

TOWN OF SOMERS  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 2, 2024, 7:00pm  
Regular Meeting and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER. The Regular Meeting of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Emily Dreyer, Tim Vecchiarelli, Mark Folsom, Dan Fraro, and Duane Mason. Absent was Mark Marschall. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent and John Ruvo (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the minutes, with corrections, all in favor, motion passed.
- II. WPCA Plant Upgrade – Weston & Sampson – Per Jon Ruvo, EPA will review the final proposal response to the EPA environmental impact questions. WPCA is waiting on a response from Joe Courtney’s office to our request for help to move along the EPA process which is the last step before bidding out the proposed work. Weston & Sampson delivered Amendment 4 reflecting new proposed charges for ongoing engineering and administrative services related to the plant upgrade project.
- III. SOMERSVILLE WPCF: FACILITY UPGRADE PROJECT FUNDING: EPA has the funds on hold pending the completion of their environmental impact review. See: II.
- IV. WPCA 2023-2024 BUDGET – Reporting and Balance - no financials available from the Town this early in the month.
- V. WPCA 2024-2025 BUDGET - One line item was missed in last month’s budget review. UV Disinfection was recommended by Dan Parisi to be set at \$1500.00. Duane Mason made a motion to accept the change, Tim Vecchiarelli seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- VI. WPCA - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – WPCA requested a face-to-face meeting to discuss the Hazardville Water Company Service Agreement and Proposal. WPCA requested a meeting with First Selectman Tim Keeney to discuss Town of Somers involvement with the Hazardville Water Company legal documents. Discussed running the proposed Hazardville Water Company reports in parallel with our current billing process through at least 3 quarters of reporting. The Hazardville Water Company rates seemed reasonable to the board.

- VII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – On hold pending contracting with Hazardville Water Company. Board will consider reviewing current EDU settings for a small subset of business users in 2024 with the goal to make their EDU assignment conform with the current ordinance.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Elisabeth Duarte was unavailable to make the meeting. Resident at 24 Quality Avenue informed Dan Parisi they were unable to pay their bill. Further investigation is required to better understand next steps.

IX. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

a. Birkenshaw	\$1386.61
b. Eversource	\$516.69
c. Phoenix Labs	\$52.00
d. Phoenix Labs	\$111.10
e. Phoenix Labs	\$227.00
f. Carlson Systems	\$1940.00
g. Hazardville Water	\$14.25

A motion was made by Emily Dreyer to pay the bills and seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli, all in favor, motion passed.

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

- IX. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Emily Dreyer, seconded by Mark Folsom to adjourn at 7:45pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Folsom