

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
P. O. Box 308
Somers, Connecticut 06071**

**WPCA SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
7:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Jim Botellio; Jim Faust; George VanTasel; Dan Fraro; Steve Getman; Charles Colby (7:45). Also present was Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian.

II. Somersville WPCF – Expansion Update

Steve Jacobs reported that a final punch list has been made of things that still need to be addressed. He met with the contractor, a representative from Frank Smith's company and Mike Mocko. The flow meter is in and has been wired up. There may be a problem with the size of the wier – the flow is now 100,000 gallons per day and the wier may have to be replaced. This will be checked out with Mike Mocko. The deadline for completion as decreed by the DEP is at the end of the month.

Mike Mocko will check out the entire project with the engineer. The computer alarm system has been checked out. Instruction in the use of the new cell phone notification system has been completed by Steve Jacobs and Hank Anderson. Bob Cafarelli is also on the calling list and the numbers on the list will be called until somebody on the list responds. Dan Hinckley still has to level one of the sand beds.

There is some animosity between the contractor Dan Hinckley and the engineer Frank Smith. They are not working together and avoid contact with each other. A signed contract does not exist between Smith and Hinckley and Smith is stating that he has never guaranteed a completion date.

Hinckley has been told by Chairman Jim Botellio that the final cost can not go over \$900,000 and that he is responsible for paying Frank Smith what is owed and that the retainage will be held until this is done. Frank Smith's firm also will supply the maintenance that is free for one year. It was the consensus of the members of the Authority that no money will be released until the project is completed. The Authority can also pull the bond, if it becomes absolutely necessary.

Regarding the lightening strike that destroyed the original flowmeter, a claim must be submitted to our insurance company which carries a \$2,500 deductible towards the cost of a replacement.

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III. Brittney Lane – Arsenic Contamination:

No additional homes have detected arsenic contamination – only the two homes at the end of the road. We are still awaiting a final report from the DEP.

IV. Sunset Drive – TCP Contamination:

We still have not received approval from the State of the revised language in the change order.

V. Sewer/Water Billing:

Sewer user bills went out on time. There were \$67,000 in user charges for both Maple Ridge and Somersville. There was one account that did not get billed last year and a revised bill had to be sent out without any interest charges.

We have received \$11,700 from Hazardville Water for our water system.

Regarding the twelve delinquent accounts, eight have been paid in full; two are on payment plans and two still haven't paid their balance.

VI. Correspondence/Audience Participation:

Steve Jacobs reported that he had received an odor complaint from a Quality Avenue resident about the sewer treatment plant. He checked out the area and did not detect any offensive odor. Any odor problems should definitely disappear when all construction is completed.

An Invitation to Bid request for the Somersville sewer plant septic system received only one response from Avery Septic Systems in the amount of \$8,880.00. The cost has gone up because the lagoon area can no longer be used for sewage and it has to be trucked to Vernon for disposal. Jim Faust made a motion to approve Avery Septic Systems' bid of \$8,880.00 for the cleaning and disposal of the Somersville Sewer Plant septic systems. This motion was seconded by Steve Getman. The vote was (5) in favor; (0) opposed, and (1) abstention (Charles Colby). The motion was approved.

Steve Jacobs received a memo from the Town Clerk regarding the posting of meeting agendas and minutes to the new town website.

Received a quarterly update from the DOC on the remediation program for PCE removal. Contamination levels continue to drop slowly. 7.1 million dollars has already been spent on this remediation program.

Received a memo from First Selectman David Pinney that any legal opinions from the Town Attorney need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

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Steve Jacobs submitted a request for reimbursement from the State for the water line down at the Somers Sewer Plant. They have agreed to give us a little over \$3,800 towards the cost of the water line.

VII. Bills:

Journal Inquirer – three bills for public hearings -	\$165.27; \$133.79 and \$94.44
McCalister-Bicknell	\$142.45
CBS, Inc.	\$90.00
Somers Ace Hardware	\$33.79
Hazardville Water Company	\$260.00

Appropriation into the General Fund of State Grant money in the amount of \$4,785.12 and transfer of \$965.88 from our sewer and water accounts to the general fund to cover the food inspector's salary and G. Rostkowski's wages.

Motion made by George VanTasel to approve payment of the bills, appropriation and transfer; seconded by Jim Faust and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Faust; seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary
Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary

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