

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787
7:00 PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
DRAFT

Present: Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Chandon, Leduc, Lascko, Scott Amendola of Unimetal, Atty. George Seabourne, Tim Bobroske of Reynolds Bridge Rd, Plant Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin. Tammie

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept the minutes from December 17, 2024, with corrections to page one paragraph 7 & 8 and page 2, last paragraph. 2nd by Comm Lasko. Commissioners Lasko and Chandon abstained. Motion passes.

On a motion put forth by V. Ch Fainer to move Tim Bobroske above Consultant Report, 2nd by Comm. Lascko. Motion passes.

Atty George Seabourne spoke on Mr. Bobroske's behalf, they are looking for a vote, yes or no to the application for 18 units on Reynolds Bridge Rd. Per Ch. Mueller, the application just needs to be tabled until the flow study is completed, we cannot approve the application due to the recommendation by the State of Connecticut DEEP, for our plant to hold off on adding any new flow to our plant until the flow study is completed. Atty Seabourne is concerned this decision can take years and they would like a yes or no instead of tabling. Atty Seabourne would like to know if the commission will be putting a moratorium into effect. He feels that the public should be put on notice if we will not be accepting any new applications until after the flow study is completed. Comm. Piscopo indicated that he will propose to add this to the agenda under new business and discuss the possibility of a moratorium. Mr. Bobroske feels that we are not allowing him to use this property and if the engineered map we have on file allowed for 18 units, why can he not move forward? Manager Galpin explained that the engineered map is from approximately 10 years ago, the plant, at this point, cannot handle the additional flow. On a motion put forth by Comm. Chandon to table the decision on the application until we have the flow study results in. 2nd Comm by Lascko. Motion passes.

On a motion put forth by Comm Leduc to move Unimetal above Consultant Report, 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes

Scott Amendola of Unimetal has continually been sending emails to Mgr. Galpin regarding exceedances. He also said the shutdown was a success, the clarifying tank was cleaned and zeroed out. They continue to slowly move forward with the ZLD by working with the combination consultant. The best guess for this to begin is July 2025. Mgr. Galpin asked if they would be looking to maintain some of their

discharge once this new process begins, Mr. Amendola said yes, they would be maintaining some of their discharge.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Invoice for the second half of the payment for Atty Rybak retainer was received.

Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:

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

B. Treatment Plant

Process is running well. THS students came for a field trip to the plant, Mgr. Galpin had a DEEP representative & Fire dept. here as part of the field trip. The crew continues to work on maintenance. Operators from Plymouth WPCA came for a plant tour. Operator Matt P is back to regular duty. The crew removed the final sludge tank transducer, and a new transducer was installed. Operator Brett was called in for blower #3 over temp alarm. Operators Brett and Craig replaced the cooling fan for blower #3. The Crew came in early for snow removal.

Pump Stations

Nothing new to report.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping for CMOM and R.O.W. There was a blockage on West Hillside Ave, we brought in American Rooter to vac the manhole. The manhole was added to trouble spots and will be replaced this spring. The crew stayed late to jet blockage at the siphon chamber. The crew stayed late to receive delivery of the new vac truck on Jan. 17th.

Correspondence:

Mgr. Galpin spoke to Tighe & Bond and Kovacs Construction about the other two pump stations, they will be waiting until the weather warms up to start them.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Unimetal

Discussed above.

B. Capital Improvements:

Nothing new to report.

C. FOG:

2024 reports have all been received except for 4

D. List of equipment/projects needed

Received delivery of Vac truck

E. Renewable Energy:

Nothing new to report.

F. Black Rock State Park:

Nothing new to report.

G. NPDES – Permit Renewal

Nothing new to report.

H. Accessory Apartments

Nothing new to report.

I. Sludge Building Repair & Upgrade Engineering

Nothing new to report.

J. Tim Bobroske-Reynolds Bridge Rd

Discussed above

K. 89 Pine Hill

Nothing new to report.

L. Jim Osowiecki- West Hillside Ave

Nothing new to report.

M. Main St – Apartments

Nothing new to report

N. 55 Stoughton St – 3 Family

Nothing new to report.

O. Ward Leonard/Arcadis – Discharge permit approval

On a motion put forth by Comm Leduc to table the approval until we get confirmation regarding the flow difference between the old and new permit. Motion withdrawn by Comm Leduc.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to renew the permit as presented providing the confirmed discharged is less than or equal to the last permitted flow. 2nd by Comm Leduc. Motion passes.

New Business

A. Officer Elections

No other nominations, current slate remains as is.

B. 91 Prospect St

Nothing to report

C. 46 Kennedy Dr

Nothing to report

On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to add Moratorium to the agenda, under new business. 2nd by comm Leduc. Motion passes. Taking into consideration that we have been putting a hold on all new flow applications, a moratorium was discussed. On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to hold a town meeting for a moratorium next month. 2nd by Comm Leduc. Mgr. Galpin said he can ask a representative from Tighe & Bond to come to our next meeting to discuss the length of the study. Ch. Mueller or Mgr. Galpin will discuss with Atty Byrne & Bryne to see if it's necessary to do a moratorium with a town meeting at this time. Motion withdrawn by Comm Piscopo and Comm Leduc.

Executive Session

Ch. Mueller called executive session to order at 8:47pm to discuss legal options after a claim that a town property owner made that he would pursue legal action against the WPCA. On a motion put forth by Comm Leduc to invite Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin Tammie to executive session because they were witnesses to the property owners comment and could independently verify it. 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes. On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to come out of executive session, 2nd by comm Chandon. Ch. Mueller adjourned executive session at 9:13pm.

Discussion/Vote if needed

Not needed.

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 January 21, 2025, 2nd by Comm Leduc. Motion passes.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie S. Ireland
WPCA Administrative Assistant