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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
**JANUARY 3, 2012**
**Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room 7:30 P.M.**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Botellio called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Charles Colby, George Van Tasel, Jr., Mark Marschall, Daniel Fraro and Steve Getman. Also present: Steve Jacobs, Registered Sanitarian

Members absent: James Faust

## II. MINUTES APPROVAL

*Motion was made by Daniel Fraro to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2011 as corrected. Mark Marschall noted there should be two zeros added to $2,600 to read $2,600.00 under the Water System - Cash Flow section of the Minutes. Steve Getman seconded. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.*

## III. 87 MAIN STREET – LACASSE, JERRY G.
**Proposed Change of Use**

Jim Botellio asked Mr. Lacasse if he could change his internet advertisement because it reflects a three bedroom Bed & Breakfast. Mr. Lacasse explained that it has nothing to do with what they rent out. What is advertised is not what they do. They allow one guest to stay in the home at a time. They don't allow three guests. If someone is already renting out the Bed & Breakfast and someone else calls to spend the night, they tell them they are booked. No one has spent the night there in two years. The Bed & Breakfast is not on the internet anymore. The Bed & Breakfast has a suite, a single bedroom with a double bed and a single bedroom with twin beds. Last time anyone stayed there was in 2009.

George Van Tasel, Jr. asked if there is a State or Business Permit associated with the Bed & Breakfast. Mr. Lacasse said the State does know about it because they send paperwork all the time. His wife handles all the paperwork.

Jim Botellio feels Mr. Lacasse is not renting to more than one guest at a time and the property should be at a bill rate of 1.45 edu's based on one residence plus a one bedroom rental.

*Motion was made by Mr. Colby to bill the Bed & Breakfast at 1.45 edu's, make it retroactive from October 2011 and waive the interest. Charles Colby seconded. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.*

## IV. WATER SYSTEM
**Cash Flow**
**Water Ordinance**

Cash Flow

Charles Colby reported that according to the town attorney, as long as we own the water system, we can collect connection fees. When Charles Colby attended the BOF meeting it was decided that the WPCA would not receive the $11,600.00 for past fire protection, even though we do not have to carry a balance. We can still charge connection fees even when we pay off the balance to the Town.

Jim Botellio said the BOF made some changes so that the WPCA can keep the account open. The Town should have the ability to charge new people $2,600.00 for connection fees. The Town Treasurer determined the Sunset Drive project was completed under budget by $6,375.68. This amount was put back into the General Fund. WPCA still owes ~$65,000.00 on the original Somersville loan. Jim Botellio said when we sign the Agreement; it must state they will deduct $11,600.00. Jim Botellio and Charles Colby will look at the Agreement and make sure everything is acknowledged before they sign it. The agreement should be based upon the Minutes of December 5, 2011 committee meeting, submitted by Steve Krasinski, (see attached).

Water Ordinance

Mr. Jacobs read the existing ordinance and recommends it be revised. According to the ordinance, it states a one-time connection fee charge of $200.00. The ordinance should be clarified to reflect a Permit Fee of $200 and a one-time connection fee of $2,600.00.

Steve Getman suggests we raise the connection fee so WPCA does not have to do it in the future if cost go up

Mr. Jacobs will send proposed language to the town attorney for review. Also, the question of ownership of extended mains needs to be clarified.

## V. SEWER BILLING – DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Mr. Jacobs reported there were good collections this past month after sending out the intent to lien notices. The big delinquent ones that have been turned over to the attorney have not been paid off yet. The present balance for the Somerville Assessment are ~$2,580.00, Somersville User, ~ $14,300.00 and Maple Ridge User, ~ $1,240.00 The property at 40 Goodwin Drive owes user charges and assessment charges. The owner said he will pay the assessment charges but is still contesting the user charge. The Tax Attorney is a little uncomfortable going after the user charges if the owner never made the plumbing connection in his basement. The Authority is in favor of seeking a legal opinion From Atty. Holtman.

## VI. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – GENERATOR

Mr. Jacobs stated both Huntington Power and Generac Generators take very long to respond. Huntington Power did come out to perform the load test. They checked all the voltage, frequencies, etc. and everything was reading properly but the problem with the motors was still happening. The tech suggested bringing in a portable unit to see what happens.

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jacobs reported that a letter was sent to Gingras Development, LLC stating we denied their request. Kim Marcotte gave Mr. Jacobs all the details for putting the budget together for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Jacobs received quarterly report from the Department of Corrections on Rye Hill Pollutions. Mr. Jacobs never heard back from Mrs. Dion about the shrubs. She may respond in the Spring.

## VIII. BILLS/TRANSFERS

None.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion was made to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the WPCA at 8:42 p.m. by Charles Colby. Mr. Jacobs seconded. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Regina C. Robinson, Secretary

**MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVAL AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

**See Attachment**