

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Present: Ch. Muller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Madow and Ciarlo, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, WPCA Secretary Patricia Bidmead, business owner Mir Sabbir Ahmed, George Lacapra Jr. and Jim Murphy, from QRD, and Fred Mueller and Paul Malmrose from Tighe & Bond.

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

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to accept the minutes of 02/02/2011 to include the following amendments:

Main Plant: correct the words **settle ability** as one word **settleability**.

Pump Stations: 2nd paragraph correct **Huntington Powers** with **Huntington Power**.

Correspondence: 1st sentence correct **Jnauary** with **January** and 5th sentence correct the word **tow** with **two**.

MIR Properties: At this time the owner of the gas station at 179 Watertown Rd. presented paper work to the Board so that he can reopen the car wash at this location. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, to approve 3200 gallons per day for the car wash. Motion carries. On a motion by Madow, seconded by Fainer, it was voted that the applicant submit copies of all yearly separator cleaning to the WPCA. Motion carries. Both the Part A and Part B applications were approved by the WPCA and signed by Ch. Mueller.

Tighe & Bond: Both Paul Malmrose and Fred Mueller showed a presentation regarding phosphorus limits that the EPA is now proposing for Water Pollution Control Facilities in Connecticut. They answered questions asked by the Board. On Wednesday, 02/16, both Rich Tingle and Ch. Mueller, will be attending a seminar concerning these phosphorus limits and how it will effect the Thomaston WPCA.

QRD: A short discussion ensued regarding a seminar that both George Lacapra and Jim Murphy attended whereas the DEP is now looking into consolidating permits. No one from the WPCA was aware of this and will be looking into it before the next meeting at which time it can be discussed further. Jim advised the Board that the sampling that was requested by the WPCA was done and he should have the results in time for the next meeting.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: We are still experiencing some problems with sludge settleability. It is not getting any worse and we have not added any more chlorine.

There is an air leak in a line that feeds the SBR's. Rich will order minor parts until it is dug up to find the source of the problem.

The new screens for the sludge dewatering equipment need to be ordered at an approximate price of \$1,450.

The new snow blower is in and does a great job.

PUMP STATIONS: There are still problems with the generator at the Hickory Hill pump station. Huntington Power and Naugatuck Valley responded and after various attempts to correct the problem it was decided to replace the main process controller because it appears that the generator runs the pumps after the controller has been shut off/reset.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: On 02/12/11 there was a partial blockage on Randolph Ave. Our jet trailer would not start therefore American Rooter cleared the blockage.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: Covered earlier.

Hickory Hill PS. Covered under pump stations.

Kennedy Drive PS. No new information.

Conservation & Development: Still waiting for the modified maps.

Capital Improvements: The Board quickly reviewed the requests again. The one relating to the phosphorus will be reviewed after additional information is gained by the seminar that Rich & Ch. Mueller will be attending on 02/16/2011.

User fee review: No new information.

FOG Program: Rich sent out another letter to those food establishments that he has not heard from.

List of equipment needed: Rich does not plan on purchasing any new equipment at this time unless it is an emergency repair or safety issue.

US Automation: No new information.

Phosphorus: Ch. Mueller and Rich will be attending a seminar on 02/16/2011.

On call engineering: A meeting is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 16th at 4:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

Budget: No issues with the present budget. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the bills presented. Motion carries.

Rich passed around the 11-12 budget draft which was also reviewed last month. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Fainer, seconded by Madow, to accept the 11-12 budget of \$1,156,505. Motion carries.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ciarlo, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 10:04PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD
WPCA SECRETARY