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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION  
100 JOHN STREET  
WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioner Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake; Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Donald Langenauer and Acting Recording Secretary Michelle Bracale

*Absent – Commissioner Joel Rinebold; Electric Division General Manager Jake Arborio; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill*

*Members of the Public – None*

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. Consider and Approve Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024
- b. Consider and Approve Budget Amendment – Sewer Division – FY 2023/2024 – Operation Labor & Expenses

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

**Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

**Votes: 2 ayes**

42           **3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

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44   **None**  
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48           **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director's Report for the Month of May**  
49           **2024**  
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51   Mr. Amwake stated that the Nitrogen discharge permit limit is 269 pounds per day. For May  
52   2024, the Nitrogen discharge levels averaged 685 pounds per day. The Sewer Division is  
53   currently utilizing an outside laboratory for Nitrogen analysis, and as such, the laboratory results  
54   did not become available until late last week. Mr. Amwake noted that the WSD staff will meet  
55   next week to review the Nitrogen effluent values for CY 2024 and discuss options for improving  
56   results.  
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58   Mr. Amwake reviewed the chart for Historical Nitrogen Credit Purchases from 2002. To date,  
59   including for CY 2023, the Sewer Division has purchased \$3,140,697.00 of Nitrogen credits. The  
60   purchase (cost) each calendar year is dependent upon the unit cost of each credit and the quantity  
61   of credits purchased, with the quantity dependent upon Nitrogen influent values, flow rate,  
62   wastewater temperature and available carbon for the biological processes, etc.  
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64   There was further discussion in regards to some of the possible operational changes to help with  
65   the Nitrogen effluent values.  
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67   **Motion to Approve the Director's Report for the Month of May 2024**  
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69   **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

70   **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

71   **Votes: 2 ayes**  
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75   **Public Question and Answer Period**  
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77   None - No Members Present  
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79   **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**  
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83           **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Amendment – Sewer Division – FY**  
84           **2024/2025 – Maintenance of Water Treatment Equipment**  
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86   \*It was noted that the original Agenda Item #5 stated the Budget Amendment was for FY  
87   2023/2024, however it should have read FY 2024/2025.

Mr. Amwake stated that at the April 2, 2024 PUC meeting, the Public Utilities Commission endorsed a bid waiver for AECOM to provide an update to the Solids Handling Improvements Section of the November, 2018 "Facility Plan for the Wallingford Water Pollution Control Facility" (dated November 2, 2018). Subsequently, the Wallingford Town Council approved the bid waiver request at the April 23, 2024 Town Council meeting. As referenced in the original memorandum dated April 2, 2024 there are funds remaining in the design line item for the WPCF Upgrades Project. Currently there is \$380,548.68 remaining in the Design Phase. This is a budget amendment to utilize \$180,000.00 of the remaining design funds and reallocate the funds towards the Solids Handling Improvements Section (Chapter 5). Mr. Amwake pointed out that this is a budget amendment due to the crossing of fiscal years. There are no revised budget pages reflecting the proposed amendment. If approved as of July 1, 2024, this amendment will be incorporated into the FY 2024-2025 budget pages.

Mr. Beaumont stated that this is something that WSD needs to do.

Mr. Amwake stated that the updated Solids Handling Improvements Section (Chapter 5) document of the Facility Plan would include, though not limited to, an evaluation and condition assessment of solids handling equipment and processes and a review of solids handling options, including:

- 1) Maintaining and rehabilitating the existing anaerobic digestion equipment and process
- 2) Eliminating the anaerobic digestion process and dewatering the sludge to approximately 20% solids for transportation and disposal offsite, or
- 3) Eliminating the anaerobic digestion process and thickening the sludge to approximately 6% solids for transportation and disposal offsite.

Mr. Zabrowski questioned where does the WSD transport?

Mr. Amwake stated that currently the WSD transports to the Waterbury Wastewater Treatment Plant where it is incinerated.

Mr. Beaumont questioned if there are many vendors?

Mr. Amwake stated that there are not. One of the additions to the scope is for AECOM to look at future transportation and disposal options.

**Motion to Approve the Budget Amendment for FY 2024/2025 to Increase Acct. 46300331-05820-s2534 by 180,000.00 for the Update to the Solids Handling Improvements Section (Chapter 5).**

**Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

**Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

**Votes: 2 ayes**

**Correspondence/Committee Reports**

Mr. Hendershot gave an update on the ISO market prices and stated that as of this evening (June 18, 2024) the current LMP (locational marginal price) was 0.45 cents/kWh.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn**

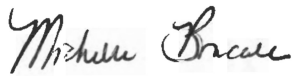
**Made by: Mr. Beaumont**

**Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

**Votes: 2 ayes**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Bracale  
Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence J. Zabrowski  
Secretary