

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787
7:00 PM TUESDAY, June 16, 2026

Present: Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Leduc and Chandon, Scott Amendola & Pat Hayden of Unimetal, Selectman Rich Sileo, David Gilmore, John Augelli Sr., Albi Cekici, Andre Bernard, Boris Rubi, Vance Taylor, Plant Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin. Tammie Ireland

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

On a motion put forth to accept the minutes from March 17, 2026 with correction, 1st by Comm Piscopo, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth to accept the minutes from May 19, 2026 as presented, 1st by Comm Piscopo, 2nd by Comm Leduc. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth to amend the agenda and move Mr. Gilmore of 1255 Old Northfield Rd above consultant, 1st Comm Leduc, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Gilmore inquired about an accessory apartment. The location is not in the preapproved 250 units on the sewer usage map. On a motion put forth to deny the request for sewer service hookup due to it not being in the currently approved caveat area with the current moratorium in affect. The current moratorium allows only the 250 additional units that have already had a caveat to the sewer plant, this request is out of the bounds of the current allocation. 1st by V. Ch. Fainer, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth to amend the agenda and move Mr. Augelli of 5 Pegs Way above consultant, 1st Comm Leduc, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Augelli inquired about an accessory apartment. The location is not in the preapproved 250 units on the sewer usage map. On a motion put forth to deny the request for sewer service hookup due to it not being in the currently approved caveat area with the current moratorium in affect. The current moratorium allows only the 250 additional units that have already had a caveat to the sewer plant, this request is out of the bounds of the current allocation. 1st by V. Ch. Fainer, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth to amend the agenda and move Mr. Cekici of 55 Stoughton St above consultant, 1st Comm Leduc, 2nd Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Cekici is looking to connect a three-family residence to the sewer, he has had an application submitted, just waiting on the moratorium. The location is not in the preapproved 250 units on the sewer service map and there is not a caveat. The current moratorium allows only the 250 additional units that have already had a caveat to the sewer plant, this request is out of the bounds of the current allocation. Mr. Cekici would like to connect to a septic if he cannot hook up to the sewer line. It was explained to Mr. Cekici again that it is

not possible for him to do that because of regulations, it is not allowed if he is in the sewer use area. Mr. Cekici wishes to table his application for now.

On a motion put forth to move Eagle Energy Group above consultant, 1st Comm Piscopo, 2nd Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously. Mr. Taylor explained that they have been looking for a Connecticut location where they would like to open up a facility that would process used cooking oils from restaurants and extracting out of them any renewable fuel source that would be used for many things including Jet fuel, feed for animals, plastic products, etc. By reclaiming it and reusing it, the end result is waste water. They are interested in a building here in town they would like for their facility, however, with the moratorium they wanted to discuss the entire process with the commission to see if they should move forward. There are possibilities that could offer further opportunities.

On a motion put forth to amend the agenda and move Unimetal above consultant, 1st by Comm Leduc, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

Unimetal

Scott Amendola reported that they have now received a letter of noncompliance from DEEP, they are submitting a new discharge report. Permit exceedances are improving per usual. They did have an abnormal increase to COD and TSS, they are researching. Scott also confirmed they are still working on the permit renewals. Pat Hayden reported that the ZLD is being put together and they believe it should be up and running in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Tighe & Bond are currently working on and finishing up with the updated sewer usage map, they have a couple of questions that our attorney needs to respond to. It is time to pick the UV system and sludge thickening unit. Mgr. Galpin presented the quotes we have received and the differences. The total cost including construction for this part of the project is \$1.6 million. If we get this ordered now, we could get material delivered by the end of winter, which we would be operational before our disinfection season. On a motion put forth to follow Tighe & Bonds recommendation and go with Glasco UV system, 1st Comm Chandon, 2nd Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously. On a motion put forth to go with the BDP sludge thickening unit that fits in the building, 1st Comm Chandon, 2nd 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 well. Truck 59 had to have a tailgate issue fixed and the new tail light for truck 31 was purchased. Osowiecki Construction was here for the ceiling repairs in the break room. The crew installed the new mailbox; we are no longer using our PO Box. Mgr. Galpin and Asst Mgr. Careddu picked up the vac truck from Sanitary Equip. Allstate scale was in to calibrate the lab scale. Aaron Assoc was called in for an issue with the RTU in the control room. Tighe & Bond was at the plant to look over a few things for the upgrade. We received a PAC delivery.

Pump Stations

Northeast Generator was at all the stations for our yearly service. On call operator Matt P was called in for power failure alarms at Kennedy and Woodbridge pump stations.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping and jetting for CMOM. The crew jetted Pine Hill Rd for routine maintenance. Operator Matt P and Manger Bert checked the line on Grand and Center St looking for blockage at 61 Grand St. The blockage is in the customers lateral

Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Unimetal**
Discussed above
- **Capital Improvements:**
Nothing new to report.
- **FOG:**
Tammie is preparing to send letters out in July.
- **List of equipment/projects needed**
The primary tank flight parts were ordered. The IDEXX E coli text system was ordered.
- **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**
Discussed above
- **Moratorium**
Nothing new to report
- **Plant Upgrade**
Discussed above.
- **Organizational realignment**
Public meeting on Thursday June 18th at 6pm.

New Business

- A. Eagle Energy Group was discussed above.
- B. Mr. Gilmore was discussed above.
- C. 65 High St, had a camper hooked up to the sewer, our Land use Officer, Tony handled it.
- D. Mr. Augelli was discussed above.
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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.

A. Mgr. Galpin asked the Commission if we could combine our line-item breakdown for our lab tests that are done weekly and monthly, the commission is fine with that.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to adjourn the meeting of June 16, 2026, 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:52pm.

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