

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 4th, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Town Hall

I. Call to Order

Chairman Botellio called the meeting to order by at 7:32. Members present; Chairman James Botellio, Vice Chairman Charles J. Colby, George Van Tasel, James Faust, Stephen Getman. Others present; Steven Jacobs, Town Sanitarian

II. Minutes Approval

Chairman Botellio made the motion to amend the minutes from May 7th, 2013 and seconded by VanTasle. The following corrections were noted:

Heading: Change meeting time to 7:30 p.m.

Section 1: Delete the name Jim Faust as he was not in attendance

Section V: Change “called lots of attention” to “a lot”

Section VI. Change line 3 to “*after it have been discussed with the selectman's office*”.

Chairman Botellio made the motion to accept minutes as amended. Faust seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

III. 40 Goodwin Drive – J.Brock

Mr. Brock appeared to contest the property’s sewer *user fees* and subsequent *interest* dating back to 2010. He acknowledged a 2010 connection permit. He also acknowledged the letter from Attorney Holtman citing CGS *section 7-255* allowing for collection. Brock took issue with language, specifically “connection and use”, stating connection was not made in the house. Brock stated that he found language in minutes from earlier in the year by tax attorney Adam Cohen that suggested unease with collecting fees at that time.

Chairman Botellio stated that when the sewer system was put in, connected residents were instructed to inform “when connection was made”. Mr. Brock proposed a connection date if July 1st 2013 for *user fees*. Steven Jacobs mentioned the legal opinion that it was reasonable to collect from the point of connection to the sewers. Additionally, the property is 3 years delinquent with a *current balance* on the assessment of \$2,351.39, a *user fee* of \$1,083.12 in addition to *attorney’s fees* due to property listing in the tax sale. Chairman Botellio stated that attorney Holtman advised the committee to collect, but that the opinion was missing from the file. A copy of that opinion exists and will be obtained. Jacobs stated a request to connect was made in 2010 and denied. Brock said he did get that opinion from the attorney. The committee decided that this matter should be tabled until town council is contacted and the missing opinion from Attorney Holtman reviewed so that town council can advise the committee. The chair advised Brock to “proceed and pay” thus avoiding the property from being listed in the tax sale.

IV. Somersville WPCF – Repairs

Steve Jacobs informed members that the sluice gate and safety grates were backordered as they were delivered in the wrong size. New toxicity samples were sent today. Some sharp flow peaks are noted in the water flow readings with no pattern. The ability to isolate which line these fluctuations are originating from is not currently possible as real time data is not available.

Jacobs suggests that it is possible something is being released into the sewer system causing the toxicity problems.

V. Well Water Arsenic Survey

Additional testing of private wells has shown no new contamination above potable limit. Jacobs plans to do additional testing in the southern section of town. Map and street detail of known contamination is available at the Sanitarian's office.

VI. Private Well Water Testing Ordinance

Steve Jacobs received town council's approval of language in the draft of "*Proposed Private Well Water Testing Ordinance*". Jacobs will forward the selectmen within two weeks so that a public hearing can be set. *Vice Chairman Colby made a motion to approve the draft, seconded by Stephen Getman, all in favor, motion carried.*

VII. Correspondence/Audience Participation

1. Steve received a quote from Bartholew Electric for generator maintenance. As this quote is much higher, he recommends continuing with Huntington Power for the upcoming service call. Stephen Getman questioned the repair history and suggested soliciting other qualified service contractors.
2. Steve Jacobs shared the WPCA budget and told the Authority we should be returning ~\$2,000 to the General Fund. The committee commended Mr. Jacobs for this fact.
3. Jacobs requested a meeting date changes in July and August to the second Tuesday of the month, specifically July 2nd to the 9th and the August 6th to the 13th.

Stephen Getman made a motion to amend the meeting dates, seconded by James Faust, All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Bills/Transfers

State of Connecticut, DEEP - \$1,722.50

HACH Company - \$89.53

HACH Company - \$153.00 \$75.00; \$290.00; \$85.00

Northern Safety - \$121.01

Colby made a motion to approve the bills as stated, seconded by James Faust. All in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Water Assessment to the General Fund - \$10,400.00

Transfer of SV Sewer Assessment to General Fund - \$8,700

Van Tassel made a motion to approve the transfers as stated, seconded by Getmen. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

George Van Tassel made motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. seconded by James Faust. All in favor, motion carried.