

**THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATED
AT 258 OLD WATERBURY ROAD AT 7:00PM**

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice Ch. Fainer, Comms. V. Leduc, M. Lascko, Plant Manager Rich Tingle, Jen O'Neill WPCA Substitute Clerk, Atty. Mike Rybak, Lori Carriero from Tighe & Bond and Chris Wester from Weston & Sampson.

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

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko it was voted to accept the minutes of August 16, 2016. Motion passes.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Joe Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko it was voted to amend the agenda to move up Old Business #8 Water Pollution Control Plan Discussion with Atty. Mike Rybak, Weston & Sampson/Tighe & Bond. Motion passes.

A discussion ensued with Atty. Mike Rybak to what needs to be done to put this Water Pollution Control Plan in place. Atty. Rybak suggested Adopting 7246B into the rules and regulations of WPCA. The following need to be looked at: 1. Permits already accepted, 2. Permits already paid for, 3. Areas that have the need for sewer. Atty. Rybak also stated that properties with caveats have connection rights and the WPCA should take action on a plan sooner than later.

Ch. Mueller asked if the WPCA should put a moratorium for 6 months on new connections other than for health reasons. If needed, moratorium can be extended for 6 months to develop a plan, look at other municipalities and also discuss with Land Use. DEEP has a guidance document to look at and recommendations were made regarding the Water Pollution Control Plan.

Tighe & Bond/Weston & Sampson will both submit proposals to prepare a Water Pollution Control Plan.

Ch. Mueller would like the moratorium to be written up to review at the October 18th, 2016 WPCA meeting and then complete in Water Pollution Control Plan in 6 months.

Consultant Report:

Tighe & Bond, Lori Carriero discussed Rehab project and it is in the final stages. There will be a sitewalk tomorrow and Lori passed out a status report. She was happy to report that the project appears to be under budget of \$111,000.

Weston & Sampson, Chris Wester discussed the design of a conventional brick building and a metal engineer building. Chris passed out photos for everyone to look at. Chris discussed cost and timeframe. The building would last 50 years or more. The construction of the building and phosphorus upgrade would take place in the summer of 2017. WPCA agreed with the design of a metal building.

Status Report by Plant Manager Rich Tingle:

TREATMENT PLANT:

Plant is running well and sludge settling in SBR's is very good. Nitrate levels are back in normal range. OSHA inspection 9:00 are today. The inspection went very well.

Grodsky Service's started winter service on Monday, September 19, 2016

No new information on Primary Effluent Pump or Blowers.

PUMP STATIONS: Huntington Power was out to service generators and we had them flush and drain cooling system. This had not been done in many years.

While at Woodbridge Lane P/S they also had problems running both pumps under load as we did even though we changed motor starters. Both Naugatuck Valley Electric and Huntington power think it is a control issue and Sal SantaMaria is going to take a look this week.

COLLECTION SYSTEM:

Partial Blockage river siphon September 9th Crew cleared.

Cumberland Farms on Watertown Rd is connected thru an existing lateral that was relined at their expense.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received letter from Tom Ciarlo that he will be resigning as a WPCA commissioner as of September 13, 2016. The commission would like Ed Mone to send him a thank you letter for his service to the town.

Copy of letter sent to owner of 393 D Welton Way regarding an in-law apartment and benefit connection fee.

Received letter from DEEP regarding sale of equivalent Nitrogen Credits. We received a check for \$32,837 on August 17th.

Copy of order agreement for Diffuser Membrane Kits.

Copy of CIRMA Facility Inspection Report.

Email attachment from Chairman Mueller regarding General Permit of storm water from small MS4s.

Copy of Thomaston, WPCF Chronic Toxicity Report, July 2016.

We received email from UniMetal re: July, 2016 Daily Monitoring Reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

UniMetal – nothing new

Capital improvements: Capital requests have been submitted but have not met with capital improvement committee.

Fog: nothing new

List of Equipment/Projects Needed

- *New DO probe for lab \$500 to \$600 getting price

- *Water Pollution Control Plan

- *Repair Roof at Electric & Kennedy Drive \$1400

- *Brick replacement & sealing \$3600
- *Gas meters protected with Ballards (Admin Building) getting price
- *Replace concrete steps going to inlet building \$1800
- *New Rugs in Admin building

We are working on putting a list together for needed equipment by priority.

Phosphorus: Talked earlier re: type of building

I/I Study: Covered earlier

Office Policy: Plant Manager Rich Tingle would like to get this to the Town attorney for review and have public hearing possibly at the October Meeting so Terri will have time to notify owners that sent letters in last year that we will not be giving credits for absences. Everything would then be in place for December billing. The office policy was discussed at the September meeting and the Commission would like to bring it to a public hearing at the October 18th, 2016 meeting at 7:30pm after the executive session at 6:30pm.

Water Pollution Control Plan: Discussion with WPCA and Town Attorney/Weston & Sampson/Tighe& Bond

New Business: In-law apartments

There are 26 apartments that the WPCA discovered. Letters will need to go out to the homeowners that they will be required to pay the 2016 user fee charge and maybe required to pay a benefit connection fee as well. WPCA will have Atty. Rybak check the letter before sending out.

Budget/User Fee: The new 2016-2017 budget is in place and the old budget 2015-2016 has been finalized.

Based on Budget Revenue & Expenditures for 2015/2016 and revenue in the sinking fund it is Rich's recommendation that we not raise the user fee for 2016. Plant Manager Rich Tingle mentioned that the current budget looks good.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer and seconded by Comm. Leduc to keep the current Sewer rate at \$351.50/unit and 7.02/1000 gallons for 2016. Motion passes.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer and seconded by Comm. Lascko to accept the bill. Motion passes.

On a motion put forth by Comm. Lascko and seconded by Comm. Leduc to adjourn the meeting at 9:41pm. Motion passes