

**THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787**

**7:00 PM TUESDAY, January 20, 2026**

**Present:** Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Leduc, Lascko and Chandon, Scott Amendola of Unimetal, Lori Carrierro, Fred Mueller and Don from Tighe & Bond, First Selectman Rich Sileo, Plant Mgr. Galpin, Asst. Mgr. Careddu and Office Admin. Tammie Ireland

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

On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept the minutes from December 9, 2025, meeting as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Lascko. Motion passes. One abstained.

On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to amend the agenda to include minutes from January 13, 2026, special meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by comm Chandon. Motion passes. On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept the minutes as presented from the January 13, 2026, meeting as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Lasko. Motion passes. One abstained.

**CONSULTANT REPORT**

Lori Carrierro from Tighe & Bond reported that we didn't get a lot of rainfall during the final steps of the flow test and that was disappointing. It is recommended to do tv camera inspection of certain lines to determine if there are any defects or illegal connections in about 50,000 feet of sewer that had high flow rates at night. We have put the cost for this work in the capital improvement request.

Fred Mueller from Tighe & Bond will do a letter for DEEP indicating what the study found and recommendations for possibly lifting the moratorium for units that are in the sewer service area map at the present time. The plant is at capacity, and it is necessary to replace the aging equipment, we are looking at all ways to be able to possibly lift the moratorium and upgrade the plant before something major happens.

On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to move Unimetal above Status Reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

**UNIMETAL**

Scott Amendola reported that in December there was a fire that affected the filter press unit at the facility. Scott was in touch with WPCA Manager Bert to inform him that they have a mobile filter press in place, there has not been any effect on the water quality. The normal holiday shut down happened, there were no concerns or problems during that. They continue to see improvements with the usage of the clay. The ZLD is still halfway across the ocean and should be here soon.

**Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:**

- A. Review of the Status report as follows...
- B. Treatment Plant

Process is running ok. Osowiecki Construction was in to do door repairs. K&M Plumbing was in to repair the somat building heat and install the new water heater. The crew was in for snow cleanup four days. The crew replaced the decant pump in the WAS tank. MJM was in to replace the lighting at the plant.

#### **Pump Stations**

Northeast Generator was in to replace the block heaters at Kennedy, Electric, Woodbridge and Hickory pump stations. Aaron Associates was at Electric Ave pump station to check floats, there was a problem with the computer program, and it was reset and the floats were reset.

#### **Collection System**

The crew continues working on mapping and jetting for CMOM. The crew has cleared the right of ways for the season.

#### **Correspondence:**

We received an email today regarding the FOI January 2025 complaint, there will be a hearing this month.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Unimetal**

- Reported above.

- **Capital Improvements:**

- Requests have been completed and turned into the capital committee.

- **FOG:**

- We continue to receive the reports back. Asst Mgr. Jim has 10 inspections left.

- **List of equipment/projects needed**

- Plant upgrade was approved by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectman; it has now been moved to town vote on 2/11/26.

- **NPDES – Permit Renewal**

- Nothing new to report

- **Tim Bobroske-Reynolds Bridge Rd**

- Nothing new to report

- **Jim Osowiecki- West Hillside Ave**

- Nothing new to report.

- **South Main St – Apartments**

- Nothing new to report

- **55 Stoughton St – 3 Family**

- Nothing new to report

- **Moratorium**

- The moratorium has been extended to 4/15/26.

#### **New Business**

Mgr. Galpin reported that he has received two quotes for a HVAC Company, he is still waiting on one more. Upon receipt of the third one, they will be reviewed and he will report to the commission next month with their contract offers so a decision can be made.

**Budget/Bills/User fee**

On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept the bills as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to adjourn the meeting of January 20, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammie S. Ireland, WPCA Admin Asst.