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

Tuesday, August 4, 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 Business Manager Donald Langenauer and Acting Recording Secretary Michelle Bracale

Absent – Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake

Members of the Public – Bill Comerford

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 July 21, 2026
- b. Consider and Approve Budget Amendment – Sewer Division – FY 2026/2027 – Liability Insurance

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

Public Question and Answer Period

Mr. Comerford questioned if there have been any updates on the break issue that was raised in one of the prior meetings?

Mr. Beaumont stated no, and questioned what Division was he referring to?

Mr. Comerford stated all of them.

Mr. Hendershot stated that the supervisors of the WWD and the WSD have been firmly reminded to monitor this situation.

Mr. Comerford questioned if anything was done?

Mr. Hendershot stated that it was looked into, and the Division did observe improper behavior therefore discipline was taken.

Mr. Arborio stated that breaks are dictated by collective bargaining. Some of the collective bargaining agreements dictate specific break times and some don't.

Mr. Comerford furthered expressed his feelings in regards to the employee's improper use of break time and the video footage that he has of these employees showing their wrongful behavior.

Public Question and Answer Period Closed

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Amendment – Sewer Division – FY 2026/2027 – Pumping and Structure Improvements

Mr. Langenauer stated that following a precipitation event (rain) on June 23, 2026, it was observed that the roof at the Doherty Drive Wastewater Pump Station experienced storm damage. Given the age of the original roof, which is 29 years old (the pump station was constructed in 1997), it was determined that a complete replacement of the asphalt shingle roof rather than routine repairs would be the best option. Due to high winds the ridge cap dislodged in multiple locations, thereby allowing water to infiltrate the pump station structure. In addition, the soffits are in poor condition and will need to be replaced as part of the overall roof replacement. Eagle Rivet Roof Services will perform the roof replacement work for \$9,975.00 under Public Bid #18-133, providing the required services at the lowest cost in accordance with the project's bid specifications. The project includes the removal of all existing shingles, replacement of damaged plywood as needed, installation of a new roof, and replacement of the gutters and soffit.

The Sewer Division is requesting PUC approval of a FY 2026/2027 budget amendment to fund Account #46300321 – Pumping and Structure Improvements by \$10,975.00 which includes a 10% contingency.

Motion to Approve a Budget Amendment for the Sewer Division – FY 2026/2027 in the amount of \$10,975.00 from Retained Earnings to Account 46300321 – Pumping and Structure Improvements adding that “the project is for a new (replacement) roof at the existing Doherty Drive Wastewater Pump Station to include the removal of all existing shingles, replacement of damaged plywood as needed, installation of a new asphalt roof, replacement of the soffits, and installation of gutters and downspouts.”

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Appropriation – Electric Division – FY 2026/2027 – Account 391 – General Plant – Office Furniture and Equipment

Mr. Arborio stated that the WED is seeking a budget appropriation of \$65,000.00 which includes a 10% contingency into Account 391 to procure 39 computers that currently operate on Windows 10. Effective October 2026, Microsoft will no longer support Windows version 10. At the time that the Fiscal 2026/2027 Budget was prepared, there was uncertainty as to the direction the WED would be taking with respect to Information Technology, specifically computer hardware. The WED determined that it did not have enough information during the budgeting process to attempt to accurately estimate what items would need to be procured and the associated costs.

Motion to Approve a Budget Appropriation for the Electric Division – FY 2026/2027 in the amount of \$65,000.00 from Retained Earnings to Account 391 – General Plant – Office Furniture and Equipment

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

Committee Reports/Correspondence

Mr. Hendershot stated that DEEP plans to distribute some “windfall RGGI (*Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative*) funds” (excess auction revenues). There is a formula on how they decide who gets what and then all of the excess goes to Eversource or United Illuminating. WED’s Hartford lobbyist, Julie Cammarata drafted a letter on behalf of the WED. The WED reviewed the letter and sent the letter on the WED’s letterhead to DEEP to let them know that the WED disagrees with how PURA is administering these excess RGGI funds.

134 Dr. Rinebold commented that this is an excellent idea as the ratepayers are paying for this. The
135 municipal utilities should get equitable, fair rebates or a return on any of the unused funds.

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139 **ADJOURNMENT**

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141 **Motion to Adjourn**

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143 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

144 **Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold**

145 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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147 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:41 p.m.

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149 Respectfully submitted,

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151 Michelle Bracale

152 Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence J. Zabrowski
Secretary