

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

Present: Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Lascko and Chandon, Tim Bobroske, Scott Amendola, Plant Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin. Tammie Ireland

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

On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to move Unimetal above approval of minutes, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Unimetal

Scott Amendola reported that the ZLD has made it to America and one piece of it is here in Thomaston. The building that had the fire, has been released, the fire investigation is over. They can now start with their repairs. The SIU permit renewal application that Unimetal has prepared was given to the Commission to review and sign off on, indicating that it was received and discussed. On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to acknowledge receipt of the permit application, 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by Comm. Piscopo to move the moratorium above approval of minutes, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

Moratorium

The current moratorium ends April 15, 2026. We will be having a special meeting on April 14, 2026, to possibly begin to allow new users (existing 250 units that are currently on the sewer service area). We will then put a new moratorium in place to allow time to put new equipment in place that will increase the capacity of the plant, increase the reliability of the plant and amend the sewer service plan to allow additional users beyond what is currently listed. On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to change our April meeting to April 14, 2026, as a special meeting and put on the agenda to end the existing moratorium on April 15, 2026, allowing the identified existing users of the 250 units on the current sewer service area to apply for connection for increased flow to the sewer plant. A new moratorium will be put in place for any new users or increased flow that are beyond the 250 that are currently identified in the sewer service plan, the amendment of the plan and addressing equipment short comings and bottle necks in the treatment plant. 2nd by Comm Lascko. Discussion by V. Ch. Fainer that this will be consistent with the plan that was submitted to the State of Connecticut and approved for the addition of flow until the point that we will be able to redesign or add equipment to allow for additional flow. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to accept the minutes from February 17, 2026, 2nd 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. On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to have Tighe & Bond move forward with the update to our sewer service plan map and the cost is not to exceed \$9,000. 2nd by Comm Chandon.

Tighe & Bonds Phase One engineering cost for the Water Pollution upgrades with the UV system, sludge thickening upgrade, structural repairs to the sludge thickening building were presented. On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to approve the engineering services for Phase One, UV System upgrade, solids and system upgrade not to exceed, \$165,000. 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:

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

B. Treatment Plant

Process is running ok. Operator Matt P was called in for SBR #2 for waste sludge valve alarm. Kovacs came in for the waste sludge valve and Stonkus came in to set stops for the valve. Crew came in twice for snow removal. PAC system was put online for the season. Operator Craig was called in for blower #1 failure.

Pump Stations

Operator Matt B was called in for power fails at Kennedy and Woodbridge pump stations. Operator Craig was called in for no flow alarm at Kennedy pump station, and he called Manager Bert in, and they bypassed the check valve switches, and the pumps are pumping fine.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping and jetting for CMOM. The crew has cleared the right of ways for the season. The crew jetted Pine Hill Rd for routine maintenance. Operators Matt B and Matt P worked with Joes Sanitation to repair a sewer line at 26 Litchfield St that was damage by a town snowplow. The crew went out to investigate a sewer odor in the web area of Town; the odor is coming from the organics of Crystal Lake drain. Operators Matt P and Matt B repaired a manhole on 109 that was hit by a State snowplow.

Correspondence:

Attorney Byrnes prepared a letter for Mr. Whelan regarding his demand for refund and abatement; it was sent to Mr. Whalen. Attorney Byrnes responded regarding the summons we received for an upcoming Foreclosure with an outstanding amount balance due, he will keep us posted.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Unimetal**
Discussed above
- **Capital Improvements:**
Nothing new to report.
- **FOG:**
We continue to receive the reports back. Asst Mgr. Jim has 2 inspections left.
- **List of equipment/projects needed**

Plant upgrade was approved at the town vote on Feb. 11, 2026. Mgr. Bert is starting to work on the funding for the I&I Inspection and repair work.

- **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**
Discussed above.

New Business

In response to an FOI complaint, the January 21, 2025, minutes have been amended. On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept the amended minutes from January 21, 2025, as presented as draft and posted to the town website. 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

Arcadis new billing rate for their ground water remediation water, was discussed. On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to increase the per thousand rate by 18.25% bringing them to \$9.91 per thousand. 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to amend the agenda to include under old business, HVAC service contract. 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Mgr. Galpin has received the amended quote to include filter change 4 times a year. The three quotes with the comparable service were discussed and the decision was made. On a motion put forth by V. Ch. Fainer to accept the quote from K&M Plumbing for a one-year HVAC service contract, not to exceed \$6700. 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Comm Laskco abstained.

Budget/Bills/User fee

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

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to adjourn the meeting of March 17, 2026, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:11pm.

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

