

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comm. Piscopo, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, Patricia Bidmead, WPCA Secretary, Mike Madow and Debbie Gibson.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

On a motion by Piscop, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing on October 20, 2009 as amended. Amendment as follows:
Sewer Use Rules & Regulations Article 5-3 change the wording from **adopted** to **incorporated by reference** as well as **Issuance Date** to **Issued on**.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted the accept the minutes of October 20, 2009 as amended. Amendments as follows:
Capital Improvements: Change the word **incorporated** to **incorporate**.
Phosphorus Update: correct spelling of the word **effluent**.
Budget: On motions 4 and 5 include the wording "based on 50,000 gallons per year per unit as determined by the Commissioner's 2009 study of the WPCA water usage rate."

Ch. Mueller motioned to reopen the minutes of the regular meeting of October, 20, 2009, seconded by Fainer. Ch. Mueller's concern was whether or not the new rates should be put into these minutes. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, to accept the minutes as already amended.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: The process is running good and the #2 primary clarifier is back on line.

PUMP STATIONS: No problems this month. McVac has cleaned the grease and grit from the pump stations.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: Rooter Express was hired to repair a broken lateral at 156 Litchfield St. and called Rich to inquire about the Town's requirements. Rich also advised the contractor that this house is connected to an old private line that also services three other homes with the exact location unknown. The contractor did not try to clear the line first due to the fact that the ground was wet with sewage leading them to feel that the line was broken and not clogged. While digging where the contractor thought the line to be they dug up and smashed the sewer line servicing the four homes. Rich advised them that since they damaged the line it was their responsibility to repair it and jet the line from that location approximately 100' to the Town sewer line manhole assuring that debris doesn't clog the Town line. Rooter Express again contacted Rich inquiring as to who was going to pay for these repairs. Rich advised them that the home owners usually share the cost. After the repairs were made and everything was flowing again the brother of the home owner at 156 Litchfield St. advised Rich that he would cleanup and disinfect the sewage and debris in their basement. The homeowner at this location received a bill for \$800. Rich suggested she talk with the other 3 homeowners about all of them sharing

the cost. The homeowner, Debbie Gibson, attended this meeting for clarification on what exactly happened that day as she was out of Town when this happened.

CT Water is extending their water service on West Hillside and Hillside Ave. The sewers in this area are very old with very limited locations. After researching deeds for these properties it appears that some are on private lines without sewer easements while others appear to be main lines that the Town has taken over from various sewer companies going back to the early 1900's.

Bruno Depecol of 131 High St. had his repairs done and it was found not to be caused by the Town's culvert.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following paperwork was passed around to the Board.

1. An email from DEP with regards to the new telephone service changes and the automatic dialing equipment.
2. An email from Sue Smith stating that Ed Mone has requested the cost impact of the Union and Supervisory contracts for next year's budget.
3. Received September's payment from CPOWER in the amount of \$486.98. By the end of January we should have a response on our resettlement claim based on their kilowatt recorder failure during the last event.
4. A letter from DEP with regards to the wastewater infrastructure improvements FY 2010 and FY 2011 clean water fund priority list.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: The low levels of nickel continue.

Hickory Hill PS: No new information.

Kennedy Drive PS: No issues this month.

Conservation & Development: Planning & Zoning requested that our sewer service subcommittee meet next week to resume working on the sewer plan.

Capital Improvements: Rich will start working on this paperwork this week.

User Fee Review: No new information.

FOG Program: Rich met with the new owners of Country Grocer and gave them the WPCA FOG information along with the DEP FOG Permit, the WPCA application and the automatic grease recovery unit distributors.

List of Equipment needed for Sewage System: No new info at this time.

State DOT Claim: The State has agreed to settle our claim in the amount of \$23,419.87 pending WPCA approval of the Settlement Agreement and Release and a Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulations.

On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted that the Town of Thomaston Water Pollution Control Authority hereby authorizes Thomas J. Mueller, Chairman, to do all things necessary to resolve Claim #21640 filed with the Office of the Claims Commissioner, including but not limited to entering into a Settlement Agreement and Release with the State of Connecticut and entering into a Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation with the State of Connecticut. Ch. Mueller is authorized to enter into the Agreement but not required to enter into the Agreement.

US Automation: Nothing new at this time.

State DOT paving Job: The WPCA received the State's reimbursement of \$2,925 for the manhole adjustments on South Main St. This was deposited into the Sewer Assessment Account.

Phosphorus Update: No new information.

NEW BUSINESS: On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the monthly meeting dates for the 2010 year.

At the January 20, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting they voted to approve the carry over of vacation time of no more than 2 weeks as of the employee's anniversary date. After a brief discussion the WPCA Board decided not to follow this policy for their employees.

On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to approve John Fox's request to carryover 3 vacation days until his next anniversary date.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to approve Rich Tingle's request to carryover 4 vacation days until his next anniversary date.

Budget: No major concerns at this time. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the bills presented.

Adjournment: On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to adjourn at 9:06PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD, SECRETARY
THOMASTON WPCA