

TOWN OF SOMERS  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 28, 2026, 7:00pm  
Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. The Special Meeting of the Somers WPCA was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Stephen Getman. Other members present were Jeremy Bourque, Mark Folsom, Dan Fraro, Emily Dreyer, Michelle Michaels (non-voting alternate), 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 March 17, 2026, were reviewed. An amendment was made by Chairperson Getman to include Dan Fraro's offer of sand for the beds, pending testing. A motion was made by Mark Marschall and seconded by Emily Dreyer to approve the minutes with the amendment, all in favor, motion passed. Jeremy Bourque abstained.
  
- II. Superintendent – Report on Plant Upgrade – The recent toxicity tests showed passing results.
  
- III. WPCA Plant Upgrade - Weston & Sampson – John Ruvo reported the EPA inspection went well. The inspector was happy with the work. John indicated the control panel could be included in the grant reimbursement, per the EPA. John is making that request happen. The current work order is ready to be closed out as there is no further work scheduled. Ted Lavery of the EPA recommended the Board formally request an extension to the end date contained in the original submission to the EPA. Chairperson Getman will craft a letter and send it to the EPA. Alos, Chairperson Getman will send a letter to Weston & Sampson to request their explanation of how and/or why the improvements made have not improved the bed ponding, etc. Superintendent Dan Parisi has located a lab to test Dan Fraro's sand for suitability to be used in the beds.
  
- IV. Somersville WPCF – Facility Upgrade Project Funding – Approximately \$150K is remaining unspent in the EPA grant.

- V. WPCA 2025-2026 Budget – The budget is on track to be exceeded by approximately \$60K.
- VI. WPCA 2026 -2027 Budget - Emily Dreyer, after reviewing all pertinent reports, recommends we increase the budgets for Testing, Pipe Cleaning, and Pumping. The Board has overspent the budget on pumping for a couple years and conducted more testing and pipe cleaning due to the project.
- VII. WPCF - Sub Committee – Sewer User Fees – Hazardville Water Meter Reads – Raising rates for Somersville was discussed, at length. Board members were tasked with coming to the next Special Meeting with recommendations. Raising rates for Maple Ridge was discussed and agreed to some level of increase. Members were tasked with coming to the next Special Meeting with a figure for the increase.
- VIII. WPCA Draft Ordinance Change – Challenges – On hold.
- IX. Maple Ridge Community Sewer – Repairs – Funding for this work was discussed and the Board agreed more information was required before work was approved.
- X. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –
- XI. BILLS AND TRANSFERS:
  - a. Eversource \$940.92
  - b. Phoenix Labs \$111.10
  - c. Phoenix Labs \$227.00
  - d. Phoenix Labs \$111.10
  - e. Phoenix Labs \$52.00
  - f. Hazardville Water \$30.18
  - g. EML \$622.74
  - h. Weston & Sampson \$9040.92
  - i. USIC \$11.58
  - j. Avery \$519.00

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

APPROPRIATION/BUDGET TRANSFER: None

XII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Emily Dreyer and seconded by Jeremy Bourque to adjourn at 8:08pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Folsom, Secretary

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