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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, October 6, 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 and Acting Recording Secretary Michelle Bracale

Absent – Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Donald Langenauer

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 September 1, 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

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

Mr. Beaumont referenced **Item No. 4-2 Purchasing** and questioned why the Purchasing Bureau deleted six of the twelve tanks from the bid tabulation sheet?

Mr. Amwake stated that the WWD prepared the draft specification and provided this to the Purchasing Bureau. The Purchasing Bureau has recently undergone a complete software update. The Purchasing Bureau took the Microsoft text information and inserted it into their new software. This was then released and during review, it was found that only six of the twelve tanks that needed to be inspected per the ten-year regulation were included in the bid advertisement. The WWD notified the Purchasing Bureau and this was pulled down, revised and readvertised to include all twelve of the tanks.

Dr. Rinebold requested that the WWD keep the PUC apprised of any consequences that come from any of these delays.

There was a discussion in regard to an email that was received but not included in the Director's Report in regards to purchasing and selling of Recs.

Motion to Approve the Director's Report for the Month of August 2026

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: Customer Appeal – Sewer Credit – 414 South Elm Street**

Mr. Amwake stated that on August 18, 2026 the Business Office for the WWSD mailed a high consumption notice to the owner of the property located at 414 South Elm Street. On September 16, 2026 the property owner contacted the WWSD and spoke to the Business Manager. The customer explained that he had previously identified a leak in the outside spigot. The customer subsequently purchased items from Home Depot and repaired the leak himself on September 9, 2026. The customer inquired as to his entitlement to a sewer credit. The PUC appeal process was explained to the customer. Subsequent meter reads have identified that since the repair the

water consumption has returned to normal. On September 17, 2026 the WWSD's inspector examined the property to identify the repaired spigot, took pictures and determined that none of the water from the hose spigot would have entered the sanitary sewer system. The WWSD's Business Manager reviewed the consumption history for the same quarters from the previous five years and calculated an average quarterly consumption value. Subtract this amount from the high consumption amount and discount this amount by 75% as sewer is based on 75% of water consumption. Then apply the unit cost for sewer of 0.0946 per cubic foot making the proposed total gross sewer credit to the customer of $175.96.

Dr. Rinebold commented that going back to the like quarters for the past five years was a good, pragmatic approach.

Motion to Approve the Sewer Division to issue a credit in the amount of $175.96 to the property owner of 414 South Elm Street

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

6. Discussion Only: Rate Comparison – Electric Division

Ms. Dill referenced the memorandum dated September 28, 2026 and stated that this is a comparison of the monthly residential electric rates of the investor owned and municipal utilities in Connecticut. This comparison was made after the new WED rates and power cost adjustment went into effect as of August 1, 2026 and July 1, 2026 respectively. With all the new information, Ms. Dill surveyed the other electric utility companies and noted that the WED rates are still very competitive. The WED rates for the 750-kWh residential customer are 19% less than Eversource and 29% less than United Illuminating for a 750-kWh residential customer. South Norwalk (also known as SNEW) ($140.02/month per 750 kWh usage) currently has the lowest residential rates in the state followed by Wallingford ($151.16/month per 750 kWh usage).

Committee Reports/Correspondence

Mr. Hendershot shared some of his notes with the PUC from the conference he attended from August 16th – 18th in regards to NEPPA.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Bracale
Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Laurence Zabrowski: /mb

Laurence J. Zabrowski
Secretary