

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

**WPCA MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 2, 2009  
7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room**

**I. Call to Order:**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2009**

Steve Getman made a motion to approve the May 2, 2009 minutes, as written. This motion was seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Authority.

**III. Somersville WPCF – Expansion Update:**

Steve Jacobs reported that the newly expanded sewer plant has been running for a month without any problems. We received a letter from Jeff Lipton asking to audit expenses for the project. He and Gingras Builders are questioning the money involved, based on their audit done by Jerry Gingras. Steve said that a meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday to discuss the options. Carl Landolina, Town Attorney, will be present for this meeting. Lipton and Gingras say they are only responsible for 30% of the cost of the expansion – not the 50% originally agreed to. They are claiming that there are things that we did that we did not have to do. Any additional work that was done beyond the original scope of work was to satisfy the demands of the State. We will discuss this situation at Monday's meeting. If the payment owed by Lipton and Gingras becomes delinquent, we can withhold building permits and other approvals by the Authority that they would need to proceed with construction until their bill is paid.

**IV. Sunset Drive – TCP Well Remediation:**

Mike Mocko has submitted his final report on the cost analysis for public water versus filters for Sunset Drive. Copies were sent to the State. Mike Mocko's analysis states that public water is less expensive over a twenty year period. Capital cost was \$506,000 for filters and public water cost was \$373,000 0- significantly less. Public water costs far less to maintain and this maintenance is provided by the water company. Filter maintenance is supplied by the State. The cost of public water to the town and the homeowner is offset by State grant. The Town's only cost would be for 3 or 4 hydrants – about \$16,000. Public water is also more convenient and safer. Mike Mocko definitely recommends a public water system for Sunset Drive. The State will have to review his report and come back with their approval. Steve Jacobs has talked with Greg Simmons

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and Dave Pinney and they both gave him the go-ahead for the project and agreed that the Town would supply interim financing. Engineering services from Ward Engineering for this project will cost \$23,000. A breakdown of engineering expenses was supplied by Mike Mocko. The Board of Selectmen was supposed to vote on this project last night. After Steve Jacobs review this document, a copy will be sent to Town Attorney, Carl Landolina.

It is necessary to set a public hearing date for the next WPCA meeting. Charles Colby made a motion to set a public hearing date for July 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to be followed by our regular meeting. Dan Fraro seconded the motion that was unanimously approved by the Authority. A notice will be sent to all twenty-five residents of Sunset Drive and it will be published in the Journal Inquirer. Senator John Kissel and Representative Penny Bacchiochi will be invited to attend as well as the Board of Selectmen and Chief Financial Officer.

Steve Jacobs said that he will need a letter to the State telling them that the Authority has selected Ward Engineering for this project with a list of their qualifications for the job.

### **V. Correspondence/Audience Participation:**

Regarding 138 Main Street, it was noted that five electrical meters have been installed in the building. If this is correct, then the Authority will have to charge the owner for one more EDU. He has already been approved for two apartments upstairs and one business downstairs for a total assessment of 3 EDU's.

Steve Jacobs reported that he has sent a letter out to Avery Septic, telling them they have been awarded the Maple Ridge contract.

### **VI. Bills:**

Ward Engineering (TCP Study)	\$1,490.00
D&F Power Equipment – new tiller for sewer plant	\$1,999.00
CT DEP (permit at sewer plant)	\$1,597.50
Journal Inquirer(public hearing for 138 Main St.)	\$125.92

Charles Colby made a motion to pay these bills; seconded by George VanTasel and unanimously approved by the Authority.

### **VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by George VanTasel; seconded by Steve Getman and unanimously approved by the Authority. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Dan Fraro, Secretary  
Connie Carenzo, Recording Secretary

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