

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2012
7:30 PM TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Botellio at 7:31 pm. Members present were Stephen Getman, Charles Colby, and George Van Tassel. Also present was Steve Jacobs, Town Sanitarian.

II. MINUTES (10/2/12 & 11/13/12)

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve the 10/2/12 minutes with modification to Stephen Getman's name. Seconded by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

There were a few grammatical errors that needed correcting. A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve minutes with date correction of 11/13/12 and DEP changed to DEEP (Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. Seconded by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

III. MAPLE ST. - UPDATE

Mr. Botellio reported to the commission what was not covered under the insurance claim. The insurance arbitrator said nothing underground is covered. The plant, facilities above, tanks, pumps and the like are covered, however the lines underground will be not be covered. There has been communication with Lisa Pellagrini regarding this issue. There was some money given to the town several years ago which Lisa is pursuing to help cover the cost. There will be some reimbursement when that money comes in.

Commission members discussed possibly liening the property. Mr. Botellio will consult the town attorney on this issue. Mr. Botellio suggested double checking the insurance policy for details what exactly is covered, such as the emergency generator, etc.

IV. SOMERSVILLE WPCF – REPAIRS

Mr. Jacobs received a quote from United Concrete. The total for all the repairs is estimated at \$21,000.00. This quote did not include the epoxy coating. The commission members discussed priority of repairs. The safety gates need to be replaced as soon as possible.

There was a brief discussion on why the valves failed. The commission will consult the WPCA attorney regarding this issue of faulty parts.

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to precede with the quote of \$21,000.00 and/or if there are any concerns Mr. Jacobs will check further if multiple quotes are needed. Otherwise, proceed with all the items at the current quote. Seconded by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

V. KING/WATCHAUG RD. - ARSENIC CONTAMINATION

Mr. Jacobs reported he has been doing more arsenic testing in wells around the town. He has been testing up and down the 83 corridor going north. The next area to be tested will be the Hall Hill Rd area. He is still waiting for the test results.

Judy A Godek of 186 King Road was present in the audience to discuss treating the arsenic on her property. Her Realtor, Barbara Flebotte was also present. Mrs. Godek had a few questions regarding the well testing and installation of the water filtration system.

Mr. Van Tassel discussed possible surface contamination around the King/Watchaug Rd. area. He felt in order for the DEEP to come to an accurate conclusion, those areas must be examined for soil/surface contaminants such as animal feed and waste. The holding ponds also need to be tested. He suggested the commission request the report for evidence of this testing.

V. WELL TESTING ORDINANCE

The commission discussed creating a well testing ordinance in the Town Charter for arsenic and other contaminants. The cost of various tests was discussed. Mr. Jacobs researched other towns who have done this and gave the commission some feedback. The commission discussed which tests should be mandatory based on known contaminants in the town.

Mr. Getman suggested having a graduate student come in and do a research project and look through the town records and compile a report of known contaminants. The commission members agreed there is no cost to the value of health so everything must be done to protect the residence of Somers.

The commission agreed that in addition to the standard physical and bacterial test, arsenic, VOC's, and Radon/Uranium testing should be required.

Barbara Flebotte of George Wood Rd. suggested having residence bring their water samples to the town to be tested. She suggested it may be cost effective and help the town. The town already recommends having water tested for contaminants.

Discussion was held on writing an ordinance to cover various contamination issues that have been found in the town of Somers. The commission is looking at the arsenic and other contaminants found. The town is going to look at drafting an ordinance for the contaminants found in the town. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

VII. SEWER BILLING – DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Mr. Jacobs gave the report on delinquent accounts. There is currently \$32,000.00 in outstanding bills. Intent to lien notices have been sent out. The following properties will be included in the next tax sale: 92 Main Street, 17 Quality Ave., 84 Maple Ridge Drive, 40 Goodwin Drive and 2 Michelle Drive.

Mr. Colby made a motion to include the above mentioned properties in the next tag sale.

Seconded by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jacobs reported a coyote problem at the plant. He signed a release form to give consent for the trapper to trap the coyote on the land.

Meeting dates for next year were reviewed. Everyone received a handout with dates. The first Tuesday of every month are the planned meeting dates.

Mr. Colby made a motion to approve meeting WCPA meeting dates for 2013 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Jacobs reported he approved Dan Parisi to work through the month of November.

Judy Godek and Barbara Flebotte were audience participants as mentioned previously in the minutes.

IX. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Avery Septic Service: \$11,000.00

Ace Hardware: \$32.82

Phoenix Labs: \$60.00, \$60.00

A motion was made by Mr. Colby to approve bills. Seconded by Mr. Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Getman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, all in favor, motion carried.