the lawsuit to be \$50,000 with another \$15,000 to \$20,000 for repairs. Steve sent Carl a copy of the invoice from R.J.Forbes and will supply any other invoices that Attorney Landolina requires. The original job was awarded to Hinckley Construction about 7 to 8 years ago and the workmanship should have lasted much longer than that without repairs being needed.

IV. Correspondence/Audience Participation:

1. Town Attorney Carl Landolina reported that the FOI complaint placed by Linda LaCasse against the WPCA was rescinded.

2. Steve Jacobs spoke with Mike Marinaccio, CFO and he has not set up anything with QDS, so the sewer bills will be sent out on 10/1/15, using our current system. This system has always worked fine but the Finance Office is looking at moving the sewer billing to Quality Data. Charles Colby asked if the Finance Office can take over our present system. They would have to obtain approval from the WPCA before any change could be made. If the Finance Office can come up with a better system, the WPCA will consider it.

3. Steve Jacobs said that an Invitation to Bid has been sent out for cleaning the sewer tanks on the Somersville system. Bids are due by 11/10/15.

4. Avery Construction has just about completed the cleaning of the tanks on the Maple Ridge sewer system.

5. Steve Jacobs passed out a list of e-mail and phone numbers currently on record for members of the Authority and asked that any changes be noted.

6. Steve Jacobs reported that there were 10 properties on the list of delinquent sewer bills to be sent for a tax sale. Three have paid their delinquency, leaving 7 properties. Three of these 7 had a delinquency of less than \$1,000. These delinquent properties will be forwarded to Attorney Adam Cohen for collection. These properties are: 120 Main Street; 129 Main Street; 155 Main Street; 73 Main Street; 79 Main Street; 64 Quality Avenue and 8 Quality Avenue.

Charles Colby made a motion, seconded by Mark Marschall, to turn these 7 properties over to Attorney Adam Cohen for collection. This motion was unanimously approved by the Authority.

7. Steve Jacobs said that a woman has requested that the sewer line be continued to include her two homes on Hall Hill Road. 4 properties have indicated their interest in extending the sewer line to their properties on the east side of Hall Hill Road. The west side of Hall Hill Road does not seem to be interested. A rough estimate of what it would cost is \$15,000 per household. Steve Jacobs will work with the Town Engineer to determine the feasibility of these requests. We would have to have a public hearing to see if the Hall Hill residents would approve such an extension. This would entail an extension of 500 to 600' with two manholes. A payment plan would have to be established.

V. Bills/Transfers

Mike Mocko (vacation coverage & help with food permits)	\$700.00
R J. Forbes Co., (balance of contract)	\$37,710
R J. Forbes Co. (retainage)	\$4,590
AMCO (CALIBRATE FLOW METERS)	\$420.00
PHOENIX LAB.	\$15.00
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PHOENIX LAB.	\$60.00
STEVE JACOBS (REIMBURSEMENT)	\$60.00

JIM FAUST MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THESE BILLS, SECONDED BY MARK MARSCHALL AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Marschall, seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Carengo, Recording Secretary

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