

TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 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, Dan Fraro, Mark Marschall, and Jeremy Bourque. Also present were Daniel Parisi, WPCA Superintendent and John Ruvo (via Zoom) of Weston & Sampson.

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Special Meeting of October 14, 2025, were reviewed. A motion was made by Jeremy Bourque and seconded by Dan Fraro to approve the minutes, without a correction, all in favor, motion passed. Mark Marschall abstained.
- II. Superintendent – Report on Plant Upgrade - The wet well was painted and is ready to go back on-line. There has been no improvement in the bed drainage after the bed upgrades. Dan Parisi is collecting (4) bids for an electrical controller, and the bids should be available by year end. Installation would be next year.
- III. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – John Ruvo shared Avery should be completed their current contract by November 14, 2025. A completion punch-list will be generated and executed upon. He is proposing a Kaiser aeration blower be installed to aerate the effluent. It is proposed to help breakdown the effluent. It will be designed to fit within the existing building to save on new construction costs. John expects this will help with our ongoing biomass problem. Blower size, noise, heat generation, and electricity consumption will be needed to be taken into consideration.
- IV. Meeting Dates – The list of 2026 meeting dates were proposed. The meetings will be moved to the 3rd Tuesday of each month to be facilitate receipt of on-time prior-month Financials. A motion was made by Jeremy Bourque and seconded by Mark Marschall to approve the minutes, with one correction, all in favor, motion passed.

- V. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – On Hold due to the Federal government shutdown.
- VI. WPCA 2024-2025 Budget – Reporting and Balance – Town of Somers billing charge cost overruns will be investigated by Dan Parisi.
- VII. WPCA 2025-2026 Budget – N/A.
- VIII. WPCF - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Mark Folsom shared the content of the November 3, 2025 HWC/PURA public hearing. HWC is requesting a 71% rate increase. HWC is in financial distress and may be one reason why they have not billed the Board for water usage reporting.
- IX. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – On Hold.
- X. Maple Ridge Community Sewer – Repairs – The original blueprints may be used as a guide to mitigate the crumbling and leaks. It was discussed an initial approach could be to clean, fill holes, and epoxy.
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Michelle Michaels of 24 Quality Avenue thanked the Board for our hard work. She also shared her initial distress with the most recent rate increase. Ms. Michaels was asked to consider joining the Board as an alternate.
- XII. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:
 - a. Eversource \$269.79
 - b. Phoenix Labs \$52.00
 - c. Phoenix Labs \$121.00
 - d. USIC \$57.90
 - e. QDS \$593.46
 - f. Hazardville Water \$62.76
 - g. Weston & Sampson \$7560.08
 - h. Avery \$46416.53
 - i. Avery \$12954.65

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

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

XIII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jeremy Bourque and seconded by Mark Marschall to adjourn at 8:18 pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Folsom, Secretary

Minutes are not official until voted on and approved at the following meeting.