

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

**WPCA Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Jim Botellio, George VanTasel, Dan Fraro, Steve Getman and Charles Colby (7:40). Also present were: Steve Jacobs, Sanitarian and Mike Mocko, Ward Engineering.

II. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2009

George VanTasel made a motion to approve the 1/13/09 minutes with the correction of several spelling errors. This motion was seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority.

III. Somersville WPCF – Expansion Update:

Steve Jacobs reported that he had received the maintenance bond from Hinckley Construction. This is really a letter of credit in case anything goes wrong with the construction.

Steve Jacobs also looked into the radiator situation at the sewer plant. During the annual inspection, it was pointed out that the radiator needs to be brought up to code. We do not have to go to the original contractor in order to fix it. The radiator exercises once a week and seems to be working properly now. However, Steve feels that it should be brought up to code. An estimate in the radiator replacement cost would be \$2,840 which would include code updates. The Authority requested that Steve have the company break down the replacement cost – item by item.

Mike Mocko stated that changes to the UV unit would include a \$400.00 stainless steel baffle, circulating pump using the industrial pump for a total cost of \$5,000.00 including the wiring and plumbing. It was the consensus of the Authority that this work needs to be done. Charles Colby made a motion to authorize the changes to the UV unit for a total cost of \$5,000.00; seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority. Steve Jacobs did receive a memo from Marcia Mitchell verifying that the deductible on the insurance for a lightning strike would be \$2500.00. However, we can not prove that the flow meter was hit by lightning so the project will have to pay for the entire cost of the repair.

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Mike Mocko reported that Frank Smith called yesterday and said that ABS Company is going to shut down their web monitoring system. When this happens, we will not have an alarm system at the sewer plant. Mike Mocko feels there are two options: Go to a dialer system that will cost \$2,485 plus \$1,450 for labor and materials or go to a cell phone system that will cost \$1,885 for equipment plus \$1,450 for labor and materials plus a monthly charge. Mike Mocko asked Frank Smith check out the cost of a complete new system from ABS. Mike said that Gingras Development will have a same problem with the loss of the web monitoring system as well as systems in Ellington and Granby. They may want to participate in a joint effort to hold down the price. It was decided to let Frank Smith negotiate for us and the other systems affected by this change. George VanTasel suggested that this entire problem should be referred to our Town Attorney for resolution. Mike Mocko will try to get a copy of the original agreement with ABS.

Mike Mocko reported that the as-built for the entire project is nearly ready. By the March meeting, we should also know what should be done about the security system and have a legal opinion from the Town Attorney.

IV. Sunset Drive – TCP Well Contamination

Steve Jacobs reported that he has finally received a consent order from the DEP for Sunset Drive and that funding is still available from the DEP at 100%. The Town Attorney said that the consent order appears to be acceptable. The polluted wells have the filters in place. If the Authority signs the consent agreement, then we will have to take over the monitoring of these wells. However, public water should be installed on Sunset Drive within a year. There was a discussion about the cost of bringing public water onto Sunset Drive. The Authority will need to get money from the town that will be reimbursed. Mike Mocko will work up an estimate of this cost.

V. 2009-10 WPCA/Health Budget

The Board of Selectmen are looking for a zero increase budget. Steve Jacobs went over the proposed health revenue budget with the Authority. There will be a drastic drop in revenue when our lagoon system is closed. Steve then reviewed the proposed WPCA/Environmental Health budget for 2009-10. The Sewer Plant Superintendent salary was discussed. It was decided to keep the Food Inspector line item in at this time until we know whether or not this position will be financed by state grant – as it has been in the past. If this does not happen, then Steve Jacobs will have to handle the food inspector responsibilities as well. There is an incorrect number for the Sewer Plant Superintendent salary for the latter part of the last fiscal year. This will be corrected. Charles Colby made a motion to approve the proposed 2009-10 WPCA/Environmental Health budget, as amended. This motion was seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Authority.

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VI. Correspondence/Audience Participation:

Steve Jacobs sent a memo to First Selectman David Pinney asking for approval from the Board of Selectmen of the new fee schedule for Environmental Health. He has not heard back as yet. These new fees also included penalty fees if the charge is not paid on time.

Steve Jacobs received a note from Authority member Jim Faust stating that he has had ankle surgery and will be unavailable for the next few meetings. It was the consensus of the Authority to send an edible fruit arrangement to Steve from all members and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Steve Jacobs reported that Governor Rell's budget includes a 2.5 million dollar cut for Health Departments.

VII. Bills:

There is only one bill from CBS for map copier paper in the amount of \$90.00. Charles Colby made a motion to approve payment of this bill; seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Authority.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by George VanTasel; seconded by Charles Colby and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fraro, Secretary

Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary

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