

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787
7:00 PM TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

Present: Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Chandon, Lascko, Leduc, Piscopo, Scott Amendola and Pat Hayden of Unimetal, Lori Carriero and Fred Mueller of Tighe & Bond, Plant Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin. Tammie

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On a motion put forth by V. Ch Fainer Comm. to accept the minutes as amended from April 15, 2025, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes. Comm Leduc abstained.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Lori Carriero from Tighe & Bond shared a memo with the Commission showing what she has found in her research for current existing sewer service area and estimated future flow. The commission agreed with Lori's findings, so now Tighe & Bond will move forward with evaluating potential improvements needed at the treatment plant to accommodate the future flows. Fred Mueller from Tighe & Bond reported on his current findings and his next step is to report to Aqua-Aerobic Systems and see what is next step.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to move Unimetal above Status Report, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes.

Scott Amendola of Unimetal shared a map showing the new ZLD details, they are running about a month behind. Treatments are the same, Scott continues to email Mgr. Galpin monthly details. They had to do a Sunday discharge; Mgr. Bert was notified.

Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:

A. Review of the Status report as follows...

B. Treatment Plant

Process is running well. Kovacs Construction was at the plant to look at the SBR waste sludge valves for replacement. UV was installed and put online. The new autoclave for the lab was received. We received the PAC delivery. The lab received the new moisture analyzer and vac pump.

Pump Stations

A battery replacement was done in the generator at Kennedy Drive. Operator Craig was called in for alarms at Hickory Hill pump station due to power failure. Operators Craig and Brett replaced the block heater for the Hickory Hill generator. Hickory Hill went into low float alarm; the crew replaced the float. The crew cleaned wet wells for Woodbridge and Highwoods pump stations with the vac truck.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping for CMOM. Operator Matt P worked overnight with EST for the flow study. The crew was out jetting areas that were found during the night study. The Vac truck pulley broke and had to be brought to Sanitary Equipment for repair, it was under warranty. EST removed the flow meters that were used for the flow study. The crew jetted a blockage at the syphon chamber with the jet trailer. The Vac truck was retuned with completed repairs. The crew jetted a blockage at the syphon chamber.

Correspondence:

Tighe and Bond discussed above.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Unimetal

Discussed above.

B. Capital Improvements:

Nothing new to report.

C. FOG:

4 Outstanding reports still. On 5/13/25 Mgr. Bert and Asst. Mgr. Jim met with Torrington Health regarding a complaint for a town restaurant, they completed an inspection. Said restaurant had current FOG records on file with WPCA. For our June FOG letters, we will be making some amendments to our current procedures.

D. List of equipment/projects needed

Nothing new to report.

E. NPDES – Permit Renewal

Nothing new to report.

F. Tim Bobroske-Reynolds Bridge Rd

Nothing new to report

G. Jim Osowiecki- West Hillside Ave

Nothing new to report.

H. Main St – Apartments

Nothing new to report

I. 55 Stoughton St – 3 Family

Nothing new to report

J. Benefit Connection Fees

Looking into increasing, still discussing.

New Business

822 Hickory Hill, Mr. D'Agustine paid for a caveat years ago and is looking to tie in to the sewer. Due to the moratorium, no one can tie in at this time.

Annual Budget/User Fee

Annual budget looks good. On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept paid bills as presented, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to adjourn the meeting of May 20, 2025 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie S. Ireland
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