

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787

7:00 PM TUESDAY, Sept 15, 2026

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

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

On a motion put forth to move Tim Brobroske above approval of minutes, 1st by Comm Piscopo, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Tim would like to discuss 269-271 Reynolds Bridge Rd again. They are looking to build 6 units per acre, a total of 120 units. If he could get approved for 40 units, that would be enough to get started on his project and he could wait a couple of years for the rest of them once the plant upgrade was complete. Janelle (Tim's representative) is going to speak for him to discuss the 18 units that he has caveat for and to find out if there is any leniency with the number of units. Janelle questioned the plaques in the foyer indicating upgrades since the 1987 caveats were put into place. Ch. Mueller explained that the upgrade was for us to meet tighter standards on what could be discharged, it wasn't to increase the hydraulic capacity for us to take on more flow. Ch. Mueller explained that we are trying to find ways to reduce our I & I and that would help us with the amount of flow we could accept, we are currently working with a consultant right now to try to see if that is possible. Moving forward, 18 Units is where we stand until the study is complete.

One a motion put forth to move Unimetal above approval of minutes, 1st by Comm Piscopo, 2nd by Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously.

UNIMETAL

State of Ct report has been answered, sink water discharge is the only issue left to finalize. They are working on that resolution with the State. Water quality continues to be the same and doing well. Pat reported that the ZLD is coming along nicely, phase one is underway, it is not all worked out, but its underway.

On a motion put forth to accept the minutes as corrected from Aug 18, 2026, 1st by Comm Leduc, 2nd by Comm Piscopo. Abstained Comm Lascko. Motion passes.

CONSULTANT REPORT

Tighe & Bond is working on finishing up the designs for the UV and Sludge thickener. They have had the work on hold for the updated sewer usage map until the designs are done so they can get the UV and thickener ordered.

Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:

A. Treatment Plant

Process is running well. The sludge truck didn't show on scheduled day, it came the following day. The sewer pump by the admin building failed, it was off line for a day. It was replaced by the crew and wired by Traver Electric. Truck 57 had to be towed to Village Service station for a new starter. We received PAC Delivery. The SBR mixer maintenance is done.

Pump Stations

Nothing new to report.

Collection System

The crew continues working on mapping and jetting for CMOM. Brennan Construction hit a sewer main and sewer line on Elm Street. The on-call operator was called in for blockage at 56 Elm St; the lateral was hit and broke when the water main was installed. Mgr. Bert, on call operator and Joes Sanitation fixed it. The vac truck was sent to Sanitary Equipment for service.

Correspondence:

The Letter from the attorney regarding the sewer service area map is tabled until next month's meeting. The complaint regarding a foreclosure in which we had liens placed on the property has been withdrawn, the liens still hold and the sewer use fees and lien fees are still owed WPCA.

OLD BUSINESS

Unimetal

Reported above

Capital Improvements:

Nothing new to report.

FOG:

Inspections are underway and reports have been coming in.

List of equipment/projects needed

Tighe & Bond are working on the plans for the new sewer line installation on Goodwin Court while CT Water Company has the road open for the Water main replacement.

NPDES – Permit Renewal

Nothing new to report

Moratorium

Nothing new to report

Plant Upgrade

UV & Sludge thickener equipment have been ordered. Tighe & Bond are working through the issues found in the sludge building.

Organizational realignment

It is complete, Mgr. Galpin is the new Public Service Superintendent and Tammie is the new Public Service administrative assistant.

Eagle Energy Group

Nothing new to report.

New Business

A. Tim Bobroske – reported above

B. 56 Elm Street – Looking for reimbursement for the bill they paid for sewer line snaking, etc. before they realized the lateral was crushed and broken. The lateral was broken during road work because the CBYD road marks were not accurate to the actual pipes. On a motion put forth for reimbursement to homeowner, 1st Comm Piscopo, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

C. POCD Plan – print out received for what WPCA responsibilities are for the town. Mgr. Galpin indicated that we are currently working on the upgrades, studies and service map as indicated in the printout.

On a motion put forth by Ch. Mueller to add an item under new business, “Solar”. 1st by V. Ch Fainer, 2nd Comm Piscopo.

John Obrien with Eco Solar contacted Ch. Mueller regarding solar for our treatment plant. John explained that he has contacted the owner of the property next door to our treatment plant and he is interested in this possibility of putting solar panels there. Ch. Mueller explained that John will be putting a proposal together for us to review and Ch. Mueller will share it with the commission when he receives it.

Budget/Bills/User fee

2026 User fee was discussed with a possibility of 0% increase and will be decided next month. 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 Sept 15, 2026, 2nd by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie S. Ireland
Public Services Admin Asst.

