

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2021
7:30 PM –TELE-MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Tele-Conference meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Chairman, James Botellio. Other members present were: Mark Folsom, Stephen Getman and Mark Marschall. Also present was Atty. Landolina and Steven Jacobs, Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES

The minutes of 1/5/21 were reviewed.

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

III. SOMERSVILLE WPCF - Pilot Project

Mr. Jacobs reported that we finally receive a letter from DEEP. The letter re-states that chlorine cannot be used without dechlorination but does not acknowledge the merits of our proposed Pilot Project nor explain the technical reason why DEEP allows many other WPCFs to use chlorine but Somers can't. The letter also refers to a possible violation of our new NPDES Permit, which the town has yet to receive. Atty. Landolina will research our legal standing and again try to set up a meeting with DEEP to resolve this issue

IV. NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT

A motion was made by Mr. Getman to add this item to the agenda, 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Jacobs received a memo from 1st Selectman Knorr, asking about a cost analysis of joining the health district. A draft Cost Analysis was reviewed by the Authority indicating a cost savings by remaining independent. Discussion ensued regarding what other benefits the District could offer to a rural town.

Based on the cost analysis, a motion was made by Mr. Getman to keep the Sanitarian/WPCA position as is, 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Jacobs reported that the cause of the alarm at the WPCF last month was the block heater on the generator and it has been replaced. Mr. Getman suggested a sign with an emergency phone # be posted at the facility, so residents could call if the tele-alarm should fail. Mr. Jacobs will get an estimated cost.
- No call-in participation.

VI. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Bills are currently being paid with approval of the Superintendent only, due to the pandemic situation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Marschall to adjourn at 8:30 pm, 2nd by Mr. Getman, all in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Jacobs
Sanitarian