

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING JANUARY 20, 2009

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Ciarlo and Piscop, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, Patricia Bidmead, Secretary WPCA, Alan Prince and Ron Stango both representing Quality R&D.

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

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the minutes of December 16, 2008 as amended.

At this time Alan Prince and Ron Stango spoke with the Board regarding the work that QRD has done to eliminate the nickel in their sanitary lateral that discharges to our collection system. A lengthy discussion ensued whereas QDR claims that they did everything that they said they would and that it is working. Rich explained that they are still in violation of the Thomaston Sewer Rules & Regulations which could cause the WPCA to violate their NPDES permit as the nickel being discharged to us from QRD at the present time is still high. QRD explained that with business down by 60-70% they do not have the funds to finish their work. They have installed a sump pump and by pumping the water table below the sewer pipes the nickel levels have dropped but they now need to discharge 20,000 gallons of treated water per day. It was decided that the WPCA will write a formal letter to QRD informing them of our findings and that QRD will contact the State DEP about getting permission to send this water to their own system. Per our NPDES permit and compliance schedule of March 2009 the Board advised QRD to work on this ASAP.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: The process is running fair. The low temperatures appear to be causing higher sludge blankets but the flows have dropped to approximately 1mgd.

PUMP STATIONS: We had a power failure at the Hickory Hill pump station during the night. The generator came on and everything was back to normal by morning.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: No problems this month.

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

1. A letter Rich Tingle sent to George Hicks, CTDEP, regarding the town WPCA Control Plan with a sewer map.
2. A letter from 2005 to the Assessor from New England Geosystems with regards to a cost estimate to maintain the Town GIS mapping system. The DEP has requested that the WPCA have a GIS digital sewer map with property locations, therefore the WPCA may want to consider contributing to these updating costs.
3. An invoice from Seagreen in the amount of \$2,312 for the balance due on the capacitors. They also supplied us with a one year service and maintenance agreement at no charge.

4. We received a signed copy of the Demand Response agreement Amendment.
5. We received a Certificate of Quality from RTC regarding our proficiency testing for 2008.
6. We received a letter from CTDEP with the 2008 estimate of Nitrogen credits thru the first 10 months.
7. We received a letter from CT Department of Transportation regarding “Public Service Facility Policy & Procedures for Highways in Connecticut.”

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: It appears that the work QRD has done to eliminate nickel in their sanitary lateral has only reduced the concentration. On Friday, 01/16/09 we collected samples from QRD’s lateral and all trunk lines after QRD to confirm that we do not have nickel coming from another location.

Hickory Hill PS: Flows are still high therefore we have to wait on replacing the valves.

Kennedy Drive PS: Need to schedule the rebuilding of one pump.

Conservation & Development: The digital maps have been received and Mary Barton will be setting up a sub committee between WPCA, Planning & Zoning and the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission.

Capital Improvements: On February 10th the Capital Improvement Committee will meet with the WPCA.

User Fee Review: The Ct Water Report for the year 2008 was received and forwarded to Quality Data. They will review it and get back to us on possibly charging the residential users by consumption. Pat Bidmead specified the urgency of their findings so the WPCA could start with their preparations for the change in the billing method if it is feasible.

F.O.G. Program: No new information.

List of equipment for sewage system: Rich is still working on the list.

State DOT Claim: Claire Marie from the State DOT informed Rich that she gave approval to the State Insurance Adjuster to pay our claim. She also stated that they are going out to bid to have a temporary dam/pump station installed to by pass water from the State failed drainage pipe to another State drainage pipe nearby. At that time we could start to repair our line. We both agreed this will be a joint effort due to the fact that their drainage pipe is testing on top of our sewer pipe. Rich called George Touponse in reagtds to making the repairs and is waiting for his response.

New Business: Nothing this month.

Budget: No concerns with the present budget. Rich passed out the first draft for the 09-10 year budget. It should be approved by the Board at the March meeting as the Town's Public Hearing is set for April 8th. Vice-Ch. Fainer questioned a mileage requisition placed for Eric Andersen and requested that Rich check on it. Also the Board requested that Rich check into having one of the them on the negotiating committee for the WPCA union members.

On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the bills presented.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ciarlo, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 9:17PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD, SECRETARY
THOMASTON WPCA