

**APPROVED**

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

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 May 19, 2026
- b. Consider and Approve Budget Amendment – Electric Division – General Plant – Communications Equipment

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Made by: Dr. Rinebold**

**Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

**Votes: 3 ayes**

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

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48 **4. Discussion and Possible Action: Customer Appeal – Sewer Division – 13**  
49 **William Street**

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51 Mr. Langenauer stated that on April 17, 2026 the Assistant Business Office Manager for the  
52 WWSD proactively contacted the owner of the property located at 13 William Street, Arimar  
53 LLC. The reason for the telephone call was that during the bill exception review process,  
54 commonly referred to as the High-Low Report, the customer showed an unusually high-water  
55 meter reading which was to be billed on May 1, 2026. A re-read was completed and it showed  
56 water usage of 143,200 cubic feet of water (approximately 1,071,210 gallons). The WWSD  
57 scheduled an appointment for the Chief Meter Technician, a Water and Sanitary Sewer Inspector  
58 and the Assistant Business Office Manager to visit the property on April 20, 2026 to visually  
59 inspect the property to assess where the water was conveyed. During the site visit, a broken pipe  
60 in the basement was observed allowing water to travel across the concrete basement floor to a  
61 hatch opening in the basement floor. It was observed that there was trap rock within the limits of  
62 the hatch opening with missing trap rock in one corner of the hatch opening. Below the trap rock  
63 and the concrete floor slab is sand allowing the water to infiltrate into the ground. The openings  
64 of the cleanouts located in the hatch were closed and secure at the time of the property  
65 inspection. The building is vacant and at the time of the pipe leak the property owner was  
66 traveling. Based on the facts observed during the visual assessment of the property, the Water  
67 and Sanitary Sewer Inspector and the Chief Meter Technician estimate that ten percent of the  
68 potable water that went through the meter entered the sanitary system. Based on the facts  
69 presented, the WWSD is recommending that, because the water from the leaking pipe did not go  
70 through the sanitary sewer system, Arimar LLC is due a sewer credit of \$8,347.79.

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72 **Motion to Approve the Sewer Division to issue a credit in the amount of \$8,347.79 to Arimar**  
73 **LLC**

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75 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**  
76 **Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold**  
77 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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81 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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85 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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88                   **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Appropriation – Electric Division – FY**  
89                   **2025/2026 - Various Accounts – IBEW Local 420 Contract Settlement**

91 Mr. Arborio stated that the WED is seeking an additional \$222,783.79 from Retained Earnings  
92 into various operating and capital accounts which have been affected by the recent settlement of  
93 the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Wallingford and IBEW Local 420.

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95 Mr. Beaumont commented that this will have an impact on the budget.

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97 Ms. Dill responded yes it will. Around July there will be budget amendments for the PUC to  
98 review and approve. There will be funds for the beginning of the year.

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100 **Motion to Approve a Budget Appropriation for the Electric Division – FY 2025/2026 in the**  
101 **amount of \$222,783.79 from Retained Earnings as outlined in Item 5-3 of the PUC Agenda**  
102 **dated June 2, 2026**

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104 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

105 **Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold**

106 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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110                   **6. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Amendment – Electric Division – FY**  
111                   **2025/2026 – Account 555 – Other Power Supply Expenses – Purchased Power**

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113 Mr. Hendershot commented that he elected not to put any summary or cover memo letter for this  
114 Item because Ms. Dill's write up explains it well and was more adequate for the purpose. If this  
115 information was known when the budget was prepared it would have been included in the  
116 Energy New England monthly update of the WED three-year power supply costs making the  
117 budget accurate.

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119 Mr. Beaumont commented that this did not go into effect until March of last year.

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121 Mr. Hendershot responded that is right.

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123 Mr. Arborio stated that the budget was accurate at the time.

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125 Mr. Zabrowski questioned if there is any way the money can be recovered?

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127 Mr. Hendershot stated, no. The money was properly collected. The WED will not get the money  
128 back from ISO. The PCA will true up the WED.

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130 Mr. Beaumont complimented Ms. Dill and said that the memo was nicely written and that he  
131 appreciates her.

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133 Dr. Rinebold commented that this does appear to be a settlement made to increase reliability to  
134 provide some generation resources to counteract some of the asynchronous wind and solar  
135 however he is concerned that this is excessive. The settlement is unfair to the customer and the  
136 WED is paying a lot for a little.

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138 Dr. Rinebold stated that he is looking forward to the settlement being rescinded or revised to be  
139 more in favor of the customer.

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141 Mr. Hendershot stated he is sensing changes are coming however he is not sure how extensive or  
142 timely they will be.

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144 **Motion to Approve a Budget Amendment for the Electric Division – FY 2025/2026 in the**  
145 **amount of \$5,650,000.00 from Retained Earnings to Account 555 – Other Power Supply**  
146 **Expenses – Purchased Power**

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148 **Made by: Dr. Rinebold**  
149 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**  
150 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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#### 154 **Committee Reports/Correspondence**

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156 Mr. Hendershot shared with the PUC a bill stuffer that will go out to the customers from the  
157 WED marketing the home energy program and encourage more customers to take advantage of  
158 the program.

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#### 162 **ADJOURNMENT**

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#### 164 **Motion to Adjourn**

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166 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**  
167 **Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold**  
168 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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170 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:29 p.m.

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172 Respectfully submitted,

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176 Michelle Bracale

177 Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence J. Zabrowski  
Secretary