

**THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787**  
**7:00 PM TUESDAY, February 17, 2026**

**Present:** Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Leduc, Lascko and Chandon, Todd Clark, First Selectman Rich Sileo, Plant Mgr. Galpin, Asst. Mgr. Careddu and Office Admin. Tammie Ireland

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to accept the minutes from January 20, 2026, as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

**CONSULTANT REPORT**

Tighe & Bonds proposal for the Water Pollution Control Plan and Sewer Service Plan map updates was received and discussed.

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

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

**B. Treatment Plant**

Process is running ok. The crew was in for snow removal. Aaron Associates was in for repair to the lab computer and Asst Mgr. Careddu's computer. The lab refrigerator stopped working, a new one was purchased at Lowes.

**Pump Stations**

Operators Craig and Brett were called in for multiple alarms due to power shutdown from the fire on Main Street.

**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 certified letters from Mr. Whalen requesting a refund due to burst pipes. We have sent a certified letter in response to Mr. Whalen request, asking him to attend one of our monthly meetings to discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS**

• **Unimetal**

Mgr. Galpin received an email from Scott Amendola reporting that the temporary press is on site and is handling all discharge as it should. The water quality for the DMR's is looking better than January. They are in the process of DEEPS renewal of their general permit; they are planning on renewing with the same perimeters as the last permit and they will be in touch when they are ready to send us the official notice for our sign off.

- **Capital Improvements:**  
Requests have been completed and turned into the capital committee; the meeting is next week.
- **FOG:**  
We continue to receive the reports back. Asst Mgr. Jim has 5 inspections left.
- **List of equipment/projects needed**  
Plant upgrade was approved at the town vote on Feb. 11, 2026.
- **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. We are waiting for the funding to take place now that the upgrade has been approved.

### **New Business**

Mgr. Galpin reported that he has received the third quote for a HVAC Company, he presented the three of them. There was a difference in the quotes and after discussion, it was recommended that the filters be changed 4 times so we will get the amended price and revisit the contracts & pricing next month to decide.

On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to add FOI ruling and response to New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller read an email received from Attorney Byrnes regarding the FOI ruling and response, for the minutes from January 21, 2025, Executive Session. It was discussed and decided on how to amend the minutes that were presented for the January 2025 meeting, so they properly comply with the FOIC.

On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to amend the minutes from the January 21, 2025, meeting to include further description of Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Leduc. Motion passes unanimously.

### **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 February 17, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 7:55pm.

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