

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2019
7:30 PM -TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman, James Botellio. Other members present were: Daniel Fraro, Mark Folsom, Mark Marschall, Charles Colby, James Faust and Stephen Getman.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of April 9, 2019 were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Getman to approve the minutes as written. 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

III. 92 MAIN ST. – SEWER USER BILL

Mr. Morin is seeking relief on his delinquent sewer bill. The property was purchased in foreclosure in 2015, however the sewer acct. was never updated and bills had been sent to the old owner. In 2017 he obtained a building permit to totally renovate the structure, which he is still in the process of doing. The Authority agreed that do to the clerical error and that the property could not be occupied as is, the sewer bill should be reduced.

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to waive the principle and interest for the 2017 and 2018 bills, waive the interest only for the 2016 bill and to defer future bills until a new Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the property, 2nd by Mr. Getman, four votes in favor, Mr. Faust voted against, Mr. Folsom and Mr. Botellio abstained, motion passed.

IV. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Pilot Project

Mr. Jacobs has not yet received the revised proposal from AMCO. We are continuing with our UV disinfection until we get DEEP approval of the pilot project. Mr. Jacobs also reported that we had a failure of the sump pump in our valve chamber, which flooded and damaged three flow meters. He is currently seeking quotes to replace the meters and a claim was submitted to our insurance company.

V. 2019-20 SOMERSVILLE WPCF O&M BUDGET

No negative feed-back was received at the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve the proposed budget of \$92200.00 and set a new

user charge of \$265.00/EDU, (4% increase), 2nd by Mr. Faust, Mr. Marschall, Faust, Colby, Folsom and Fraro voted in favor, Mr. Getman and Botellio abstained, motion passed.

VI. 2019-20 MAPLE RIDGE COMMUNITY SYSTEM O&M BUDGET

No negative feed-back was received at the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve the proposed budget of \$8425.00 and keep the user charge at \$150.00/EDU, 2nd by Mr. Faust, all in favor, motion passed.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Jacobs reported that Ms. Madden has been very aggressive in the collection of delinquent bills. Somerville collection rate is 93% and Maple Ridge is 90%. Only one acct. is still on the tax sale list.

VIII. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Phoenix Labs	\$128.00
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Phoenix Labs	\$280.00
Journal Inquirer	\$89.72
Journal Inquirer	\$124.35
United Concrete	\$688.60
S. Jacobs (SSSSNE dues)	\$40.00
USA Bluebook	\$247.30
Hach	<u>\$198.74</u>
	\$1984.71

Transfer to GF (Tax Dept.) \$3600.00

A motion was made by Mr. Faust to approve the bills and transfers as submitted, 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Faust at 7:49 pm, 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro
Recording Secretary