

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:00 PM Special Meeting via Zoom



CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Daniel Fraro, Mark Marschall, and Mark Folsom. Also present was Daniel Parisi, Plant Operator, and Mathew Jermine of Weston & Sampson plus two potential Commission Members Emily Dreyer and Tim Vecchiarelli.

- I. MINUTES The minutes of December 7, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Marschall to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Mr. Fraro, all in favor, motion passed.
- II. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding
Costs are being compiled. The proposed cost is due by February 17, 2022.
- III. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Plant Upgrade: Weston & Sampson
Matthew Jermine of Weston & Samson presented an overview of the current operations. Essentially, the strength of the wastewater entering the single pass beds is too strong causing a buildup of small particles. This buildup increases with warmer weather and causes issues. Buildup also makes it difficult to disinfect with chlorination or UV method. The underdrain system needs to be inspected to determine cause of build up by going into the bed and digging down to check the layers. Possible solutions include replacing sand and pebbles, adding a small filter to collect particles, and or controlling corrosion with a chemical. Proposal is to investigate low-cost solutions first and make short-term improvements. If necessary, then proceed to more extensive changes. Recommendations include obtaining an estimate on a capture tank and working with DPW to obtain a backhoe to dig up one bed. An engineering report is due to DEEP by February 28, 2022.
- IV. WPCA 2022-2023 Budget Proposals were reviewed. Members discussed increasing costs for goods and services. Mr. Folsom made a motion to increase the Lab Testing Line Item by 20% from \$3,000.00 to \$3,600.00 which was seconded by Mr. Marschall and approved unanimously. WPCA is scheduled to meet with the Selectmen and Finance Board Members on February 3, 2022.

- V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION A quote for a Plug Valve with Actuator and a Purchase Order for a Spare Pump for the Wet Well were the only correspondence according to Plant Engineer Mr. Parisi.

Potential WPCA Commission Members Emily Dreyer and Tim Vechiarelli shared their interest in serving on the Commission.

VI. BILLS/TRANSFERS

USA Blue Book (Pen Cartridge)	\$116.67
Electric Bill	\$225.42
Phoenix Lab Inv# 9443198	\$120.00
Phoenix Lab Inv#973051	\$128.00
Phoenix Lab Inv# 970255	\$ 60.00
Phoenix Lab Inv#967411	\$128.00
Carlson Systems (Pump)	\$5,563.00

A motion was made by Mr. Marschall to pay the bills, 2nd by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion passed.

- VII. WPCA SUPERINTENDENT A discussion was held regarding the compensation for Plant Engineer Mr. Parisi. Mr. Getman will meet with the Town Treasurer's Office to review the details.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Mr. Marschall to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm, 2nd by Mr. Fraro, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Fraro, Recording Secretary

