

TOWN OF SOMERS  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2026, 7:00pm  
Regular Meeting

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

- I. MINUTES. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026, were reviewed. A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Mark Marschall to approve the minutes, all in favor, motion passed. Mark Marschall, Michelle Michaels, and Emily Dreyer abstained.
  
- II. Superintendent – Report on Plant Upgrade – The plant is not passing the most recent toxicity tests. Dan Parisi expects DEEP will issue a notice of violation shortly.
  
- III. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – John Ruvo reported on a call he had with Chris Chaber and Carlos Esguerra of DEEP. He reported the toxicity tests have not been consistent in which items have not passed. The Board voiced its displeasure with Weston & Sampson meeting with DEEP without representation of the Town of Somers present. John said cost constraints contributed to the unsuccessful outcomes of the plant upgrade. The cost estimate for the follow-on work has risen from approximately \$150,000.00 to \$400,000.00. John indicated he was surprised by Avery’s bid. Dan Fraro recommended we completely replace one bed’s contents as a test to see what is going on and to replace all the material. Steve Getman recommended we pursue approaching Enfield, CT to inquire about pumping our waste through their system.
  
- IV. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – Approximately \$160,000.00 remaining in the EPA grant.

V. WPCA 2025-2026 Budget – Spending is on budget for January and February

VI. WPCF - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Hazardville Water Meter Reads – No update.

VII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – No update.

VIII. Maple Ridge Community Sewer – Repairs – No update.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – EPA notified their third party inspector will be conducting their review on April, 14, 2026 at 10:00am.

X. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

a. Eversource	\$674.38
b. Phoenix Labs	\$111.10
c. Phoenix Labs	\$52.00
d. Hazardville Water	\$18.68
e. EML	\$622.74

A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Tim Vecchiarelli to pay the bills, all in favor, motion passed.

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

XI. New Business – Steve Getman recommends the Board begin working on budgeting for rate changes for 2026-2027.

XII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Emily Dreyer to adjourn at 8:01pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Folsom, Secretary

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