

TOWN OF SOMERS  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:00 PM Regular Meeting via Zoom



CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Emily Dreyer, Daniel Fraro, Mark Folsom, Mark Marschall, and Tim Vecchiarelli. Also present were Daniel Parisi, Plant Engineer, and Matthew Jermine, Engineering Consultant, of Weston & Sampson.

- I. MINUTES The minutes of January 11, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Marschall to approve the minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Folsom, motion passed with Ms. Dreyer and Mr. Vecchiarelli abstaining.

WPCA Members welcomed new members, Emily Dreyer and Tim Vecchiarelli, to the Authority. Members each introduced themselves and shared their interest in serving on the Water Pollution Control Authority.

- II. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding  
A draft proposal for the Somerville Water Pollution Control Facility Capital Improvement Project to upgrade the current wastewater treatment facility was reviewed with members. The proposal includes a \$400,000.00 budget to make improvements and upgrades to the current facility in Somerville. A discussion ensued about components of the proposal including adding spare capital parts and depreciation. The proposal needs to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance before their next meetings this week. Mr. Jermine of Sampson & Weston noted that the cost estimates are “right in the ballpark” given the proposed work. Mr. Folsom made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Dreyer to approve the changes to the WPCF Capital Improvement Project Proposal and send it to the Board of Selectmen by February 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. which was approved unanimously.

- III. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Plant Upgrade: Weston & Sampson  
Mr. Jermine of Weston & Samson presented a 14-page report reviewing the historical and current operation of the Somerville Water Pollution Control Facility – see attached. 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. Somers DPW will

assist in this inspection. Several possible solutions were reviewed as methods to remediate the issues. Mr. Jermine outlined a timetable for the projects to upgrade the Water Pollution Control Facility. Members requested an Advance Copy of the Report from Weston & Sampson be prepared for review at a Special Meeting of the WPCA to be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. An engineering report is due to DEEP by February 28, 2022.

IV. WPCA 2022-2023 Budget Proposals were reviewed. Members discussed the increasing costs for goods and services and adjustments.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

VI. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Northeast Generator	\$369.06
EverSource	\$571.29
Hazardville Water	\$ 12.63
Phoenix Lab	\$ 63.00
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Environmental Monitoring Laboratory	\$832.00

A motion was made by Mr. Vecchiarelli to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

VII. WPCA SUPERINTENDENT Mr. Parisi stepped out of the meeting. A discussion was held regarding the compensation package for Mr. Parisi. Mr. Getman met with the Town Treasurer's Office and finalized the compensation package for Mr. Parisi's work with the Water Pollution Control Authority. Adjustments may be made over time as the nature of Mr. Parisi's duties change. A motion was made by Mr. Folsom and seconded by Mr. Marschall to approve the compensation package for Mr. Parisi including the 3% COLA scheduled for all town employees in July 2022. Members approved the motion with Ms. Dreyer and Mr. Vecchiarelli abstaining.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Ms. Dreyer and seconded by Mr. Vecchiarelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Fraro, Recording Secretary