

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
P.O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CT 06071**

**WPCA MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2010
TOWN HALL – 7:30 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:35 pm. Members present included: George VanTasel, Charles Colby, and Dan Fraro. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian, Mike Mocko, Ward Engineering, and Dave Birkenshaw.

First order of business was to amend this Meeting's Agenda to be utilized as follows:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Minutes Approval – 12/02/09
- c. Sokol Road – Proposed Sewer Connection
- d. Sunset Drive – TCP Remediation
- e. Sewer/Water Billing & Collections
- f. Correspondence/Audience Participation
- g. Bills
- h. Adjournment

II. MINUTES APPROVAL (12/01/09):

Jim Botellio asked the members for comments on the 12/01/09 Minutes. None of the members brought forth any changes or edits.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to approve the Minutes; seconded by George VanTasel, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of December 1, 2009, as written.

III. SOKOL ROAD:

Steve Jacobs outlined the proposed sewer connection for the single-family home building lot on Sokol Road. He stated that the lot fronts the Town's sewer system. Capacity is not at issue. He also pointed out that the Planning & Zoning Commission's approval on the building lot remains pending.

A motion was made by George VanTasel to approve the connection; seconded by Charles Colby. A unanimous vote followed to allow the connection although conditionally, contingent upon the Planning & Zoning Commission's approval on the building lot and payment of the \$5000.00 assessment fee.

IV. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP REMEDIATION:

Mike Mocko brought to the meeting copies of the final specifications, plan profile and detail sheets and stated the project's readiness to begin. Steve Jacobs agreed to review the final proposal and to discuss

with Hazardville Water Company their equipment maintenance responsibilities on the project. The DEP has sent a letter to homeowners, discussing progress and the pending bond approval.

Steve Jacobs addressed funding of the project. First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini has worked to gain the support of Governor Rell, Senator Kissel, and State Representative Penny Bacchiochi for the necessary state funding. A meeting on funding is expected by the end of this month (January 2010).

Jim Botellio stated the need to draft a schedule necessary to complete the project. The schedule is contingent upon State funding approval. Steve Jacobs agreed to put the schedule together which will assume a 180 day plan from start of construction to project completion.

V. SEWER/WATER BILLING & COLLECTIONS:

Steve Jacobs told the Authority of liens that had been filed for the October 2009 billing on delinquent accounts. Of that original list; only 38 remain unpaid as of this date. 21 of the 38 owe at least 2 years. Mr. Jacobs stated that without payment, these accounts will be put on the Town Tax Sale List. A Demand Notice (final notice) will be sent in February, 2010.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- a. Steve Jacobs opened with the quarterly report from the Department of Corrections. PCE levels continue to gradually decline.
- b. The Town was served by Gingras Development LLC and 2J's LLC; who are suing the Town over the cost sharing of the sewer plant expansion.
- c. As requested, a new pump specialist, (Frank Giardano, United Concrete), was brought in to trouble shoot some of the alarm problems at the sewer plant. George VanTasel questioned workmanship and poor materials and Hinkley liability. He also asked for a list of what's wrong and the cost of repairs. Steve Jacobs will investigate and re-address this issue at the next Authority meeting.
- d. Weld Power, responsible for maintaining generator, found radiator to be leaking again, due to corrosion and needs to be replaced. Estimated replacement (radiator & hoses) cost: \$2,682.32.
 - *A motion was made by Charles Colby to approve the replacement radiator & hoses; seconded by Dan Fraro. A unanimous vote to approve followed.*

VII. BILLS:

Steve Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment to the Authority:

Weld Power (Alternator replacement at Sewer plant)	\$771.99
Dunning Sand & Gravel Co.	\$5,065.74
Herb Holden Trucking (Sand delivery)	\$534.72
Avery Septic	\$9,000.00
Journal Inquirer (Public Notice – Vono Assessment)	\$157.40
Hazardville Water Company (Scitico Pump Sta. maint.)	\$1,738.00
Joe Ward Engineering (Sunset Drive)	\$8,000.00

Jim Botellio questioned the Ward Engineering invoice as higher than anticipated or appropriated. The ensuing discussion focused then on the original Engineering Agreement, services rendered and monies

already paid to Ward Engineering by the Authority. The group determined that Steve Jacobs will review with Joe Ward the invoice and point out the discrepancies regarding services rendered and costs as originally stated within the Engineering Agreement.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to table the Ward Engineering invoice and approve all others for payment; seconded by Dan Fraro, then unanimously approved by the members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by George VanTasel; seconded by Charles Colby, and unanimously approved to adjourn the January 5, 2010 meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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