

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 2, 2022 7:00pm
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting and Zoom



CALL TO ORDER. The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Emily Dreyer, Mark Marschall, Tim Vecchiarelli, and Mark Folsom. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent, Matt Jermine of Weston & Sampson, Tim Keeney, Somers First Selectman, and two members of the press.

Chairman Stephen Getman read the Public Hearing notice and opened the floor for comments. Tim Keeney asked about our Public Hearing protocol. Mark Folsom answered the WPCA followed prior precedent and guidance from the town Tax Collector. Tim Keeney asked about the history of prior WPCA rate increases. Daniel Parisi produced a 22 year history showing no increases in rates for 11 of the past 22 years. Emily Dreyer reported on the magnitude of the WPCA budget deficits. Mark Folsom read the letter that will going to the rate payers explaining the need for the rate increase, highlighting budget shortfalls for the past and current years. Tim Keeney asked about the WPCA's relationship with DEEP. Chairman Stephen Getman reported a much improved relationship with DEEP and assured Mr. Keeney the WPCA had the full support of DEEP. A member of the press asked if Somers was polluting the Scantic River. Chairman Stephen Getman assured her that Somers was not and will not pollute the Scantic River.

After Chairman Stephen Getman confirmed there were no further questions from the public, Mark Folsom made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Emily Dreyer seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 pm.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2002 were reviewed, with no amendments. A motion was made by Emily Dreyer to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

The minutes of Special Meeting of July 26, 2022 were reviewed, with no amendments. A motion to approve was made by Tim Vecchiarelli to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark Marschall, all in favor, Emily Dreyer abstaining, motion passed.

- II. WPCF PLANT UPGRADE: WESTON & SAMPSON. Matthew Jermine provided a favorable update on the progress at the WPCF. The work is ahead of schedule and will be completed on time and on budget. Mr. Jermine reported the town was of great help with Weston & Sampson's project. He thanked Todd Roland, Somers Director of Public Works, for his immediate response to help out. All necessary parts are on site and there are no supply chain issues. Mr. Jermine recommended close

monitoring of the plant after the work was completed. Weston & Sampson are working on the draft plans for the next phase of the project.

- III. SOMERSVILLE WPCF: FACILITY UPGRADE PROJECT FUNDING: Emily Dreyer emphasized the urgent need to identify loan processing and financial terms.
- IV. WPCA 2022-2023 BUDGET – REPORTING, FEES, AND RATE INCREASES: A motion was made by Tim Vechiarelli to increase the per EDU rate for Somersville to \$490.00, seconded by Emily Dreyer, all in favor, Chairman Stephen Getman abstaining, motion passed. A motion was made by Mark Marschall to increase the per EDU rate for Maple Ridge to \$180.00, seconded by Emily Dreyer, all in favor, motion passed. Emily Dreyer proposed the WPCA start tracking the per EDU cost in our financial reporting. Mark Folsom reported the rolling three month expense report was incorrect for this meeting. It did not report the prior two months.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.
- VI. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:
 - a. Phoenix Labs \$149.75
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 - c. Weston & Sampson \$4283.31
 - d. Avery \$275.00 Maple Ridge Account
 - e. Eversource \$701.76
 - f. Carlson Systems \$2200.00
 - g. Carlson Systems \$480.00
 - h. Grainger \$65.28
 - i. Hazardville Water \$61.60A motion was made by Emily Dreyer, seconded by Tim Vechiarelli to pay the bills, all in favor, motion passed.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mark Marschall, seconded by Emily Dreyer to adjourn at 8:33pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Folsom