

**APPROVED**

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL

ROOM 315

45 SOUTH MAIN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

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

*Absent* – None

*Members of the public* – None

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**

- a. Consider and approve Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022
- b. Consider and approve Budget Amendment – FY 2022-2023 – Water Division – Chemical Expenses for Water Treatment

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Made by: Mr. Birney**

**Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

**Votes: 3 ayes**

42 **3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None**

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46 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director’s Report for the Month of**  
47 **October 2022**

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49 Mr. Hendershot referenced page 4 of the report and congratulated Mr. Amwake and Sewer  
50 Division staff for meeting the important milestone for the season-long average phosphorus  
51 discharge which was 7.43 pounds per day; to well under the permitted level of 8.95 pounds per  
52 day.

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54 Mr. Rinebold inquired on the Smart Charge Program as there has been no impact on the grid.

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56 Mr. Hendershot stated he was informed by Don Mauritz, WED’s Energy Conservation and  
57 Efficiency Specialist that the vendor is no longer going to support the project after the end of the  
58 year due to low vehicle usage by enrolled customers.

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60 Mr. Rinebold stated that Eversource is providing incentives for level two charging and  
61 questioned if there is any sense that this incentive provides value for load management?

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63 Mr. Hendershot stated that he does not think so.

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65 Mr. Rinebold requested an update on the issue with Frontier and the \$5,000,000.00 penalty.

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67 Mr. Buccheri stated that Frontier paid the \$5,000,000.00 penalty to the State. The State seized all  
68 of Frontier’s underground fiber expansion projects until Frontier provided plans to the State on  
69 how they were going to correct the issues that they caused and how they would prevent that from  
70 happening in the future. The plan was submitted to the State and approved.

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72 **Motion to Approve the Director’s Report for the Month of October 2022**

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74 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

75 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

76 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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80 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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82 No Members Present

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84 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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88 **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Customer Appeal – Farids & Co. LLC – El**  
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91 **Removed from Agenda - No Action Taken**  
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95 **6. WPCF Upgrades Project**  
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97 Mr. Amwake updated the Commission on the construction of the WPCF Upgrades Project.  
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99 In regards to the General Building, the Town, the Contractor and the Engineer continue to review  
100 and complete punch list items. Testing and balancing of the ATC HVAC systems is scheduled  
101 for later this month.  
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103 At the Anaerobic Basin, the influent baffle for the AB is scheduled to be installed in December,  
104 2022 following installation and associated testing of the new polymer pumps in the TPB.  
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106 At the Secondary Settling Tanks, work is complete with the exception of minor punch list items.  
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108 At the existing UV Tank, replacement of the temporary conduit and wiring along the existing  
109 UV structure for the Drain PS and site lighting is scheduled for November, 2022.  
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111 At the Tertiary Phosphorous Building, installation of the replacement polymer pumps and  
112 appurtenances is currently scheduled for late November and early December 2022.  
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114 At the UV Disinfection/Post Aeration Building, the trenches for the sample lines in the concrete  
115 floor have been completed.  
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117 As of October 15, 2022 the net change orders approved by DEEP and reflected on the general  
118 contractor's (C.H. Nickerson) invoice is \$534,114.66.  
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120 Net change orders as negotiated and agreed to by the Engineer (AECOM), the Contractor (C.H.  
121 Nickerson) and the Town through November 15, 2022 are equal to \$770,935.57 (1.6641% of the  
122 original contract sum). The difference between the two numbers is change orders that have  
123 either not yet been submitted to or approved by DEEP.  
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125 Construction Contract Payment Applications – C. H. Nickerson

126 Original Contract Sum	\$45,507,000.00	
127 Net Change by Change Orders	<u>\$534,114.66</u>	<i>(No Change this Month)</i>
128 Contract Sum to Date	\$46,041,114.66	As of October 15, 2022

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130 Construction Contract Schedule

131 Original Completion Date	February 10, 2022	
132 Net Change Schedule Days	<u>193</u>	<i>(No Change this Month)</i>
133 Contract Completion Date	August 22, 2022	As of October 15, 2022

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**7. Discussion and Possible Action: 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**Motion to Approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**Made by: Mr. Birney**  
**Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**  
**Votes: 3 ayes**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Made by: Mr. Birney**  
**Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**  
**Votes: 3 ayes**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernadette Sorbo

Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Joel Rinebold

Secretary