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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Joel Rinebold and Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division General Manager Jake Arborio; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake and Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo

Absent – Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill and Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Donald Langenauer

Members of the public – None

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider and Approve Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

43 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director’s Report for the Month of**
44 **August 2023**

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46 Mr. Rinebold questioned if any relief has been seen for the payments made to Mystic?

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48 Mr. Hendershot stated, “no”.

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50 Mr. Rinebold referenced the project update for CIPP and questioned how many pipes will need
51 to be treated?

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53 Mr. Amwake stated that this project is manhole to manhole specific. This project will be as
54 needed based on the sanitary sewer CCTV reports.

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56 Mr. Rinebold questioned what will be the durability of this treatment, years?

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58 Mr. Amwake responded, “yes”.

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60 Mr. Rinebold referenced Item No. 4-107 the diesel feed lines for the generator and questioned
61 what generator is being referenced?

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63 Mr. Amwake stated that he believes this is for the pump station and would need to follow up on
64 this. An observant Sewer Division staff member observed that a small quantity of diesel fuel
65 was weeping from the fuel feed line for the generator at the WPCF. Upon investigation it was
66 determined that the feed line connection was only hand tightened. Staff tightened the fuel line
67 correcting this matter.

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69 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-3 WPCF Upgrades Project, During August, the phosphorus
70 discharge averaged 4.39 pounds per day, well below the seasonal permit level of 8.95 pounds per
71 day. Mr. Beaumont complimented the Sewer Division on the nice numbers and for the great
72 work.

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74 **Motion to Approve the Director’s Report for the Month of August 2023**

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76 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

77 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

78 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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82 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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84 **None – No Members of the Public Present**

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86 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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5. Discussion and Possible Action: Bid Waiver Request – Emera Energy

Mr. Hendershot referenced the memorandum dated September 19, 2023 and stated that the WED reached out to Emera Energy through the WED’s agent, consultant and outside counsel. Emera Energy is receptive to executing the EEI Form of Agreement and becoming another alternative for the WED. Per the Town’s purchasing ordinance, a bid waiver needs to be set in place with this counter-party as they are not on the Division’s Bid Waiver List for Wholesale Power Procurement.

Motion to Endorse the WED’s request that Emera Energy be added to the Division’s Bid Waiver List for Wholesale Power Procurement

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

6. Discussion and Action: Waive Article I, Section I – Water Division – Budget Amendment – FY 2023-2024 – Land & Land Rights for 138 Williams Road and DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Grant Application for 138 Williams Road

Motion to Waive Article I, Section I and add the above referenced items to the agenda

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Water Division – Budget Amendment – FY 2023-2024 – Land and Land Rights for 138 Williams Road

Mr. Rinebold stated that he is supportive of the motion for the protection of the Wallingford Public Water Supply.

Motion to Approve the Budget Amendment increasing Account #43300310 in the amount of \$825,000.00

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

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8. Discussion and Possible Action: Water Division – DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Grant Application for 138 Williams Road

Mr. Amwake stated that as part of the Open Space Watershed Act Grant (OSWA) Application the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) requests letters of support from the regulatory bodies. Specifically, these bodies are the PUC and the Town Counsel. The Mayor, William W. Dickinson, has reached out to the Chair of the Conservation Commission as well. The purchase of 138 Williams Road is for watershed protection, water quality and will be a generational purchase.

Mr. Zabrowski questioned what is the probability of getting this grant?

Mr. Amwake stated that he does not have that information as it depends on who else is submitting an OSWA application. There is a quantity factor and a quality of submission factor. There is also a point system that the application is graded on to ensure all elements of the application are answered.

Mr. Zabrowski questioned what percentage could Wallingford get?

Mr. Awake stated that the maximum percentage is 65% and will depend on the quality and quantity of the other applicants.

Mr. Beaumont stated that this is a unique piece of land.

Motion to make a positive endorsement from the Public Utilities Commission to move forward with the Purchase of, and Grant Application for, 138 Williams Road.

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

9. Committee Reports

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

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182 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.

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185 Respectfully submitted,

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187 *Michelle Brocace for*

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189 Bernadette Sorbo
190 Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submitted,

Laurence Zabrowski/mb

Laurence J. Zabrowski
Secretary