

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 19, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

II. Members Present:

Members present were: Jim Botellio, Steve Getman, Dan Fraro and Charles Colby. Also present were: Town Sanitarian Steve Jacobs, Developers Jeff Lipton, Tom Carenzo, Contractor Dan Hinckley and Mike Mocko from Ward Engineering

III. Somersville WPCF Expansion:

Mike Mocko met previous to this meeting with the lowest bidder on the WPCF expansion, Dan Hinckley, in an effort to determine what could be changed in order to lower the total cost of the project. It was suggested that the Quality Avenue Pump Station be separated out of the primary contract and be submitted to Dan Hinckley as a separate item. It was also suggested to back out the fencing at a cost of \$47,500 with an additional \$6,000 for sloping and \$4,000 for clearing for a total of \$62,000. By hiring a separate fence contractor to do the job with non-prevailing wages could generate about a \$30,000 savings. By having the Quality Avenue Pump Station as a separate item, the work could be done with non-prevailing wages as the cost would be lower. Mike Mocko recommended having Hinckley Construction do both projects. There will be an overlap with electrical, water and plumbing whereby it would be better to deal with just one contractor.

It was the consensus of the Authority to separate out of the primary contract: (1) fencing with its associated costs and (2) the Quality Avenue pump station. Jim Botellio asked if there was anything else that could be changed in order to lower the total project cost.

Mike Mocko indicated that he has been looking at sources for sand for the sewer plant sand beds. The cost of sand has almost tripled in the past few years. We will try to find a source locally that will sell at a cheaper rate and still deliver the quality sand that is required for the beds.

There is also the possibility that the town would buy the major components such as the pumps and eliminate Hinckley Construction as the middle man. The two most costly items are the pump stations and the sand. Having the town purchase the major components would also lower the cost of the performance bond. The pumps including installation cost about \$300,000 each. Electronic

Technology supplied the quote and might negotiate a discount if the pumps are coming to the town directly. Also, a discount might be negotiated if the town bought the sand directly (1,800 cubic yards of sand).

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The Authority asked Mike Mocko if the engineering support cost for the entire project could be less than anticipated. Mike Mocko said there are some inspections that must be done such as reviewing the shop drawings to make sure they are in line with the specifications. However, in other areas, this type of job will only require intermittent inspections. Mike Mocko feels he must make sure that the right equipment is ordered. Also, he would like to be on-site for the pump station and the installation of the big septic tanks. Steve Jacobs will also be on-site to check on how things are going.

Dan Hinckley and Mike Mocko will fine-tune the contract number to get it as low as possible without jeopardizing the quality of the work required to complete the project.

As a re-cap, the following four items will be done in order to lower the price of the entire project:

1. Look for less expensive sand for the sewer plant sand beds
2. Re-bid the pump station in order to eliminate prevailing wages
3. Re-bid the fence with a local supplier and eliminate the requirement for prevailing wages
4. Approach the Selectmen with the possibility of having the town purchase the sand and the pumps directly in order to save money.

Charles Colby made a motion to award this contract to the lowest bidder, Hinckley Construction, and work with Hinckley in the areas listed above in order to be able to lower the final cost of this project. This motion was seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority.

IV. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Charles Colby; seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary
Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary

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