

**THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**WPCA PLANT 258 OLD WATERBURY RD THOMASTON CT 06787**  
**7:00 PM TUESDAY, Oct. 20, 2026**

**Present:** Ch. Mueller, V. Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Lascko, Chandon and Shypinka, Tim Bobroske, Selectman Sileo, Plant Mgr. Galpin and Office Admin. Tammie Ireland

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

On a motion put forth by Comm Piscopo to accept the minutes from Sept. 15, 2026 with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

On a motion put forth to move Tim Brobroske above Consultants Reports, 1<sup>st</sup> by Comm Chandon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Tim presented the commission with binders of all information pertaining to the last three years of his ongoing attempt to get approved for more than 18 units that were originally allotted for on the sewer use map. Tim also presented Ch. Mueller with a formal letter he said he could pass around. Tim explained that he needs 42 units to get started on his project and he doesn't mind waiting a couple of years for the other units approval. His attorney and consultant were unable to make this meeting; however, they plan to be at next months. They have a positive affordable housing plan they want to put in on Reynolds Bridge Rd and do not want to go the legal route; they want to work with us. Tim suggested that the commission takes the time to review the binders and he will come back next month, Ch. Mueller agreed. Tim also added that he would be willing to pay for Reynolds Bridge Rd flow study regarding the amount of flow that comes in from that area. Mgr. Galpin said he would get back to him regarding that.

**CONSULTANT REPORT**

Tighe & Bond provided us with the bid ad that needs to be run in the newspaper, Tammie will have it run. The Bid specs were received and reviewed along with the proposal for Tighe & Bond to oversee and manage the construction oversight and bid selection for the sludge thickening and UV upgrade. The proposal was signed by Selectman Sileo and Ch. Mueller. On a motion put forth to accept the bid for construction oversight as presented, not to exceed \$162,000. 1<sup>st</sup> Ch Lascko, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chandon. Ch. Piscopo & Ch. Mueller discussed that our goal with this project is to increase capacity of the UV System, increase reliability of sludge handling, eliminate some noncompliance & reports necessary if we exceed the capacity of the UV system. Motion passes unanimously.

Also presented was the bid for Tighe & Bond to oversee the sewer line construction on Goodwin Court. On a motion put forth to approve Tighe & Bond for the professional oversight for the sewer line construction on Goodwin Court, not to exceed \$5900. 1<sup>st</sup> Comm Chandon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

**Status Report by Plant Manager Bert Galpin:**

**A. Treatment Plant**

Process is running well. The UV system is offline for the season. On Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, an operator from Maine was here for the operator exchange to tour the plant. On Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, Northeast Generator was here for generator service, we need a block heater. On Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, the crew pulled the UV racks out and cleaned them for the season. On Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, American Sound & Security was here to repair the problem with the fire alarm system. On Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, the crew cleaned and vacuumed out the UV channel.

**Pump Stations**

On Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, Northeast Generator went to all pump stations for generator service. Woodbridge needs a battery.

**Collection System**

The crew continues working on mapping and jetting for CMOM

**Correspondence:**

A letter was received from Timothy Whalen, in regards to his “intent to Lien” notice and his appearance at our February 2024 meeting. On a motion put forth to refer the letter to Attorney Byrnes and have him respond, 1<sup>st</sup> V. Ch. Fainer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously

DEEP sent a non-compliance letter for insufficient SWPP, due to out of format. (the format has been changed since the last permit we completed). Mgr. Galpin will complete in the new format and he will work on getting a price from Tighe & Bond or Wesson & Samson to do final review.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Nothing new to report.

**Capital Improvements:**

The control room at the headworks building and the sludge thickening building is in need of ductless split units to keep the room temperature controlled to protect our equipment. K & M has provided a quote of \$12,600. On a motion put forth to accept and approve the quote for the two ductless units, not to exceed \$12,600. 1<sup>st</sup> V. Ch. Fainer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Piscopo. Motion passes unanimously.

**FOG:**

Inspections are underway and reports have been coming in. The second letter was sent to remind the outstanding business owners to return their FOG reports.

**List of equipment/projects needed**

Nothing new to report

**NPDES – Permit Renewal**

Nothing new to report

**Moratorium**

Nothing new to report

**Plant Upgrade**

Discussed above

**Organizational realignment**

Completed

**Eagle Energy Group**

Nothing new to report.

**Eco Solar**

Nothing new to report

**Tim Bobroske- Reynolds Bridge Rd**

Discussed above

**Executive Session**

On a motion put forth to amend the agenda and move old business, executive session and new business, the two executive sessions, after budget/bills/user fee. 1<sup>st</sup> V Ch. Fainer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

**New Business**

A. Executive Session -- Moved below

B. Executive Session – Moved below

**Budget/Bills/User fee**

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

On a motion put forth to accept the proposed User Fee at \$10.91 per thousand, \$545.50 per unit for the 2026/2027 period, being a zero percent rate increase. 1<sup>st</sup> Comm Piscopo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

**Executive Session**

On a motion put forth to go into Executive Session under Old Business to discuss the pending litigation, Griswold v Thomaston WPCA et al (2026-0103) with only the members of the Commission in attendance. 1<sup>st</sup>.Comm Piscopo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously. Ch. Mueller called to order at 7:52pm.

On a motion put forth to come out of Executive Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Comm Piscopo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously. Ch. Mueller called time adjourned at 8:05pm.

No Action Needed.

On a motion put forth to go into Executive Session under New Business to discuss the pending litigation, Griswold v Thomaston WPCA et al (2026-0451) with only the members of the Commission in attendance. 1<sup>st</sup> V Ch. Fainer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Lascko. Ch. Mueller called to order at 8:06pm.

On a motion put forth to come out of Executive Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Comm Piscopo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Chandon. Motion passes unanimously. Ch. Mueller called time adjourned at 8:14pm.

No Action Needed.

On a motion put forth to go into Executive Session under New Business to discuss the Legal Opinion for the Sewer Service Plan & Map with only the members of the Commission in attendance. 1<sup>st</sup> Comm Chandon, 2<sup>nd</sup> V Ch. Fainer. Motion passes unanimously. Ch. Mueller called to order at 8:15pm

On a motion put forth to come out of Executive Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Comm Piscopo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Shypinka. Motion passes unanimously. Ch. Mueller called time adjourned at 8:23pm.

No Action Needed.

On a motion put forth by Comm Chandon to adjourn the meeting of Oct. 20, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Lascko. Motion passes unanimously.

Ch. Mueller called the time adjourned 8:27.

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