

**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
October 6, 2015**

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Minutes: **September 1, 2015**

George VanTasel made a motion to approve the 9/1/15 minutes after correcting two punctuation errors. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority.

III. Hall Hill Rd, - Sewer Main Extension:

Steve Jacobs said that after reviewing the properties requesting a sewer line, it was decided that we can install a \pm 500 ft. gravity sewer line with one manhole. The houses on the west side of the street are not as low as originally thought. Steve looked at a recent sewer bid Ellington had done and plugged in our numbers to get an estimate of about \$90,000 with no contingencies. The six properties that would be served would each have to pay \$15,000. Steve said that if we do increase the footage of sewer line, then we would need another manhole.

Jim Botellio asked Steve Jacobs to check with a local sewer installation contractor to verify that these estimates are within the acceptable range. Steve said he would do this and have an updated report by the next meeting.

IV. Correspondence/Audience Participation:

1. Town Attorney Carl Landolina has requested copies of the entire file involving Hinckley Construction and the sewer plant that he might use in the lawsuit against Hinckley Construction.

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2. Steve Jacobs reported that another float went bad at the sewer plant and had to be replaced. It looks as though it was never properly installed. There is a possibility that we will need new electrical work throughout the system. The United Concrete technician said the original electrical installation did not meet code for separating distance and improper sealing of the conduits. A safety factor could exist as we can't seal the pipes from emitting gas and moisture. Frank Smith was the electrical contractor for Hinckley Construction.

Steve will ask Carl Landolina to add these problems to the list of things that have gone wrong. Steve said he could ask United Concrete, (who replaced the float), to work up a quote to redo the entire system.

3. Steve sent out an Invitation to Bid for cleaning the tanks on the Somersville system and received one reply from Avery Construction for \$13,455 to clean these tanks. Steve feels this is a fair price for this work.

Charles Colby made a motion to approve awarding the bid for cleaning the tanks on the Somersville sewer system to Avery Construction at a cost of \$13,455. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Authority.

4. Steve Jacobs received a permit application from 102 Main Street to reopen the restaurant on the corner. Steve recommends that we increase the sewer user charge from 3 EDU's to 6.5 EDU's, (the rate it was with the restaurant), and pro-rate the charge when it re-opens.

Steve Getman made a motion to increase the sewer user rate on the property on 102 Main Street from 3 EDU's to 6.5 EDU's when the restaurant re-opens. This motion was seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Authority.

5. Steve Jacobs requested that we change our November meeting from the 10th to the 17th because Steve will be out of town. This was agreeable to the members of the Authority. This now becomes a "Special Meeting".

6. While cleaning the Maple Ridge septic tanks, it was noticed that one tank had a lot of tree roots in it. Steve reminded the home owner that it is his responsibility to maintain the tank and suggested that he take down the tree near the tank that is probably causing this problem.

7. Steve Jacobs stated that 4 members of the Authority have terms expiring in 2015. They are: George VanTasel, Charles Colby, Jim Faust, and Steve Getman. All four members indicated that they would like to continue to be members of the WPCA. We do have an opening for an alternate. We are set up to have 7 members and 2 alternates. Steve will check to see if any alternates are available.

8. The sewer bills went out on time, despite the fact that the town's postage meter was not working and all bills had to be stamped by hand. We give special thanks to Jennifer Roy who had a lot to do towards getting these bills out on time.

9. Seven delinquent sewer bills were sent to Attorney Adam Cohen for inclusion in the tax sale.

10. The Finance Officer, Mike Marinaccio, is still looking into changing the sewer billing to Quality Data. It was verified that no change can be made without the approval of the WPCA. The Authority agrees that the sewer billing should remain where it is as there have been no problems with the present system.

V. Bills/Transfers:

Huntington Power	\$710.20
*Ace Hardware	\$80.95
Ace Hardware	\$79.45
Avery Septic (cleaning Maple Ridge)	\$13,939.50
R. J. Forbes Co. (concrete repairs)	\$6,000
Phoenix Lab.	\$143.00
Phoenix Lab.	\$60.00
Phoenix Lab.	\$128.00

*Ace Hardware has a balance that has not been paid since July, 2015.

Steve Getman made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Mark Marschall, and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by George VanTasel; seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

