

**THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE SESSION, PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATED AT 258 OLD WATERBURY ROAD AT 6:30PM**

**Present:** Ch. Mueller, Vice Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Lascko, Leduc, Plant Manager Rich Tingle, Terri May WPCA Clerk, Lori Carriero from Tighe & Bond, Chris Wester from Weston & Sampson, Ann Catino from Halloran & Sage LLP, Patrick Early & John O'Brien from EcoSolar and resident Mike Gagne from 650 Hickory Hill Rd. in Thomaston.

Ch. Mueller called the regular meeting to order at 6:36PM

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Leduc, it was voted to open the Executive Session to accept proposals for engineering services for the Water Pollution Control Plan. Motion passes.

Ch. Mueller called the Executive Session to order at 6:37PM

A motion to end the Executive Session was put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko. Motion passes.

Ch. Mueller called the Executive Session over at 7:37PM

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko, it was voted to approve the minutes for the September 20, 2016 regular meeting. Motion passes.

**Consultant Report:** Lori Carriero from Tighe & Bond updated the Commission on the Replacement contract and the Rehab contract. Some discussion with the Commission ensued.

**New Business:** Ch. Mueller asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move New Business before Status Report. On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko. Motion passes.

Representatives from EcoSolar and Envirite were in attendance to speak on project of installing solar panels at the Envirite property. Discussion ensued with the Commission.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko it was voted to continue pursuing this project. Motion passes.

**Status Report by Plant Manager Tingle –**

**Treatment Plant:** Plant is running well. On Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30pm #2 SBR decant valve failed to open. Brian Harnish was on-call operator and responded. He operated the valve manually until the morning and we then called in Naugatuck Valley Electric (NVE) to troubleshoot the problem. Bruce from NVE found a coil in one of the contactors had a dead short. He then removed the contactor from the spare valve and replaced it. We were back on line by 11:30am Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We ordered two (2) contactors with coils. One for spare and one to replace the contactor we took out of the spare unit.

No new information on Primary Effluent Pump or Blowers.

UV system is off line and crew is cleaning bulbs.

Crew painted Fuel Tank and it came out looking great. Manager Tingle brought in his orbital sander to see how it works and if it is something we want to buy since the crew does a lot of scraping and painting.

We need to file DMRS electronically by December 20, 2016. This is a multistep process which started with a Subscriber agreement submitted in June, 2016. On October 5<sup>th</sup> I set up the DMR process account and received notification it was finalized. I will research next step in process.

After discussion with Tom regarding our OSHA inspection, it was decided to have Tighe & Bond prepare our site-specific written lockout/tag out program. Agreement was signed on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tighe & Bond were here on September 30<sup>th</sup> to look at equipment and take pictures to prepare and complete program.

**Pump Stations:** While troubleshooting pumps at Woodbridge Lane, Manager Tingle noticed water on the floor over a few weeks and decided to wipe down and found the upper tank of the radiator had a leak. After cleaning area it ended up a very big hole. The radiator was removed on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Valley Welding repaired the hole but would not test stating radiator is very thin and needs to be replaced soon. We brought radiator to Durable Radiator to see if they could make us a new one – they said they would reuse upper and lower tanks and only replace core. After looking at radiator they thought it was in pretty good shape and recommended pressure testing it at 35lbs and if it holds, flushing it out and retest. They tested and said everything looked good. We re-installed and it is working fine. While radiator was out I had NVE (Bruce) replace a freeze plug that was leaking. Huntington Power quoted \$700 plus to replace. It took Bruce half an hour. While they were testing radiator I found a store in Waterbury (The Radiator Store) where we can buy a new radiator that will match to ours with one in stock or have the next day.

Crew replaced batteries on the generators at Electric and Highwood Farms per Huntington Power Service report.

**Collection System:** No problems this month.

**Correspondence:** After the town attorney's review, a letter was sent to twenty-six (26) property owners with in-law apartments listed on the Assessor's cards. Of the 26 property owners, six (6) to date claim there are not in-law apartments, so I will be setting up appointments to inspect. The Land Use Administrator and Assessor will be going with me on these inspections.

Received email from UniMetal re: Nickel exceedance in SPDES system  
Received email from UniMetal re: July and August 2016 Daily Monitoring Reports.

Received quotes from Grodsky Service, Inc. to repair items found during the winter start up service.

**Old Business -**

**UniMetal:** Nothing new.

**Capital Improvements:** Capital requests have been submitted but have not met with Capital Improvement Committee.

**FOG Program:** Nothing new.

**List of equipment/projects needed:** \*(Water Pollution Control Plan)

\*Brick replacement and sealing \$3600. Waiting for agreement from contractor.

\*Gas meters protected with ballards. Eversource will install at no cost.

\*Replace concrete steps going to inlet building \$1800

\*New rugs in Admin. Building

\*Purchased a hammer drill for \$235

Working on putting list together for needed equipment by priority

**Phosphorus:** Nothing new.

**I/I Project:** Covered earlier.

**Office Policy:** Covered earlier at Public Hearing at 7:30PM.

After hearing public concern regarding connections and cost, no comments were made about the Office & Billing Policy, which is administrative function to the billing process. The Commission further feels the Office Policy modifications have been clarified of various wording and statements within the Policy.

Resident Mike Gagne's comments were not related to Office & Billing Policy, but he wanted to inquire with WPCA in regards to his in-law apartment and what has to be done to eliminate an additional unit. It was recommended he contact Land Use, Building Dept. and Assessor to see what is involved in removing in-law classification. Manager Tingle volunteered to accompany him when inquiring with the above mentioned departments.

On a motion put forth by Comm. Leduc, seconded by Vice Ch. Fainer, it was voted to approve the changes as presented in the Office & Billing Policy. Motion passes.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Leduc, it was voted to amend the agenda to add **Water Pollution Control Plan to Old Business**. Motion passes.

After review of proposals regarding the Water Pollution Control Plan, and discussion amongst the Commission, a motion was made by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Leduc, to accept the bid from Weston & Sampson. Further to authorize Ch. Mueller to allow them to proceed based on the small difference in price from Tighe & Bond's proposal was negligible, and Weston & Sampson's structure of output would be in a form that would be more usable for the Commission. Motion passes.

**New Business:** Covered earlier.

**Budget:** Current budget looks good to date.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko, it was voted to approve the bills as presented. Motion passes.

**Adjournment:** On a motion put forth by Comm. Leduc, seconded by Comm. Lascko, it was voted to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes. Ch. Mueller called the meeting adjourned at 9:51PM.

Terri May/WPCA Clerk