

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2025, 7:00pm
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. The Regular Meeting of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Stephen Getman. Other members present were: Mark Folsom, Tim Vecchiarelli, Dan Fraro, and Mark Marschall. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent, and Matt Germine and John Ruvo (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Public Meeting of June 3, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the minutes, without a correction, all in favor, motion passed. Tim Vecchiarelli abstained. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the minutes, without a correction, all in favor, motion passed. Tim Vecchiarelli abstained.

- II. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – John Ruvo and Matt Germine provided an update of the upgrade project. Ponding in beds 1,2,4,5 has not been remediated. Tilling the beds has been difficult due to the added pea stone. Avery will be adding eight more inches of sand to these beds to bring them up to their original depth. The biomass is growing rapidly due to the addition of nitrates that were added for odor mitigation. Solutions to this biomass issue are being sought. Weston & Sampson is recommending reducing the scope of the project. Weston & Sampson reported some contention with Avery over the sealing work and leaks that need to be stopped. Weston & Sampson is asking for board help with completing the permitting process. Weston & Sampson will draft a simple response to DEEP for the non-compliance notification recently by Somers. Dan Parisi will put it on town letterhead and mail it into DEEP. A motion was made Tim Vecchiarelli and seconded by Mark Marschall to approve Amendment 5, all in favor, motion passed.

- III. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – Somers Finance Department has submitted 3 Avery bills to EPA for reimbursement.

IV. WPCA 2024-2025 Budget – Reporting and Balance – Finance reports through May 31, 2025 were received.

V. WPCA 2025-2026 Budget – N/A

VI. WPCF - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – N/A

VII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – On Hold.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – The Board will need to discuss the Maple Ridge deterioration problem at the August 2025 Regular Meeting. Avery will provide a remediation quote.

IX. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

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| a. Eversource | \$605.56 |
| b. Phoenix Labs | \$22.00 |
| c. Phoenix Labs | \$111.10 |
| d. Phoenix Labs | \$22.00 |
| e. Phoenix Labs | \$22.00 |
| f. Hazardville Water | \$ 22.76 |
| g. EML Lab | \$948.02 |
| h. Weston & Sampson | \$9441.82 |
| i. Weston & Sampson | \$8491.49 |
| j. Avery | \$116478.55 |
| k. USIC | \$21.64 |
| l. Journal Inquirer | \$173.14 |

A motion was made by Dan Fraro to pay the bills and seconded by Mark Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

X. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mark Marschall, seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli to adjourn at 8:11pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Mark Folsom, Secretary
Minutes are not official until voted on and approved at the following meeting.