

APPROVED

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Dr. Joel Rinebold and Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division General Manager Jake Arborio; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake; Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Donald Langenauer; Water and Sewer Divisions Assistant Business Manager Scott Cleary and Acting Recording Secretary Michelle Bracale

Absent –None

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 June 3, 2025
- b. Consider and Approve: Budget Amendment – Electric Division – FY 2024-2025 – (Account #923) – Outside Services

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

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

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48 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Directors Report for the Month of May**
49 **2025.**
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51 Mr. Zabrowski stated the second construction progress meeting was held on May 30, 2025 for
52 the Fine Screens Project and questioned when is the next one?
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54 Mr. Amwake stated that the Junior Engineer has resigned and as General Manager, Mr. Amwake
55 now has taken over the Fine Screens Engineering Project in addition to his other responsibilities.
56 Mr. Amwake stated that he did not have the exact date but can check his calendar.
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58 There was further discussion on the design for the Fine Screens Project.
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60 **Motion to Approve the Directors Report for the Month of May 2025.**
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62 **Made by: Dr. Rinebold**

63 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

64 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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68 **Public Question and Answer Period**
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70 No Members Present
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72 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**
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76 **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Modification to Schweitzer Engineering**
77 **Laboratories 2025/2026 Fiscal Year – Electric Division – Bid Waiver**
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79 Mr. Arborio stated that the WED has been exploring the wholesale replacement of its SCADA
80 System for some time due to ongoing failures. The current manufacturer Advanced Control
81 Systems is in the process of going out of business and their patents are currently being
82 purchased. The WED spent the last six months looking at six other choices. Unlike other
83 vendors, a SCADA system from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) will eliminate
84 approximately 30% of existing hardware due to its compatibility with existing substation
85 equipment, thus lowering the overall hardware costs and potential areas of failure. Additionally,
86 the SEL SCADA system will accept information directly as both SCADA and the Division's
87 protective relays share common software.

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89 Mr. Zabrowski questioned how much is this going to cost?
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91 Mr. Arborio stated that the WED is expecting the scope of work with a high-level estimate later
92 this week.
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94 **Motion to Endorse the Electric Division's request to modify the Bid Waiver for Schweitzer**
95 **Engineering Laboratories for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to add the procurement of SEL**
96 **SCADA Equipment, Software, and Customer Specific Engineering and Support.**
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98 **Made by: Dr. Rinebold**

99 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

100 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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104 **6. Discussion and Possible Action: Water Division Budget Amendment FY 2024-**
105 **2025 – Water Write-Off Uncollectable Accounts (Account #43100904)**
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107 Mr. Langenauer stated that the properties located at 33 North Cherry Street and 76 Hall Avenue
108 were foreclosed on and subsequently purchased at auction by the Town of Wallingford. The Law
109 Department has advised the Wallingford Water Division (WWD) that as part of the purchase
110 approved by the Town Council any outstanding sums owed to the WWD will not be paid and all
111 liens against the properties should be released. In accordance with Generally Accepted
112 Accounting Principles and at the direction of the Department of Law, the WWD respectfully
113 requests PUC approval to write off the outstanding WWD receivables including interest charges
114 and lien fees for these two properties in the amount of \$2,260.91.
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116 Dr. Rinebold questioned why does this have to be done now?
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118 Mr. Beaumont stated that normally write-offs are not done for water and sewer as the divisions
119 have the ability to lien.
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121 **Motion to Approve the Budget Amendment - FY 2024-2025 to Increase Account #43100904**
122 **- Uncollectable Accounts by \$2,260.91.**
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124 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

125 **Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold**

126 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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130 **7. Discussion and Possible Action: Sewer Division Budget Amendment FY 2024-**
131 **2025 – Sewer Write-Off Uncollectable Accounts (Account #43100904)**
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Mr. Langenauer stated that this is like Item No. 6-1 except this is for the sewer portion. The properties located at 33 North Cherry Street and 76 Hall Avenue were foreclosed on and subsequently purchased at auction by the Town of Wallingford. The Law Department has advised the Wallingford Sewer Division (WSD) that as part of the purchase approved by the Town Council any outstanding sums owed to the WSD will not be paid and all liens against the properties should be released. In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and at the direction of the Department of Law, the WSD respectfully requests PUC approval to write off the outstanding WSD receivables including interest charges and lien fees for these two properties in the amount of \$2,183.21.

Motion to Approve the Budget Amendment - FY 2024-2025 to Increase Account #43100904 - Uncollectable Accounts by \$2,183.21.

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

Committee Reports/Correspondence

Mr. Amwake reviewed with the PUC a comparison chart for the Connecticut Water Purveyors Quarterly Residential Customer Water Bill for 5/8-inch Meter Basic Service Fee and Consumption Charges. Mr. Amwake noted that Wallingford Water Division is below the Mean Basic Service Fee.

Dr. Rinebold stated that this is terrific work and is comfortable with Mr. Amwake's analysis and where the WWD stands.

Mr. Hendershot gave an informal update on the possible Battery Energy Storage System Developers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bracale
Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Laurence J. Zabrowski
Secretary