

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING

WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787

7:00 PM TUESDAY, Dec.9, 2025

Present: Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Leduc, Lascko, Scott Amendola of Unimetal, Plant Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin. Tammie Ireland

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

On a motion put forth by Comm. Leduc to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting as presented, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to move UniMetal above consultant report, 2nd by V. Ch. Fainer. Motion passes unanimously.

UNIMETAL

Scott Amendola reported that they continue to see improvements with the usage of the clay, he provided the Commission with a graph showing the process. The ZLD is still halfway across the ocean and should be here sometime in December or early January.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Tighe & Bond contacted Mgr. Bert to report that the I & I part of the flow study should be done this week or early next week. Preliminary report is that 40/50% of our flow is from I & I.

Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:

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

B. Treatment Plant

Process is running ok. SBR sludge waste valves are complete. Operator Craig cleaned the PAC piping. The crew used the vac truck to clean the PAC tanks. The crew all reported to the Town Hall for a meeting with First Selectman Rich Sileo. The operators repaired floats on the cables to the SBR mixers. Traver Electric came to repair the faulty somat pump. Stonkus Hydraulics came in and completed a service on the SBR valves. On call operator Craig was called in for a power fail at the plant.

Pump Stations

The crew had to replace a bad transducer at Highwood pump station. Operators Matt P and Matt B cleaned all pump station transducers. Northeast Generator replaced a bad block heater at Woodbridge pump station. On call operator Brett was called in for low level alarm at Electric Ave pump station.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping and jetting for CMOM. The crew continues to clear the right of ways for the season. The crew jetted and vac Pine Hill Rd for routine maintenance.

Correspondence:

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Unimetal**
- Reported above.
- **Capital Improvements:**
- Plant upgrade and Flow Study. Mgr. Galpin to report to the Selectman's meeting with budgetary estimates.
- **FOG:**
- We continue to receive the reports back. Asst Mgr. Jim has 10 inspections left.
- **List of equipment/projects needed**
- SBR waste sludge valves are complete.
- **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**
- We expect to get the I & I from the flow study, by early next week. Once all the flow study results are reviewed and a plan is decided on, we will move forward. On a motion put forth by Comm Laskco to extend the moratorium through April 15, 2026 while we work to identify the problems and secure sources of funding for the necessary upgrades. 2nd by V. Ch. Fainer. There was discussion reiterating that the extension is necessary so that we have all facts regarding the engineered study so that we make the proper decisions for the town and towns people.
Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Mgr. Galpin presented the board with numbers that he and First Selectman Sileo have prepared to show the breakdown of the plant upgrade for the engineering, construction, and equipment. Mgr. Bert explained that this is preliminary annual breakdowns for the steps necessary to complete the upgrade.

Budget/Bills/User fee

On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept the bills as presented. 2nd by Comm Leduc. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by Comm Lascko to adjourn the meeting of Dec. 9, 2025 2nd by Comm Leduc.
Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:07pm.

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