

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2018
7:30 PM -TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chairman, James Botellio. Other members present were: Stephen Getman, Charles Colby, George Van Tasel and Mark Marschall. Also present was Steven Jacobs, Town Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of December 5, 2017 were reviewed: Item III – the word “than” should replace “then”. Item IV, 1st bullet – delete “use” in front of “is legally changed”. 2nd bullet – should read “given to the Authority”.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Tasel to approve the minutes as amended. 2nd by Mr. Getman, all in favor; motion passed.

III. Conn. Dept. of Public Health – Local Health Assessment

Mr. Jacobs reported that the Board of Selectmen have reviewed and approved the draft response and sent a formal reply to the State DPH. Mr. Jacobs also reported that the DPH sent a summary of all health depts. annual reports and only 44% claim to be meeting the 10 Essential Services.

IV. 111 Maple Ridge Dr. – Tank Replacement

A letter has been sent to the homeowner with the low bidder’s amount and offering them a chance to obtain their own contractor. No response has been received yet.

V. 2018-19 WPCA Budget

Mr. Jacobs provided estimated revenues for the next fiscal year and a proposed budget with a 0% increase.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Tasel to approve the recommended budget the BOS. 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor; motion passed.

Mr. Jacobs also provided a proposed fee increase as requested by the finance dept. With the increase, the fees would still be approximately 33% lower than the surrounding health districts.

The Authority concurred with the proposed increase but would like the fee comparisons put into a spread sheet for presentation to the BOS.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Tassel to approve the recommended fee increase to the BOS. 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Jacobs reported that there was a sewage back-up over the holiday weekend at 32 Michele Dr. It has been determined there is a blockage between the tank and the main in the road, however we have not been able to jet the line do to the extreme cold. The tank is being pumped and monitored until the weather improves.
- Mr. Jacobs gave the breakdown from the finance dept. for the \$300K transferred from the sewer fund to the General fund to cover the years those transfers were not made. The Authority would like the annual transfers made using the approved authorization forms so this mistake is not made again in the future.
- Mr. Jacobs is still having problems printing QDS reports from his computer. The Tax Dept. provided the sewer billing collection reports for the Authority. The Somersville O&M collection rate was at 89.2% and Maple Ridge was at 85.5%.

VII. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Phoenix Labs	\$128.00
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Fletcher Drain Service	\$200.00
Janet Bennett	\$353.00
United Concrete	\$1134.25
Crop Prod. Serv.(prev. pd.)	\$168.00
Star Hardware(prev. pd.)	<u>\$97.16</u>
	\$2140.41

A motion was made by Mr. Van Tassel to approve the bills as submitted,. 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Getman at 8:35 pm, 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Steven Jacobs
Sanitarian*

