

APPROVED

9/1/26

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET
WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Absent – Electric Division General Manager Jake Arborio

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 August 4, 2026

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

42 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director's Report – Month of July 2026**

43
44 Dr. Rinebold congratulated the Wallingford Sewer Division and staff for the low nitrogen and
45 phosphorus levels.

46
47 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-3 Water Division Metrics and questioned if the
48 precipitation in July totaled 11.62 inches, which is 7.63 inches **below** the historical average for
49 the month is correct?

50
51 Mr. Hendershot stated that this is a typo and it should read, the precipitation in July totaled 11.62
52 inches, which is 7.63 inches **above** the historical average for the month.

53
54 **Motion to Approve the Director's Report for the Month of July 2026**

55
56 **Made by: Dr. Rinebold**

57 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

58 **Votes: 3 ayes**
59
60
61

62 **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Transfer – Electric Division – FY**
63 **2025/2026 – Account 593 – Distribution – Maintenance – Overhead Lines**
64

65 Ms. Dill stated that the WED is requesting a Budget Transfer to account 593 – Distribution
66 Maintenance – Overhead Lines in the amount of \$55,000.00. This account includes the cost of
67 labor, materials used and expenses incurred in the maintenance of overhead distribution line
68 facilities the book cost of which is included in Account 364 Poles, Towers and Fixtures, Account
69 365 Overhead Conductors and Devices, and Account 369 Services. A review of expenditures
70 incurred to date and an estimate of remaining costs to be incurred indicates that an additional
71 \$55,000.00 is needed in this account. This is due to greater than budgeted labor incurred in this
72 account. Funds are available for the above transfer from Account 584 Distribution – Operation –
73 Underground Line Expenses where operating costs have been less than expected due to lower
74 than budgeted amount of work performed in the account.

75
76 Mr. Hendershot clarified that this is for FY 2025/2026.
77

78 **Motion to Approve a Budget Transfer – Electric Division – FY 2025/2026 in the amount of**
79 **\$55,000.00 from Account 584 (Distribution – Operations Underground Line Exp.) to**
80 **Account 593 (Distribution – Maintenance – Overhead Lines)**
81

82 **Made by: Dr. Rinebold**

83 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

84 **Votes: 3 ayes**
85
86
87

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Amendment – Electric Division – FY 2025/2026 – Account 925 – Administrative and General Expenses – Injuries and Damages

Ms. Dill stated that this is a two-part budget amendment where funds will come from capital accounts and go into the WED operating accounts by way of Retained Earnings. The WED is requesting a budget amendment seeking to appropriate \$21,000.00 from Retained Earnings to Account 925 – Administrative and General Inquiries and Damages. Each year during the budgeting process, the WED works in conjunction with the Risk Management Department to develop estimates for workers' compensation costs for the upcoming fiscal year. The WED uses historical data and the latest available information in developing these amounts. Once the workers' compensation estimate is prepared the WED allocates that amount over the appropriate O&M and capital accounts. This allocation is based on the budgeted distribution of labor. This fiscal year (2025/2026) more work was performed in the O&M accounts than in the capital accounts. Since more work was incurred in the O&M accounts than budgeted and less work in the capital accounts than budgeted, there are funds available in the capital accounts to return to Retained Earnings. The WED is requesting to appropriate \$11,000.00 from Account 364 Distribution Plant – Poles, Towers, and Fixtures and \$10,000.00 from Account 367 Distribution Plant – Underground Conductors and Devices to Retained Earnings.

Motion to Transfer \$11,000.00 from Distribution Plant – Poles, Towers & Fixtures (Account 364) and \$10,000.00 from Distribution Plant – Underground Conductors & Devices (Account 367) (Total of \$21,000.00) to Retained Earnings

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

Motion to Transfer \$21,000.00 from Retained Earnings to Account 925 (Admin. General Expenses – Injuries and Damages)

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

Public Question and Answer Period

No Members of the Public Present

Public Question and Answer Period Closed

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Transfer – Water Division – FY 2025/2026 – Wages and Salaries – Various Accounts

Mr. Langenauer apologized to the PUC for addressing this at a prior PUC meeting as he believed all the closing entries were made but it turned out they were not. Since the prior labor and benefits transfer request dated July 15, 2026 subsequent year-end adjusting entries were required. As such, for the final year-end interdivision entries and reconciliation for FY 2025/2026 the following Water Division wage and salary accounts were underfunded as follows:

• Account #43100612 – Maint. of Coll. & Imp. Res.	\$8,700.00
• Account #43100624 – Pumping & Labor Expense	\$6,850.00
• Account #43100626 – Miscellaneous Exp. – Pump	\$5,900.00
• Account #43100633 – Maint. of Pump Equip.	\$6,900.00
• Account #43100642 – Operating Labor Exp.	\$13,400.00
• Account #43100652 – Maint. of Treat. Equip.	\$16,400.00
• Account #43100665 – Eng. Misc. Expenses	\$6,900.00
• Account #43100675 – Maint. of Services	\$7,200.00
• Account #43100903 – Cust. Rec. & Coll. Exp	<u>\$12,800.00</u>
Total Underfunding:	\$85,050.00

Funding is available in Account #43100673 Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines Expenses due to lower than projected amount of labor, overtime labor and associated benefit expenses in this account for FY 2025/2026.

Motion to Approve a Budget Transfer – Water Division – FY 2025/2026 in the amount of \$85,050.00 to increase various accounts as outlined in Item 7-3 of the 8/18/2026 PUC Agenda

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski
Seconded by: Dr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

8. Discussion and Possible Action: Budget Transfer – Sewer Division – FY 2025/2026 – Wages and Salaries – Various Accounts

Mr. Beaumont stated that this item is similar to Item No. 7 except that this is for the Sewer Division with a total underfunding of \$93,800.00.

Motion to Approve a Budget Transfer – Sewer Division – FY 2025/2026 in the amount of \$93,800.00 to increase various accounts as outlined in Item 8-3 of the 8/18/2026 PUC Agenda

Made by: Dr. Rinebold
Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski
Votes: 3 ayes

179
180
181
182
183
184
185
186
187
188
189
190
191
192
193
194
195
196
197
198
199
200
201

Committee Reports/Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Bracale
Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence J. Zabrowski
Secretary