

***Town of Somers  
Board of Selectmen  
Public Hearing 1/7/2014  
6:30 p.m. Town Hall***

***I. PUBLIC HEARING***

***Ordinance: Testing of Water Quality in New Private Water Supply Systems***

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini. The public notice was read and copies of the drafted ordinance were made available for audience members. Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr were introduced as well as Brian Toal, the supervising epidemiologist from the Connecticut Department of Health. Selectman Pellegrini then introduced Bill Warzecha, a remediation district supervisor for the state, as well as the Chairman of the W.P.C.A., James Botellio.

Chairman Botellio stated that the drafted ordinance came from findings over a 30 year history relating to the town's water system. He then introduced town sanitarian, Steven Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs gave an overview concerning the history of pesticides originating from select area businesses as well as naturally occurring contaminates. A bedrock map was made available to the audience showing the western and eastern sections of town and the related water contamination risks.

Mr. Jacobs then shared a correspondence from *Connecticut Valley Artesian Well Company* that supported the W.P.C.A.'s efforts to inform the public as well as making additional suggestions. First Selectman Pellegrini opened the meeting for questions and comments.

***II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS***

*Patricia Loftus, 12 Northwest Drive  
Somers, CT*

Resident Loftus inquired about the potential to test water of homes that are sold or transferred verses new construction. Town sanitarian Jacobs stated that such scenarios would be difficult to oversee. Resident Loftus shared that a filtration system at the water source worked well for her location in town.

*Zbigniew Jastrzebski, 1 Pinney Road  
Somers, CT*

Resident Jastrzebski made the observation that selling a house requires water testing. Town sanitarian Jacobs stated that such water testing does not require testing of specific contaminants that are of concern.

*Joe Dilk, Connecticut Artesian Well Company  
East Longmeadow, MA*

Mr. Dilk recommended lead testing in addition to arsenic and uranium, based on results he has seen. He stated lead comes from the natural geology and high levels can be attributed to this geology and not pipes. Town sanitarian Jacobs said the W.P.C.A. would take this recommendation under advisement.

*Kathy Devlin, 21 Longhill Road  
Somers, CT*

Selectman Devlin asked if organic chemicals included radon. Brian Toll mentioned that radon should be considered both an air and water concern, but there is not standard associated with radon levels in water.

Selectman Pellegrini asked the audience if there were any additional questions or comments. She then called for a motion to adjourn the hearing.

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT***

Motion made by selectman Bud Knorr, seconded by W.P.C.A. chairman James Botellio, to adjourn the hearing at 7:04 p.m.

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Stephanie Benson  
*Recording Secretary*