

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

**MINUTES
WPCA Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
January 5, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Minutes December 1, 2015

On Page 3, second paragraph, the name of the property owner, Mr. Domash, was added.
Jim Faust made a motion to approve the 12/1/15 minutes as amended. This motion was seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Authority.

III. Hall Hill Road – Sewer Main Extension

Steve Jacobs sent out the survey to find out how many homeowners would be interested in having a sewer line extension. The results were that only the first two properties on the East side of the street were still interested in a sewer line extension – all others were not interested at this time. Both of these properties are owned by Lorelee Connors. Ms. Connors has indicated that her second property could probably not support a septic system because it is too wet.

Steve Jacobs said that an 8” sewer line extension of about 320 feet with one manhole could be constructed at a cost of about \$30,000 to \$45,000. Ms. Connors would have to pay to connect both of her properties to the sewer line.

Jim Botellio said if this was a town-owned sewer line, then all properties abutting the line would be assessed, whether they connected, or not. Ms. Connors could connect both of her properties for between \$20,000 and \$25,000. However, all properties on both sides of the street abutting the sewer line would be assessed and would be able to hook up at a later date.

It was agreed by the Authority that Steve Jacobs would review her options with Ms. Connors. For instance, she could change her property lines. Her first house has a working septic system. Also, it is possible to put in a standard sewer line to service just her two properties. Steve will meet with her and have a report at the next meeting.

IV. Executive Session - Pending Legal Action

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Charles Colby made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority. Executive Session ended at 8:30 p.m.

V. 2016-17 WPCA Budget:

Steve Jacobs reviewed the 2016-17 WPCA budget with the Authority. Revenues have remained steady at around \$16,000. The BOS are asking for a 0% increase so the proposed budget remains the same as last year.

Charles Colby made a motion to approve the proposed 2016-17 budget, as presented. This motion was seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VI. Correspondence/Audience Participation

1. Steve Jacobs reported that a letter was sent to the Executive Board of the Grammar School in Somersville indicating the changes we have made to their assessments.
2. Re-appointments to the WPCA have been made, using the same re-appointment date for everybody.
3. Steve Jacobs had a meeting with the Finance Director and Tax Collector concerning some inconsistencies with the current sewer billing. The problems appear to have been human error and have been resolved. The Finance Office still wants to have the sewer billing done by Quality Data at a cost of \$8,000 and they are willing to pay for the conversion. This change would have to be approved by the WPCA. We have 91% collection for the Somersville system and 93% collection rate for Maple Ridge. We had to lien 36 properties. There was no tax sale this past year. Six properties have paid off, 4 remain with the tax atty. for collection.

VII. Bills/Transfers:

Ace Hardware	\$13.03
Phoenix Lab.	\$128.00
Phoenix Lab.	\$60.00

Charles Colby made a motion to approve payment of these bills, seconded by Mark Marschall, and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VIII. Adjournment:

George VanTasel made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Fraro, Secretary
Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary

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