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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioner 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 – Larry Zabrowski

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 February 7, 2023

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont

Votes: 2 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

43 **4. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the Director’s Report for the**
44 **Month of January 2023**
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46 Mr. Beaumont noted a few errors that needed to be corrected.
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- 48 - Item No. 4-3, Water Division Metrics, the precipitation in December totaled 6.56 inches
49 this should read the precipitation in January totaled 6.56 inches.
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- 51 - Item No. 4-3, Wastewater Division Metrics, the average daily flow during December was
52 7.74 MGD this should read the average daily flow during January was 7.74 MGD.
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- 54 - Item No. 4-106, Operations and Maintenance, Operational highlights of the Sewer
55 Division for the prior month include: Gave the Wallingford Fire Department a tour of the
56 facility focusing on the new buildings (access points and means of egress); this should
57 read “Gave the Wallingford Fire Department a tour of the facility focusing on the new
58 buildings” (access points and means of egress);
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60 **Motion to Approve the Director’s Report for the Month of January 2023**
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62 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

63 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

64 **Votes: 2 ayes**
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68 **5. WPCF Upgrades Project**
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70 Mr. Amwake updated the Commission on the construction of the WPCF Project.
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72 In regards to the General Building, the Town, the Contractor and the Engineer continue to review
73 and complete outstanding punch list items.
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75 At the Tertiary Phosphorus Building, testing and proper scaling of the polymer pumps is
76 complete. Following jar testing of various types of polymer to optimize Actiflo performance,
77 specifically, total suspended solids (TSS) removal, the WPCF will be changing to a cationic
78 (positive charge) polymer for use with the tertiary phosphorus removal process.
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80 As a reminder, the net change orders and the construction schedule as reported on the monthly
81 WPCF Upgrades Project Update for the Public Utilities Commission are as shown on the
82 payment application from the Contractor once they have been reviewed and approved by the
83 State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and
84 incorporated into the Contractor's monthly payment application.
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86 Thus, as of January 15, 2023, the net change orders approved by DEEP and reflected on the
87 General Contractor's invoice is \$772,463.60; an increase from \$534,114.66 as of December 15,
88 2022. Please note that DEEP approved Change Order Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20 for a combined

89 value of \$238,348.94 on January 6, 2023 and therefore these change orders were included the
90 Contractor's January 15th payment application.

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92 Net change orders as negotiated and signed by the Engineer (AECOM), the Contractor (C.H.
93 Nickerson) and the Town through February 21, 2023 are equal to \$849,062.60 (1.8658% of the
94 original contract sum); no change from the previous month.

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96 Construction Contract Payment Applications – C. H. Nickerson
97 Original Contract Sum \$45,507,000.00
98 Net Change by Change Orders \$772,463.60
99 Contract Sum to Date \$46,279,463.60 As of January 15, 2022

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101 Construction Contract Schedule
102 Original Completion Date February 10, 2022
103 Net Change Schedule Days 193 (No Change this Month)
104 Contract Completion Date August 22, 2022 As of January 15, 2022

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107 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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109 **None**

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111 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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115 **6. Discussion and Action: Resolution – Kim Bradley**

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117 Mr. Buccheri stated that Ms. Bradley began her WED career in 2017 as an Account Clerk and
118 was promoted in 2022 to a Junior Accountant. During the time when the WED was short staffed
119 Ms. Bradley was able to pick up and learn how to do anything and has become the “go to”
120 whenever there were any questions that came up. Mr. Buccheri stated that she will be missed and
121 is sad to see her go.

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123 **Motion to Approve the Resolution for Kim Bradley**

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125 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

126 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

127 **Votes: 2 ayes**

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131 **7. Discussion and Action: Resolution – Patrick Birney**

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133 Mr. Beaumont commented that he enjoyed working with Mr. Birney and watching him grow.

134 Mr. Beaumont stated that Mr. Birney will be missed.

135 Mr. Rinebold stated that it was great working with Mr. Birney and wished him well.

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137 **Motion to Approve the Resolution for Patrick Birney**

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139 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

140 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

141 **Votes: 2 ayes**

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145 **Correspondence**

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147 Mr. Hendershot updated the PUC in regards to the Renewable Energy Credits and stated
148 hopefully after the ERMOC meeting on March 2nd there should be an update on how to best use
149 the credits as these have an expiration date.

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153 **ADJOURNMENT**

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155 **Motion to Adjourn**

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158 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

159 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

160 **Votes: 2 ayes**

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

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164 Respectfully submitted,

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167 Bernadette Sorbo

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169 Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submitted,



Joel Rinebold

Secretary