

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2024, 7:00pm
Regular Meeting and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER. The Regular Meeting of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Tim Vecchiarelli, Mark Folsom, Dan Fraro, and Duane Mason. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent and Matt Jermine (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson. Alternate member, Jeremy Bourque, sat in as a voting member for Mark Marschall.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made by Duane Mason and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the minutes, without corrections, all in favor, motion passed.

- II. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – EPA sent the board more documents requiring answers prior to releasing our grant funds. Carlos at CT DEEP also requested our current improvement documents for their approval. This request came as a surprise since DEEP had not shown any interest in any approval, until now. EPA made an offer of a second grant application process for cybersecurity purposes. Further investigation into the new grant process is required. Chairman Getman proposed a deadline of May 1,2025 for the project to be completed.

- III. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – See II. EPA still sitting on the grant funds.

- IV. WPCA 2023-2024 Budget – Reporting and Balance – 97% of taxes paid. 112 Main Street is in arrears.

- V. WPCA 2024-2025 Budget – No discussion

- VI. WPCA - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Audits for 102, 124, 145, and 166 Main Street were conducted on July 24, 2024. The properties at 102, 145, and 166 Main Street were found to have accurate Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs). The property at 124 Main Street was found to have an additional 3 EDUs above the current record on file. A second round of audit letters will be mailed ahead of the scheduled audits to be conducted in the first week of September 2024.

- VII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – The Hazardville Water Company Project Proposal was reviewed by our attorney. Attorney Slater red-lined the document and his changes were approved by the board.

- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – The CT DEEP inspection follow-up letter indicated the Water Pollution Control Facility needs a Dissolved Oxygen Meter and a professional grade refrigeration thermometer. Dan Parisi indicated the cost of both would be approximately \$1800.00.

IX. **BILLS AND TRANSFERS:**

a. Eversource	\$424.86
b. Phoenix Labs	\$63.00
c. Phoenix Labs	\$122.10
d. Hach	\$465.73
e. Avery	\$15,769.60
f. Hazardville Water	\$18.98
g. USIC	\$10.30
h. Star Hardware	\$211.45
i. USA Blue Book	\$336.86
j. USA Blue Book	\$247.90

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

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

X. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jeremy Bourque, seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli to adjourn at 7:44pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Mark Folsom, Secretary