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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL

ROOM 315

45 SOUTHMAIN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Patrick Birney and Joel Rinebold; Electric Division General Manager Tony Buccheri; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake; and Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo.

Absent – Director Richard Hendershot

Members of the public – Hugh Davis

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Birney

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

4. Discussion and Action: Waive Article I, Section I and amend Agenda to hold the scheduled June 21, 2022 PUC Meeting in the Administration Building Conference Room at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 155 John Street.

42 **Motion to Waive Article I, Section I and amend Agenda to add the above referenced**
43 **endorsement to the agenda.**

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45 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

46 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

47 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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51 **5. Discussion and Action: Change location of the scheduled June 21, 2022 PUC**
52 **Meeting to be held in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Conference Room,**
53 **located at 155 John Street.**
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55 **Motion to change location of the June 21, 2022 PUC Meeting to the Wastewater Treatment**
56 **Plant Conference Room.**

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58 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

59 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

60 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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63 **Committee Reports/Correspondence – None**
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65 **Public Question and Answer Period**
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67 Mr. Davis stated that he has been living in Wallingford for about ten months and is very
68 interested in environmental issues. Mr. Davis would like to urge the PUC to significantly
69 increase the renewable energy sources. He has spoken with two people from the WED and was
70 informed by staff that 13% of WED customers are part of renewable energy. Mr. Davis would
71 like to move away from burning of fossil fuels as fossil fuels are responsible for global warming,
72 climate changes and air pollution.
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74 Mr. Beaumont stated that WED hedges the bulk of its energy. Ninety percent of the energy is
75 hedged for the remainder of this year. Part of WED's mission is to provide customers with
76 reliable and reasonable costs for Wallingford's services but the PUC will continue to look into
77 renewable energy opportunities.
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79 Mr. Birney stated that in the last four months WED's energy consultant presented to the PUC a
80 solar opportunity in North East Connecticut. This was commercially sensitive material therefore
81 it was discussed in an Executive Session. There was a cost benefit analysis done to determine
82 what the amount of time and cost would be to get into the project compared to other purchase
83 opportunities that the WED has. The PUC is always looking and considering opportunities.
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85 Mr. Beaumont welcomed Mr. Davis to Wallingford.
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88 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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92 **ADJOURNMENT**

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94 **Motion to adjourn**

95 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

96 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

97 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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

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101 Respectfully submitted,

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103 *Michelle Sorbo for*

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105 Bernadette Sorbo

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107 Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Rinebold/mb

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Secretary