

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
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**WPCA MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 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: Charles Colby, Daniel Fraro, Steve Getman, Jim Faust and George VanTasel. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian, and Mike Mocko, Ward Engineering.

II. MINUTES (10/5/10):

Mr. Botellio asked the members for comments or corrections on the 10/5/10 Minutes. Mr. Getman referred to item II, page 2, paragraph six, and stated the first sentence should read as follows. “Mr. Getman pointed out the WPCA’s and DEP’s primary concern of cross connection; one contaminated well can then pollute the public water system.”

Mr. Faust pointed out a misspelling of Ms. Catherine Butkus’s name, also on page 2.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to approve the 10/5/2010 Minutes as amended; seconded by Steve Getman, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

III. SUNSET DRIVE – TCP WELL WATER REMEDIATION PROJECT:

Mr. Botellio asked Mr. Jacobs the status of the bid. Mr. Jacobs stated that bids were opened and 17 contractors were present at the Bid meeting, last Thursday, November 4th. He added that bids ranged from \$199,000 up to \$475,000. The lowest bid, Mr. Jacobs pointed out was Folsom Construction of South Windsor, with a bid of \$199,600. He read the next lowest bids to members: Gerber Constructions, of Ellington at \$211,999, and Hinckley Construction at \$238,803.

Mr. Botellio then said members need to determine if the lowest bid is technically and financially sound and also review the contractor’s history. Mr. Jacobs stated that if all 26 homeowners hook up, which is not expected; the project will be within budget.

Mr. Botellio then asked about the contractor, Folsom Construction. Mr. Mocko answered that Folsom has a number of local, recent, successfully completed contracts. He added that Folsom is consistently getting similar jobs, even in the current economy. Mr. Mocko explained that Folsom’s most recent contracts are larger than Sunset Drive; ranging from \$250,000 up to \$1.4 million. He said Folsom has done many local water jobs and service connections. Mr. Mocko has contacted references, but hasn’t heard back from them yet.

Mr. Getman asked about the time span on these projects. Mr. VanTasel, who is familiar with Folsom, stated it was over the past 3 to 4 years. Mr. Mocko added that Folsom has 5 sizeable jobs in 2010, and has much experience running concurrent projects.

Mr. VanTasel questioned the bid specifications regarding any rock obstructions, including boulders. Mr. Mocko answered that the specifications are inclusive, no extra costs to be paid for any obstructions. Mr. Botellio asked if Folsom would be able to meet the WPCA’s timeline. Mr. Jacobs said he spoke with them and told them the Town is interested in getting the main line in this year, and beginning connections in the spring.

Mr. VanTasel asked about liability on the job, the Town's or Folsom? Mr. Mocko answered the liability is Folsom's and added that the specifications require sub-contractor insurance certificates and a \$2 million liability umbrella.

Mr. Botellio asked if Folsom's bid included the hydrants. Mr. Mocko said the hydrants are included in the lump sum bid. Mr. Jacobs reminded members that the Grant will not reimburse for 2 hydrants; that is being funded by the Town. He added that he is in the process of writing up the first request to DEP for reimbursement.

Mr. Botellio turned to the finances of the project, questioning the balance of expenses, engineering and inspection to be done by Ward Engineering. He firmly stated that he would not approve any additional monies above the Grant and Town funding. Mr. Mocko assured him inspection can be kept to whatever is the bottom line on funding. Mr. Botellio suggested having Mr. Jacobs share some of the inspection duties, in order to do so. Mr. Mocko was agreeable to that solution.

Mr. Mocko explained that it would take 2 weeks to lay 1,800 feet of pipe for the main line. Mr. VanTasel questioned the time, in his opinion, 500 feet per day could be done. He also asked if Hazardville Water Co. is doing the tapping. Mr. Mocko said that the contractor can either do it themselves or sub-contract it out, (at their cost), per the specifications.

Mr. Botellio asked for any further questions from members. None were brought forth.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to authorize Jim Botellio to:

- *issue a Notice of Award;*
- *sign the Agreement along with the Town; and*
- *sign the Notice to Proceed.*

The motion was seconded by Steve Getman, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

Mr. VanTasel asked about the length of the project. Mr. Mocko said it is 180 days, although the contractor can ask for a shutdown. Mr. VanTasel asked about any penalty if the project exceeds 180 days. Mr. Mocko said there is a \$400 per day penalty.

Mr. Jacobs informed members that he has received 6 Agreements for Installation and Provision of Water Service and one letter stating they are not interested in water service at this time. He reminded members that at the last meeting, attended by many homeowners, the WPCA agreed to remove language from the Agreement, regarding owner responsibility on any additional costs. Mr. Jacobs explained that he spoke with the Town attorney who felt the Town would be at some risk if the State didn't pay the full amount of the Grant, but said the statement could be removed from the Agreement.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to remove the following statements, page 1, 1. Subject of Agreement, paragraph 2, from the Agreement for Installation and Provision of Water Service:

"In the event that the grant funds are insufficient to pay for said installation, then the Town's obligation to paid said costs shall be limited to the amount of the grant. In the Event that the funds available from the grant are insufficient to paid said costs in full, the owner shall be responsible for a pro rata share of the additional costs."

The motion was seconded by Steve Getman, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

Mr. Jacobs said that he will cross out these statements and initial the change on the Agreements he has already received.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Members went into Executive Session at 8:20 pm, and out of Executive Session at 8:32 pm.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve Jacobs reviewed the following items as current correspondence:

- a) **Insurance Coverage at the Plant:** Mr. Jacobs said he received a quote from Fidelity.
- b) **40 Goodwin Drive:** Mr. Jacobs informed members that he was contacted by the homeowner who questioned his user charge, as he is not using Town sewer. The home was hooked up in June of 2009. Mr. Jacobs verified that while the exterior line is in, it is not connected inside the house. He asked members their thoughts. Mr. Colby stated that the fee is appropriate, as the line is into the home and the Authority does not have jurisdiction to inspect. The consensus seemed in agreement.

A motion was made by Charles Colby to continue to charge the user fee and any delinquent charges, due to the permanent line into the home; seconded by Steve Getman. In the vote that followed, only Mr. Faust voted as opposed. The motion carries.

- c) **2011 WPCA Regular Meeting Calendar:** Mr. Jacobs distributed copies of WPCA regular meeting dates for 2011. Mr. Faust recommended moving back a week the meeting dates around the 4th of July and Labor. Members agreed. Mr. Jacobs also agreed to confirm Election Day date for the November meeting.
- d) **Rye Hill TCE Monitoring:** Mr. Jacobs reported no changes in the perimeter monitoring.
- e) **Sewer Budget - Somersville:** Mr. Jacobs stated that the Operator received a 3% salary increase in July, prior to WPCA approval. This was authorized by the BOS. He added that he still has not received his increase, even though Mr. Botellio signed off on it for 10/1/2010. Mr. Botellio stated he would meet with the First Selectman to review the state statute assigning authority and responsibilities to the WPCA.

A motion was made by Jim Faust to set up a meeting between Mr. Botellio and Ms. Pellegrini to discuss WPCA funding of the Superintendent and Operator; seconded by Charles Colby, and then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

VI. BILLS:

Steve Jacobs submitted the following invoices for payment:

Ward Engineering (Inv. #8)	\$4,670.00
Ward Engineering (Inv. #9)	\$3,840.00
Hartford Courant	\$236.25
Weld Power	\$204.00
Northern Safety	\$68.95
CBS	\$90.00

Mr. Jacobs also presented 2 transfers:

Water & Sewer Accounts – Year end Audit	\$1,280.00
Ward Engineering (Contractor reimbursement)	\$200.00

A motion was made by George VanTasel to pay the bills and approve the transfers; seconded by Jim Faust, then unanimously voted as approved by the members.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Getman; seconded by Charles Colby, and unanimously approved to adjourn the November 9, 2010 Regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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