

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2013
7:15 PM – TOWN HALL**

I. PUBLIC HEARING: SOMERSVILLE AND MAPLE RIDGE SEWER O&M BUDGET

Chairman James Botellio read the hearing notice. There was no audience participation. No written correspondence was submitted.

A motion was made at 7:26 by Van Tassel to adjourn the public hearing. Seconded by Marschall all in favor, motion carried.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Chairman James Botellio. Members present were Vice-Chair Charles Colby, Mark Marschall, Dan Fraro, George VanTassel, and Stephen Getman. Also present was Steve Jacobs, Town Sanitarian.

III. MINUTES

A few typos needed to be corrected. In section 6 the increase should be 2.46%.

A motion was made by Colby to accept minutes as amended. Seconded by Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

IV. SOMERSVILLE WPCF-REPAIRS

Steve Jacobs reported the valves are all working properly now. The safety gates still need to be installed and the sluice gate is still on order.

The commission had a brief discussion on the high ammonia still being detected. Steve has been in correspondence with the DEEP but they have not gotten back to him. Commission members would like to look at possible contaminants that may be contributing to the high ammonia levels. There have been no noticeable changes in the surrounding businesses in the town. Commission members discussed the possibility of a contaminant being dumped into the system such as toxic cleaning products, etc. Steve and his operator will continue to monitor the situation and continue to look for a solution.

CaNi fertilizer will continue being used to address the hydrogen sulfide issue. This appears to be the most cost effective solution. Steve will buy a sulfide kit to determine how much fertilizer he needs to add per day.

V. WELL WATER ARSENIC SURVEY

The Dept. of Public Health has put out a public notice and recommendation that ALL well owners should be testing for arsenic and uranium in the state of Connecticut.

Steve reported that citizens have been requesting a lot of testing and more people seemed to be informed of the issue. Steve is still waiting on several results and should know a lot more in a month or so. The highest levels of arsenic detected to date are located on Brittany Lane.

The commission had a brief discussion on whether or not the arsenic problem is solely from the bedrock or local contamination. Steve reported the studies show that the arsenic pyrite is in the red sand stones in this area. This is what causes the bedrock to contain arsenic, therefore it will not be consistent in a localized area.

VI. PROPOSED PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING ORDINANCE

Steve presented the commission members copies of the draft ordinance. The State Health Dept., DEEP and Town Attorney have reviewed the draft and edited it accordingly.

Commission members discussed how to address existing homes with newly drilled wells. There was also a discussion on how to cover all new wells to ensure health and safety of citizens/homeowners.

The commission members suggested editing the draft to state the following:

“Testing of water quality in private water supply systems for new construction **and new wells.**”

Steve will have Carl Landolina, Town Attorney to look over it and see what he says. Commission members agree it is the right thing to do by drafting this new ordinance to protect the health of citizens.

VII. SOMERSVILLE 2013-2014 O&M BUDGET

There were no comments from citizens at the public hearing.

A motion was made by Colby to accept the charge of \$255.00 per EDU. Seconded by VanTasel. Getman and Botellio abstained.

VIII. MAPLE RIDGE 2013-2014 O&M BUDGET

There were no comments from citizens at the public hearing.

A motion was made by Marschall to make the yearly charge \$120.00 per EDU. Seconded by Getman, all in favor, motion carried.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve reported that there were two more pay-offs on the delinquent sewer charges. There are three remaining. These will be added to the tax sale if not paid.

X. BILLS/TRANSFERS

Lawson Information System Assoc. \$180.00
United Concrete Products \$3,265.00 and \$5,267.50
Phoenix Labs \$60.00
Environmental Monitoring Labs \$562.00
Hach \$117.17

A motion was made by Colby to pay the bills. Seconded by Fraro, all in favor, motion carried.

XI. ADJOURMENT

A motion was made by VanTasel to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Marschall, all in favor, motion carried.