



**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm via In-Person and ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Emily Dreyer, Mark Folsom, Mark Marschall, and Tim Vecchiarelli (ZOOM). Also present were Daniel Parisi, Plant Engineer, and Matthew Jermine, Engineering Consultant at Weston & Sampson (ZOOM). Absent: Daniel Fraro.

- I. **MINUTES:** The minutes of our Regular Meeting on April 5, 2002 were reviewed. A few minor revisions were requested and will be changed. A motion was made by Mr. Folsom to approve the minutes as revised, 2nd by Ms. Dreyer, all in favor; motion passed.
- II. **SOMERSVILLE WPCF – FACILITY UPGRADE; PROJECT FUNDING**
The Plant Upgrade project financials were submitted to the Town Board of Finance and accepted for review for consideration of federal funding. Chairman Getman and Mr. Folsom will schedule a meeting with the Board of Finance to explore and review alternatives to fund the WPCF Plant Upgrade Project. Several possible alternatives were discussed at today's meeting for consideration. Mr. Folsom also asked Mr. Parisi if we could learn from other area towns WPCA's how they have funded similar work in the past. We will continue to explore options as multiple sources of funding are highly possible to secure the necessary funds.
- III. **WPCF PLANT UPGRADE: WESTON & SAMPSON**
Matthew Jermine of Weston & Sampson joined the meeting at 7:15 pm. It was mentioned that the next meeting with Carlos, our representative at DEEP, is May 16, 2022. Mr. Jermine entered into the conversation about funding the facility upgrade project including answering questions about what he knew about bonding and the Stag Grant for which we have submitted an application for consideration. Mr. Jermine informed us that all the new equipment in the project is considered to have a 20 year lifecycle. Ms. Dreyer highlighted that the proposed project costs have increased since we submitted for the Stag Grant. The increase is due to the extensive work we plan to do to replace the sand beds which is highly suspect as a possible cause of our disinfection problems at times. Mr. Jermine presented us with "Amendment No. 1 Agreement For Engineering Services – Weston and Sampson" that was circulated for review and signed by Chairman Getman at today's meeting. The discussion shifted to the actual upcoming bidding

options for the project. Mr. Jermine stated that Weston & Sampson can do the Engineering & Design/Build but would not want to do the trucking aspects of the project. Or, Weston & Sampson can do the Engineering & Design and prepare a Bid Package for other contractors to bid on the build portion of the project. Mr. Parisi stated he will speak with Town officials on how to implement a town project bid process for contractors including the communication of the project opportunity, the time frame for bidding, etc. Mr. Jermine left the meeting at 8:08 pm.

IV. WPCA 2022-2023 BUDGET

The WPCA had a brief discussion on the preparation of the 2022-2023 Budget. Ms. Dreyer and Mr. Folsom shared ideas to revise the budget document format so we could see monthly expenses on a cost sheet and/or a 3-month rolling version so we can see trending. Mr. Parisi will speak with our town officials to see what is possible so we can continue the discussion next month.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No correspondence and no audience participation at today's meeting

VI. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Northeast Generator	\$ 200.00
Carlsen Systems	\$ 11,435.00
Carlsen Systems	\$ 960.00
Carlsen Systems	\$ 819.61
Hach	\$ 155.00
Hach	\$ 68.92
Hach	\$ 285.77
Phoenix Environmental	\$ 65.00
Phoenix Environmental	\$ 302.50
Hazardville Water	\$ 17.89
Eversource	\$ 466.32
Acres Power Equipment	\$ 48.22

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Marschall to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm, 2nd by Mr. Vecchiarelli, all in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Marschall, Substitute Recording Secretary