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DEPARTMENT OF
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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION**

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was held via teleconference. In attendance were:

Chairman Robert Beaumont (TC); Commissioners Patrick Birney (TC) and Joel Rinebold (TC); Director Richard Hendershot (TC); Electric Division General Manager Tony Buccheri (TC), Assistant Office Manager Brian Naples (TC); Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake (TC); Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo (TC).

members of the public – Adelheid Koepfer (TC) and Steve Gale (TC)

(TC-TELECONFERENCE)

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider and approve meeting Minutes of November 4, 2020

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

Made by: Mr. Birney

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

4. Discussion and Action: Approval of Director's Report for the Month of October 2020

Mr. Hendershot noted that on Item Number 4-3, Water Division Metrics, the first line stating Water production for June totaled 107.2 - million gallons, an increase of 8.5% from September

38 2019 is incorrect and will be corrected to show Water production for **October** totaled 107.2 -
39 million gallons, an increase of 8.5% from **October** 2019.

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41 Mr. Beaumont reviewed Item Number 4-101, Water Main Breaks, Service Leaks and
42 Emergencies. Mr. Beaumont questioned what was the cause of the water main break located at
43 1033 North Colony Road as the pipe was 14 years old?

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45 Mr. Amwake responded that this was classified as a water main break on North Colony because
46 the break was on the main line. Mr. Amwake stated that this was actually a repair to the 10-inch
47 gate valve that was leaking.

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49 Mr. Beaumont inquired on the completion of the underground fuel oil storage tank at Pistapaug
50 Pond Treatment Plant.

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52 Mr. Amwake stated that the underground fuel oil storage tank became operational late last week.
53 As of now the Water Division is feeding the tank off of a 10,000-gallon fuel tank. The Water
54 Division is still waiting for the emergency backup belly tank to be delivered as a new size was
55 needed. Currently there is heat at the Pistapaug Pond Treatment Plant.

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57 **Motion to Approve the Director's Report for the Month of October 2020**

58 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

59 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

60 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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64 **5. Discussion: WPCF Upgrades Project Update**

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66 At the Intermediate Pump Station, the demolition of the former IPS is 100% complete. The two
67 new Secondary Settling Tanks will be constructed on the area currently occupied by the former
68 IPS.

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70 At the Tertiary Phosphorous Building the concrete roof slab and beams have been formed and
71 poured. The contractor is currently removing the formwork and support system. The water
72 testing of thee concrete tanks for the Actiflo tertiary phosphorous treatment system is complete.
73 The tanks passed. The contractor began installation of electrical duct banks between the main
74 switchgear in the Personnel Building and the TPB and the UV/PA.

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76 At the UV Disinfection/Post Aeration Building the installation of the exterior brick walls for the
77 UV Building is complete. The contractor is forming the concrete equipment pads in the UV
78 Building for the electrical components and the PA blowers.

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80 At the Emergency Generator Building, the 10,000-gallon diesel aboveground storage tank (AST)
81 and the emergency generator were delivered to the site and placed. The contractor has begun
82 installation of the block walls for the EGB.

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34 At the Secondary Pump Station, the excavation for the SPS has been completed. The entire base
85 slab has been formed and the reinforcing steel placed. The contractor is currently pouring the
86 concrete for the base slab sections.
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88 At Main Street the installation of the permanent RBC electrical duct bank continues. This work
89 is approximately 75% complete at this time.
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91 Construction Contract Payment Applications – C. H. Nickerson

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| 92 | Original Contract Sum | \$45,507,000.00 | |
| 93 | Net Change by Change Orders | <u>\$28,457.86</u> | |
| 94 | Contract Sum to Date | \$45,535,457.86 | As of October 15, 2020 |

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96 Construction Contract Schedule

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| 97 | Original Completion Date | February 10, 2022 | |
| 98 | Net Change Schedule Days | <u>0</u> | |
| 99 | Contract Completion Date | February 10, 2022 | |

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101 Mr. Amwake held a discussion with the PUC on a tentative walk thru date for the WPCF
102 Treatment Plant. Mr. Amwake stated that his preference would be to pick a day during the
103 weekend to visit as it gets dark by 4:30 PM and the crew works until 3:30 PM. Mr. Amwake
104 advised that he will send out emails to the Commission on dates and times.
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108 **Public Question and Answer Period**
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110 Ms. Koepfer questioned if there was an update on the possible green rate that was discussed at
111 the October 6 meeting? Has the process been started yet or has there been any investigation
112 completed?
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114 Mr. Hendershot stated that the background work has begun. The discussions with the wholesale
115 power supply consultant and agent are underway. Mr. Hendershot has advised that as of now
116 there is nothing to be presented to the PUC yet.
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118 Ms. Koepfer stated that she is glad to hear that the project has been initiated.
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120 Ms. Koepfer inquired if the PUC would consider posting the audio recordings of the in person
121 meetings like the PUC posts the videos for the virtual meetings so that the public will not have to
122 wait weeks for the minutes to post?
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124 Mr. Birney stated that he does not see why this cannot be done and has no objection to releasing
125 the recordings to Scott Hanley to post on the Wallingford Town Website for the public to view.
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127 Ms. Koepfer stated that Mr. Hendershot had sent out an email to Ms. Koepfer addressing this
128 issue. Mr. Hendershot suggested that Ms. Koepfer go to the Wallingford Electric Division to
129 listen to the tape or for each recording that Ms. Koepfer would like to preview, Ms Koepfer

130 would need to provide an unwrapped flash drive to the office so that the meeting could be
131 downloaded to the flash drive.

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133 Mr. Hendershot stated that if the PUC would like to make the recordings available to the public
134 there would be a protocol to follow. The PUC would need to provide Scott Hanley a copy of the
135 audio recording. Mr. Hanley would then generate a screen where the audio file could play in
136 conjunction with a still screen.

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138 Mr. Rinebold commented that he does not have an issue with making the audio available to the
139 public to view on the Wallingford Town Website. Mr. Rinebold stated that the recordings will
140 be unedited and will reflect the context of the meetings in their entirety.

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142 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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146 **6. Discussion and Possible Action: PUC 2021 Meeting Schedule**

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148 Mr. Hendershot stated that due to the uncertain times it is difficult to determine where the
149 location will be held for the PUC meetings.

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151 Mr. Beaumont advised that the schedule for the PUC meetings will need to be posted by the end
152 of the year.

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154 Mr. Rinebold stated that the dates are fine and suggested adding a statement at the end of each
155 Agenda stating or at another public location to be provided 24 hours in advance or to be held
156 virtually with login information to follow.

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158 Mr. Hendershot advised that there are rules that need to be followed by FOI and will need to
159 look into if the suggested language being added to the agenda would be allowed. Mr.
160 Hendershot stated that for the purpose of the schedule a meeting location will need to be
161 established but can be changed at a later date if necessary.

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163 Mr. Birney concurred with Mr. Rinebold's statement as long as FOI approves.

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165 Mr. Hendershot advised that he will suggest the following language to be added to the bottom of
166 the Agenda, "Or another location or virtually depending on circumstances and the **need** of the
167 PUC."

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169 **NO ACTION TAKEN**

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173 **ADJOURNMENT**

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177 **Motion to adjourn**

178 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

179 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

180 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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184 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

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190 Bernadette Sorbo

191 Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submitted,


Joel Rinebold
Secretary