

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
P. O. BOX 308
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**MINUTES
WPCA Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
November 17, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Dan Fraro; George VanTasel; Jim Faust; Jim Botellio; Charles Colby; Mark Marschall; Steve Getman and Town Sanitarian Steve Jacobs

II. Minutes: October 6, 2015

Two minor changes were made – a typo on Page 1, and the addition of Dan Fraro to the list of those members whose terms were expiring in 2015.

Jim Faust made a motion to approve the 10/6/15 minutes, as amended. This motion was seconded by Charles Colby, and unanimously approved by the Authority.

III. 41 School Street – Change of Use:

The Somersville Grammar School went out of business last year. Steve Jacobs said they want to change the EDU rate and have asked to waive the delinquent fees that total over \$4,000. This is now a vacant property that they can not rent because it is in an residential zone. The Grammar School in Massachusetts is still operational. However, they chose to ignore last year's bill. When they did not pay their bill this year, a lien was placed on the property. The original assessment was 14 EDU's that was lowered to 7.9 EDU's based on the lower number of students.

The Authority agreed to lower the assessment to 1 EDU and refer the matter of the delinquency to Town Attorney Carl Landolina for his opinion. They owe \$2450 for last year, but this year's assessment will be based on 1 EDU.

Charles Colby made a motion to reduce the assessment for 41 School Street to 1 EDU. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust. The vote was: (6) in favor; (1) abstaining (Jim Faust). The motion passed.

IV. Hall Hill Road – Sewer Main Extension:

Steve Jacobs reported that he met with a licensed sewer contractor who said it would cost \$55000 to run the 220 line for six lots. The lots in question range from .6 of an acre to .75 of an acre. These are long, narrow lots. All of the properties that the sewer line fronts on would be assessed.

Bruce Urbon of 59 Hall Hill Road was present and indicated he does not want a sewer line and his property to be assessed. He said only one property has a failed septic system, 46 Hall Hill Road, that is currently being used as a two family home.

Jim Botellio said we need answers as to how many properties want a sewer line and are willing to pay for it on a 10-year plan. Also, a verified cost of putting the sewer line in place as well as how much it would cost each property to hook up to the main line. If the hookup to the main line is at the rear of a property, it could cost up to \$5,000 to hook up.

It was the consensus of the Authority to invite all interested parties to the next WPCA meeting on December 1st, present the costs to those that are interested in a public sewer line, find out how many properties are for or against a sewer line.

V. Correspondence/Audience Participation:

1. Steve Jacobs sent a memo to the First Selectman stating all five members of the Authority whose terms are expiring in 2015 would like to be reappointed. He also asked that the vacant alternate positions be filled.

2. On 10/29/15, a short in our main power line to the Somersville WPCF caused a power outage and we were 10 to 12 hours on the generator. Eversource made the repair.

3. The Town has a new GIS system. All of the sewer lines are shown with all of the main lines. We can add all of the laterals to all the systems. All of the maps are linked to the properties. It really is a great tool.

4. Steve Jacobs received a memo from the Town Clerk requesting our meeting dates for 2016. Steve presented this list to the Authority for approval
Charles Colby made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2016, seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority.

5. DEEP is proposing a wireless bypass notification system. Steve Jacobs needs approval from the Authority to do this for the Town if we have a sewer problem. It was the consensus of the Authority to appoint Steve Jacobs to do this notification for the WPCA.

6. The sewer bills went out on time on October 1, 2015. As of this date, only 65% have paid on the Somersville system and 70% on Maple Ridge, At the end of this month, the Intent to Lien letters will be sent out.

7. Steve has updated the tax attorney on the delinquent accounts. A date for the tax sale has not been set.

8. 555 Main Street – this property was foreclosed on. Rick Leno bought it and would like to waive the maintenance agreement. He will maintain the system himself.

Charles Colby made a motion, seconded by George VanTasel, to release the maintenance agreement with the Town. This motion was unanimously approved by the Authority.

VI. Executive Session:

George VanTasel made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30pm to discuss pending litigation. Charles Colby seconded and was unanimously approved. Executive Session ended at 8:36 p.m.

VII. Bills/Transfers:

Phoenix Lab	\$280.00
Maple Ridge ground water test	
Phoenix Lab.	\$60.00
Phoenix Lab.	\$128.00
Phoenix Lab.	\$60.00
HACH	\$30.24
Ace Hardware	\$92.65

George VanTasel wants a list of paid bills every month so we can compare it to the bills that we have authorized to pay. Ask for a list for the month of November.

George VanTasel made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by George VanTasel; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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