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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION
100 JOHN STREET
WALLINGFORD, CT 06492
Wednesday, November 5, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioner 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, Town Attorney Farrell (arrived at 6:44 p.m.) and Acting Recording Secretary Michelle Bracale

Absent – Commissioner Dr. Joel Rinebold

Members of the Public – Carolina Irizarry – allnex, Richard Straub – Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, Kay Flynn – Volunteer, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, Scott Flynn – Volunteer, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust

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 October 7, 2025

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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48 **4. Discussion and Action: Director's Report – Month of September 2025**

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50 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-15 and noted the 2025 monthly costs for Day-Ahead
51 Ancillary Services for March – September to the 2024 Forward Reserves market costs for the
52 same months.
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54 Mr. Zabrowski questioned if there is anything that can be done to reduce these costs?
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56 Mr. Hendershot stated no, all load is subject to these costs.
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58 Mr. Beaumont stated that this is strictly ISO New England and they have rearranged how they
59 are handling their charges.
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61 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-24 and pointed out that the Customer Service &
62 Information expenses are under budget due to timing on the use of Energy Conservation funds.
63 Administrative and General Expenses reflect savings in employee benefits from all staff
64 vacancies and lower than anticipated workers' compensation claims. Mr. Beaumont commended
65 Ms. Dill and her team for the great job.
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67 **Motion to Approve the Director's Report for the Month of September 2025**

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69 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

70 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

71 **Votes: 2 ayes**
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75 **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Customer Appeal – 528 S. Cherry Street**

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77 Mr. Hendershot referenced the email from Dr. Rinebold dated October 29, 2025 and stated that
78 this is not a proxy vote but instead Dr. Rinebold's thoughts on the matter.
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80 Mr. Beaumont stated that it is his understanding that there were some changes to the allnex
81 software along with restrictions at the WED on how payments are accepted resulting in a late
82 payment fee of \$12,190.15.
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84 Mr. Beaumont agreed with Dr. Rinebold's email in that the late payment fee to allnex should be
85 waived.
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Mr. Hendershot noted that allnex implemented a new internal approval system designed to enhance compliance and financial control. While this new process improves governance overall, it has temporarily extended approval timelines as the system stabilizes. The WED still requires a paper check to be mailed, which resulted in a delay in remittance and the late posting of allnex's recent payment.

Mr. Zabrowski agreed that the late payment fee should be waived in consideration of allnex's good payment history.

Motion to Authorize the Electric Division to waive the late payment fee to allnex, 528 S. Cherry Street in the amount of \$12,190.15.

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont

Votes: 2 ayes

Public Question and Answer Period

Mr. Straub stated that he represents the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust which is a 501-C3 Voluntary Non-Profit Organization. There is no paid staff; only volunteers. The Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust has been in existence for 34 years. Their mission is to acquire worthy Historic properties for preservation and to present the history of the properties to the community. There are two properties of concern, one on South Main Street and one on North Main Street, in which the WED bills have spiked.

Mr. Straub stated that it is his understanding that there is not a non-profit 501-C3 WED rate.

Mr. Hendershot stated that this is correct.

Mr. Straub inquired if the Commission would be willing to create a new category for the rates as the properties are not considered residential or commercial properties and it is hard to raise the money that is needed to keep the buildings in good condition.

Mr. Hendershot stated that he is sympathetic to their plight and stated that the WED's rates have changed slightly, but not very much. The costs that the Trust incurred are due to energy that was actually used by the house and this usage has gone through the meter. The WED can not give the electricity away. Mr. Donald Mauritz, the Energy Conservation Specialist at the WED, has done a detailed investigation into the homes and the equipment at the homes in question. Mr. Mauritz has provided explanations to the Trust as to what may be causing the increase in the electricity bill.

Mr. Beaumont questioned how old are the heat pumps?

Mr. Straub stated about nine or ten years old.

Mr. Hendershot and Mr. Arborio further discussed the heat pumps, how they operate and why The Historic Preservation Trust's heat pump may be causing the electric bills to increase. Mr. Arborio offered that he sympathizes as well to their issue, however, it may be a maintenance issue with theirs and, at this point, his recommendation would be to hire an outside electrician to not only service the unit, but make sure that the heat pump is working to full capacity.

Public Question and Answer Period Closed

Committee Reports/Correspondence

Mr. Amwake provided and reviewed the retail rate column graph as of October 27, 2025 which includes a new data point for the retail rate information for New Britain Water. The mean for all utilities increased \$3.32 per quarter from \$114.33 as of October 1, 2024 to \$117.65 as of October 1, 2025 (a one-year comparison). The Wallingford Water Division quarterly consumption bill for a 5/8-inch meter customer with water consumption of 1,600 cubic feet at \$112.03 is below the mean value of \$117.65 and is slightly above the median value of \$110.76. The WWD is ranked 20 of 38 water utilities surveyed for quarterly water bills.

Mr. Zabrowski thanked Mr. Amake for putting this together.

Attorney Farrell noted that he finished writing his report for the APPA Legal Conference that he attended, and that he will provide this to the PUC within the next couple days.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont

Votes: 2 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Bracale
Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence J. Zabrowski
Secretary