

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787
7:00 PM TUESDAY, Aug 19, 2025

Present: Ch. Mueller, Comms. Piscopo, Chandon, Leduc, Lori Carriero, Fred Mueller and Don Curtiss from Tighe & Bond, Scott Amendola from Unimetal, Plant Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin. Tammie

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

On a motion put forth by Comm. Piscopo to accept the minutes as amended from July 15, 2025, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Fred Mueller from Tighe & Bond reported back with a refined explanation, time frame, and approximate cost for the recommendations from the first phase of the plant study. Ch. Mueller will prepare a bullet list for discussion at the next Selectman's meeting. The second phase of the plant study, the smoke testing will have its kick off meeting next week on August 26th with testing to begin around mid to late September.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to move Unimetal above Status report, 2nd by Comm Leduc. Motion passes unanimously.

UNIMETAL

Scott Amendola reported that they are still having water quality issues, but it has not gotten worse. They believe the clay will be the key to fix the problem and they are optimistic that this should happen in the next 2 to 4 weeks. The ZLD is still in India, there have been delays, but they are in hopes it should be shipped by end of September with a 6-to-8-week shipping time.

Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:

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

B. Treatment Plant

Process is running ok. The crew completed their CPR training. On call operator was called in for a blower with high temp alarm. The SBR tank #2 influent valve failed to open. The SBR tank #2 influent valve failed to close, so Aaron Associates was called and they found a bad input card, it was covered by warranty. On call operator was called in again for blower #1 high temp alarm. Kovacs Construction installed insertion valves for the waste sludge lines. Chronic toxicity testing was started. The crew

replaced the screens in the somat. Aaron Associates was in for the lab computer, to do a reinforced firewall.

Pump Stations

Kovacs Construction replaced bad valves at the Kennedy Drive pump station. On call operator was called in for no flow alarm at Kennedy pump station. The crew cleaned the pump station transducers. On call operator was called in for the Kennedy pump station no flow. Aaron Associates was in to adjust timing for no flow alarm at the Kennedy Pump station. On call operator was called in for no flow at Kennedy pump station again, it was a bad flow switch. Carlsen Systems will be out to replace it under warranty. On call operator was called in for low levels at Highwood pump station.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping for CMOM. The crew raised the manhole behind the High School, repaired the manhole in the ROW behind Dolphin pools and repaired the manhole in the ROW on Pegs Way

Correspondence:

Manager Bert was chosen by CTWEA to go to VT for 4 days in a plant exchange, he will be attending in November. This allows other sewer facilities to see how other plants are run.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Unimetal

Reported above.

B. Capital Improvements:

Nothing new to report.

C. FOG:

2025 FOG letters have gone out. We continue to receive the reports back. Asst Mgr. Jim has done a few inspections of grease traps and reported they were all up to date.

D. List of equipment/projects needed

Still waiting on the SBR waste sludge valves. They are due to be in soon.

D. NPDES – Permit Renewal

Nothing new to report

E. Tim Bobroske-Reynolds Bridge Rd

Nothing new to report

F. Jim Osowiecki- West Hillside Ave

Nothing new to report.

G. Main St – Apartments

Nothing new to report

H. 55 Stoughton St – 3 Family

Nothing new to report

I. Benefit Connection Fees

Nothing new to report

New Business

Nothing new to report

Budget/User fee

Manager Galpin presented the commission with the breakdown of the new budget. On a motion put forth by Comm Leduc to accept the new proposed budget, 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to accept the bills as presented, 2nd by comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to adjourn the meeting of Aug 19, 2025 2nd by Comm Lascko Motion passes.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie S. Ireland
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