

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787
7:00 PM TUESDAY, May 19, 2026

Present: Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Lascko, Leduc and Chandon, Tim Bobroske, Scott Amendola & Pat Hayden of Unimetal, Selectman Rich Sileo, 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 amend the agenda and move Unimetal above approval of minutes, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Unimetal

Scott Amendola reported that they had received a letter of NOI (Notice of Insufficiency) from DEEP and wanted to thank WPCA for their help with communications to meet their deadline. Scott also presented WPCA with a thumb drive which has two folders, one with the original SIU permit and the second with all the corrections made to it. Scott also informed WPCA that he is beginning works on his permit renewal with the WPCA, he will look into the renewal date and continue to follow up with us prior to renewal date. Pat Hayden reported that the ZLD has made it to Unimetal, however, it isn't coming together as easily as they expected. They are hoping for completion in July 2026.

On a motion put forth by CH. Mueller to amend the agenda and move Tim Bobroske above approval of minutes. 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

Tim Bobroske withdrew his Dec. 17, 2024 application for Reynolds Bridge Rd on 05/13/26. Tim reported that he is asking P&Z to change the zoning to an R15 zone, which would allow him to build multifamily units with 6 units per acre lot. Tim is looking to mirror Town of Thomaston affordable housing plan. Tim indicated that he doesn't want to but, he will submit an 830G plan if he needs to. He plans to bring his team and an application to our next meeting in June. Tim is planning on attending the public hearing on June 3, 2026 with Planning and Zoning and will move forward after that. Ch. Mueller reminded Tim that there is a moratorium in affect and we cannot go over the number of units that is on the sewer use plan for what is listed for that piece of property. V. Ch Fainer asked Tim approximately how many units he is aiming for, Tim indicated that zoning allows 6 units per acre, that would be 120 units' total. He is just looking to get started and his sweet spot would be 40 units in a year and then take it from there. Tim asked Mgr. Bert for a blank copy of a permit, he was given a copy.

On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to accept the minutes from Special Meeting on April 13, 2026, 2nd by Comm Leduc. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Tighe & Bond will have the numbers together for the UV and sludge thickening next month so it can be brought before the board of Selectman as well.

Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:

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

B. Treatment Plant

Process is running ok. Operator Matt B and Brett put in the UV racks and started the UV system for the season. Operators Matt P and Matt B removed the lower shaft for the primary tank #2, the shaft and bearings need to be replaced. Operators Brett and Matt P turned the bushing on for the grit classifier. Sludge/Tanker operator is now starting at 4am to load the sludge tankers until further notice. Manager Bert and Operator Matt P represented the WPCF at the high school career fair. On call operator Matt B was called in for a power failure at the plant. Manager Bert and Asst. Mgr. Jim held interviews at the high school for the next student intern.

Pump Stations

Operators Matt B and Brett ran generators under load.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping and jetting for CMOM. The crew has finished all right of ways for the season. Manager Bert and Operator Matt P did a grease trap inspection for Our Place on Main. Operators Matt B and Craig took the vac truck to Sanitary Equipment for repairs; there is an issue with the hydraulic/electric valves.

Correspondence:

Received a letter from Mr. Whalen on 4/20/26 in response to Attorney Byrnes letter. We have referred the newest letter to Attorney Byrnes and he will respond to Mr. Whalen. We continue to follow the same practice with any requests for refunds, if hooked up to the sewer lines, a user fee is due. The option available at his expense would be to open the road up to cut and cap his line to avoid any further bills.

Received a noncompliance letter from the EPA, Bio solids annual report was filed late because Mgr. Bert did not get the information from Synagro on time so the report was filed 7 days late. Mgr. Bert has calendar alerts set up going forward so that he can make sure Synagro has relayed all pertinent information on time and our annual report is filed on time.

Received DEEP Nitrogen credit draft letter.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Unimetal**
Discussed above
- **Capital Improvements:**
Nothing new to report.
- **FOG:**
Asst Mgr. Jim has completed inspections.
- **List of equipment/projects needed**
Shaft and bearing assembly for the primary tanks. Quotes have been received for steel shaft w/fiberglass housing or steel shaft w/cast iron housing. The difference in the housing is that the

fiberglass housing could be taken apart, the cast iron housing, the crew needed to cut the shaft out. On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to go ahead and order the replacement parts with the fiberglass housing, not to exceed \$13,500. 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

NPDES – Permit Renewal

Nothing new to report

- **Tim Bobroske-Reynolds Bridge Rd**

Discussed above

- **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**

Nothing new to report

Plant Upgrade

Tighe and Bond at next month's meeting.

Organizational realignment

Selectman Rich Sileo reported that he did research with Craig at DEEP and discussed the proposed changes and was informed that it would be possible. Selectman Sileo is looking for the WPCA vote prior to moving on to the Board of Selectman. Selectman Sileo has the job descriptions for the position changes, he will be giving them another review prior to posting them.

On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to approve the organizational realignment as presented, 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Discussion continued with more clarification. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Mgr. Galpin discussed the students that were interviewed for the student intern. After interviewing he recommended the best fit out of the three interviewed.

On a motion put forth by Comm Leduc to hire the recommended student for our new student intern. 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

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 May 19, 2026, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:19pm.

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

