

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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, Emily Dreyer, and Mark Marschall. 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 Duane Mason.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Mark Marschall to approve the minutes, without corrections, all in favor, motion passed. Ongoing, a new line will be added at the signature: Minutes are not official until voted on and approved at the following meeting.
- II. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – The upgrade will move forward without EPA’s official approval, but with their verbal consent. Weston & Sampson requested the prevailing wage rates to finalize the bid. The bid will be published by September 20, 2024. CT DEEP’s approval letter is on their Director’s desk for signature without changes. Weston & Sampson requested access permission to build a gravel driveway and parking area in preparation for the upgrade activities.
- III. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – EPA still sitting on the grant funds. Concerns were raised the EPA delays would result in past upgrade expenditures to not be covered by the grant.
- IV. WPCA 2023-2024 Budget – Reporting and Balance – The board requests to review the fiscal year end reporting and balance.
- V. WPCA 2024-2025 Budget – No discussion

- VI. WPCF - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Hazardville Water Company meter reads – A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Jeremy Bourque to accept the findings of the property audits at 111, 112, 124, and 148 Main Street resulting in fee increases based on observed higher EDU amounts, all in favor, motion passed.
- VII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – No response from Hazardville Water Company to the board’s redline response to their proposal.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Avery expressed concerns with the poor condition of the distribution boxes at Maple Ridge and they recommended planning to remediate the issue. A motion was made by Dan Fraro and seconded by Mark Marschall to exempt 17 School Street from user fees until such time the building is habitable, all in favor, motion passed. Emily Dreyer and Stephen Getman abstained from the vote.

IX. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

- a. Eversource \$553.84
- b. Phoenix Labs \$63.00
- c. Phoenix Labs \$122.10
- d. North Central Lab \$1853.85
- e. Avery \$19878.00
- f. Hazardville Water \$14.85
- g. USIC \$32.46
- h. Town of Somers landscaping bill was returned to the town without approval.

A motion was made by Mark Marschall 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 Emily Dreyer, seconded by Jeremy Bourque to adjourn at 7:49pm, all in favor, motion passed.