

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:00 PM Regular Meeting and Zoom



CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Emily Dreyer, Mark Folsom, Daniel Fraro, Mark Marschall, and Tim Vecchiarelli. Also present were Daniel Parisi, Plant Engineer, and Matthew Jermine, Engineering Consultant, of Weston & Sampson. Guests: Todd Rolland, Director of Public Works, Ann Murphy

- I. MINUTES The minutes of Regular Meeting March 1, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Folsom to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Mr. Vecchiarelli, all in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Tim Vecchiarelli to reverse Agenda Items II and III to allow the Consultant Matthew Jermine to present first at the meeting. Motion was 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

- II. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Plant Upgrade: Weston & Sampson

Mr. Jermine of Weston & Sampson presented his report outlining current status of upgrades to the Somersville Water Pollution Control Facility. Discussion focused on a meeting held with DEEP and its representative Carlos who is working with the WPCA to create a plan of action for the WPCF. The tanks were just pumped and cleaned and an inspection is scheduled for tomorrow. An immediate plan of action involves changes to the UV disinfection channel which includes adding effluent filters and moving the location of the UV lights to improve disinfection. Time is of the essence as the UV lights must be turned on by May 1. Mr. Folsom made a motion to approve the materials and manpower necessary to make these improvements with a 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

The current plan involves replacing the sand filter beds, switching treatment trains, cutting back on calcium nitrate looking at possible alternate chemicals, and recirculating the flow from the disinfection plant to give the sand filter beds more time to work.

A discussion was held about the On-Call Emergency Sewer Repair Request for Proposal by Weston & Sampson and the fee schedule was reviewed. Mr. Jermine explained that flexibility was needed in order to work on projects as they arose. Mr. Marshall requested an hourly wage list for the different level employees involved in the on-call service plan. The RFP will be reviewed at the next meeting.

III. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding

WPCA presented a Capital Improvement Project request to the Board of Selectmen for \$950,000 to fund the necessary upgrades to the WPCF system. The selectmen did not recommend this proposal to the CIP Committee stating that the users of the systems should be the ones to pay for the facility upgrades. Plans include looking at different grant options to offset the cost of the upgrade. A suggestion was made to consult with DEEP Liaison Carlos about funding options available from the state. Mr. Getman, Mr. Folsom, Mr. Parisi and Mr. Jermine will be meeting with DEEP to discuss options moving forward.

IV. WPCA 2022-2023 Budget

A discussion regarding the budget report for WPCA was held. A variety of options were evaluated. Mr. Folsom made a motion to accept the Budget Report which was 2nd by Mr. Marshall, all in favor, motion passed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Parisi received a letter from Carlson Systems. The original well pumps are 15 years old and need replacement and/or repair. The proposal is to put new pumps in both wells and to rebuild the old pumps for emergency use. A new pump costs \$5,300 plus installation. A motion was made by Mr. Folsom to purchase a new pump and rebuild the old pump not to exceed \$10,000.00 which was 2nd by Mr. Marshall, all in favor, motion passed.

VI. BILLS/TRANSFERS

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| Eversource | \$ 1,070.37 |
| Hack | \$ 202.34 |
| Hack | \$ 83.43 |
| Avery Septic | \$ 21,534.75 |
| Postage | \$ 117.40 |
| Environmental Monitoring Lab | \$ 622.74 |
| Hazardville Water | \$ 16.14 |
| Phoenix Lab | \$ 133.00 |
| Phoenix Lab | \$ 106.00 |
| Phoenix Lab | \$ 133.00 |

A motion was made by Ms. Dreyer to pay the bills, 2nd by Mr. Vecchiarelli, all in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Parisi Expenditures on behalf of WPCA

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| TOD Utility | \$ | 9.00 |
| Marking | \$ | 15.00 |
| USIC | \$ | 60.00 |
| _____ | \$ | 275.00 |

A motion was made by Mr. Getman to reimburse the expenses, 2nd by Mr. Folsom, all in favor, motion passed.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Ms. Dreyer and 2nd by Mr. Vecchiarelli to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Fraro, Recording Secretary