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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION
100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, September 1, 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 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 August 18, 2026

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Customer Appeal – Sewer Division – 42 Washington Street

Mr. Langenauer stated that on April 24, 2026 the Business Office for the Wallingford Water and Sewer Divisions attempted to contact the owners of the property located at 42 Washington Street by telephone to inform them of high consumption at the property. However, a valid telephone number was not on file for the customer. As such, a high consumption notice was mailed to the owners on that same day. On May 22, 2026 the owner's son arrived at the customer service window of the Water and Sewer Divisions' Business Office and met with the Assistant Business Office Manager to explain that an interior water pipe burst on the property and they needed to hire a company to come in and pump the water out of the basement. At that time, while speaking with the Assistant Business Office Manager, the customer asked whether they would be eligible for a sewer credit. The Assistant Business Office Manager indicated that to determine their eligibility for a sewer credit, the customer would need to appeal to the PUC by sending an email requesting the sewer credit and include any invoices and pictures that would outline the leak event.

On August 11, 2026 an email was received by the PUC's Executive Secretary requesting a sewer credit and included in the email were videos of the water leak clean-up. On August 12, 2026 the Business Office Manager of the Water and Sewer Divisions telephoned the customer to arrange a date and time for one of the Water and Sewer Divisions' inspectors to go out to the property to determine if a sanitary sewer credit was warranted. On August 14, 2026 the Water and Sewer Divisions' inspector examined the property to include the water damage in the kitchen, dining area and basement and took pictures. The Water and Sewer Divisions' inspectors determined that while there were no floor drains, it would be safe to assume that while much of the water would have been conveyed to the exterior, some water would have been disposed of in the slop sink located in the basement. Based on the facts observed during the visual assessment of the property, the Water and Sanitary Sewer Inspector estimates that 25% of the potable water that went through the meter entered the sanitary system via the slop sink. The Water and Sewer Divisions' Business Manager reviewed the consumption history for this account and determined that if none of the water entered the sanitary sewer the amount of sewer credit would be \$1,069.78 but since the estimation is that 25% entered the sanitary sewer system the customer would be due a credit of \$802.33 as detailed below:

Reading Date	Meter #	Read Status	Previous	Current	Days	Billed Usage (cf)
4/9/2026 8:45	91504249	Actual Read	12300	29600	91	17300
4/15/2025 13:06	91504249	Actual Read	9400	9400	88	0
4/16/2024 10:13	91504249	Actual Read	3200	4800	90	1600
4/13/2023 11:03	91504249	Actual Read	100	200	89	100
4/4/2022 11:02	47542374	Actual Read	168100	169600	88	1500
4/14/2021 11:13	47542374	Actual Read	161400	163100	85	1700
Current Actual Use						17,300.00
Average 5 year Use						980.00
Difference						16,320.00
Sewer Consumption (75% of Water Consumption)						12,240.00
2025-2026 Sewer Usage Rate						0.0874
Gross Sewer Credit						\$ 1,069.78
Proposed Sewer Credit						\$ 802.33

Dr. Rinebold commented that this is good work and is fair..

Motion to Approve the Sewer Division to issue a credit to the owner of 42 Washington Street in the amount of \$802.33

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

Public Question and Answer Period

No Members of the Public Present

Public Question and Answer Period Closed

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Hedging Policy modification to allow for any one Supplier to provide up to 42% of Energy needs for 2027

Mr. Hendershot referenced the memorandum from himself dated August 27, 2026 and stated that after recent discussions with Energy New England staff and Mr. Craig Kieny from Energy Initiatives, Inc., the WED was able to form a tentative plan for the timing and structure of the WED's next procurement of forward energy (hedge). It is anticipated that the WED will soon look to hedge certain amounts (percentages) of its projected energy requirements for the calendar

years 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. During that discussion, the group identified the need to request PUC authorization to exceed the current counterparty hedging limit, as described in the captioned Hedging Policy, of 35% in any given year. Specifically, the group requests PUC approval to hedge upwards of 42% of the Division's calendar year 2027 energy needs with any given credit-worthy counterparty. Authorizing this one-year modification will allow the WED to consider all of its available credit-worthy counterparties for the hedges needed to position the WED as described by the Hedging Policy.

Dr. Rinebold commented that he is in favor of giving the staff the latitude and flexibility to select some of the hedging suppliers for the year.

Motion to Approve a modification of the Hedging Policy and write an exception into the policy increasing the limit for any one supplier to provide up to 42% of Energy needs for 2027.

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Write-Offs of Uncollectible Accounts – Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2026

Ms. Dill reviewed the memorandum dated August 26, 2026 and stated that this memo is a list of accounts eligible for write-offs as uncollectible accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) applied on a consistent basis, the WED recognizes as write-offs any open billings over a year old as of the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Dill referenced two reports attached to the memorandum and stated the report marked "26-A" details submissions for write-offs for fiscal year 2026 which are the result of electric usage billings. The report marked "26-B" details miscellaneous accounts receivable submitted for write off. These miscellaneous accounts relate to billing for expenses associated with pole accidents and similar occurrences. Both reports reflect billings from June 2025 and prior. The electric billing accounts described as uncollectible for accounting purposes are grouped in categories and the subtotals are summarized below.

▪ Bankruptcy	\$7,450.55
▪ Deceased	\$24,559.18
▪ Skip Town (mail returned address unknown)	\$17,903.45
▪ Small balance	<u>\$29.67</u>
	\$49,942.85
▪ Town Attorney (includes Medical)*	\$78,905.72
▪ Internal Collection **	<u>\$50,709.14</u>
	<u>\$129,614.86</u>
	\$179,557.71

The additional miscellaneous accounts receivable detailed on list "26-B" total \$52,990.30. Five of these billings (\$20,518.43) were the result of motor vehicle accidents involving damage to the Electric Division poles and equipment in which the vehicle left the scene before the police arrived so, there is no responsible party to bill. The WED has begun to write these off in the fiscal year that they occur. The remaining items have a brief description of the collection efforts made. The total write-offs for fiscal 2025-2026 result in a combined amount of \$232,548.01 which represents 0.261% of the WED annual billings. The comparable list of 2025 write-offs were \$129,126.20 which was 0.161% of the WED annual billings. Efforts will continue to further collect on these accounts.

There was further discussion in regards to the write-off amount from 2025 compared to the write-off amount for fiscal 2025-2026.

Mr. Beaumont noted that the effort does not stop to collect just because items are written off.

Motion to Approve the Write-Offs of Uncollectible Accounts for the Electric Division in the amount of \$232,548.01 for Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2026.

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

Committee Reports/Correspondence

There was a lengthy discussion in regards to the high costs for ISO-NE ancillary services.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Made by: Dr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Bracale
Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence J. Zabrowski
Secretary