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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Joel Rinebold (via teleconference) 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 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 December 5, 2023

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

43 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director's Report for the Month of**
44 **November 2023**

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46 Mr. Rinebold questioned who handles the WED's worker's union?
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48 Mr. Hendershot stated that Mr. Arborio and he are in the room for all of the negotiating sessions.
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50 Mr. Rinebold questioned and Mr. Hendershot confirmed that the WED is not directly involved
51 with UKA's proposed large battery energy storage system project and this will be another project
52 tied to the high line transmission line and as such, be connecting on Eversource owned
53 Transmission. The WED would, however, be involved with station service should the need
54 arise.
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57 Mr. Rinebold questioned what is the durability of the Masonic tank now that the painting is
58 completed?
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60 Mr. Amwake stated that the minimum the Water Division expects to get from the Masonic tank
61 painting is at least another twenty years.
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63 Mr. Zabrowski questioned if the new lateral at Gaylord Hospital is progressing?
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65 Mr. Amwake stated that the new lateral is still in the design phase. Staff engineering is working
66 on plans and specifications, and scheduling a site survey, wetlands survey, and soil
67 (geotechnical) borings. P.O.'s have been issued for the site and wetlands surveys.
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69 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-102 in regards to Authorization for Employment for the
70 Water Meter Technician I and questioned if the closing date was in October with the written
71 exam two months later?
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73 Mr. Amwake stated that the dates stated in the General Manager's report are correct.
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76 Mr. Hendershot stated that this is why the Divisions report to this granularity.
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78 **Motion to approve the Director's Report for the Month of November 2023**
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80 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

81 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

82 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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86 **Public Question and Answer Period**
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88 **None**

89 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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93 **5. Discussion Only: Rate Comparison**

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95 Mr. Hendershot shared a copy of the Rate Comparison Chart and stated that this is something
96 that will be done periodically as the Commissions appreciates and enjoys it.

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98 Mr. Beaumont noted that the closest one to Wallingford is Jewett City.

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100 **No Action**

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104 **6. Discussion and Possible Action: Revise By Laws – Town of Wallingford – Public**
105 **Utilities Commission**

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107 Mr. Hendershot advised that it was noted at the prior PUC meeting that the current By-Laws
108 state that the meetings start at 6:30 pm. Mr. Amwake, Mr. Arborio and Mr. Hendershot
109 reviewed the By-Laws and came to the following conclusions updating the By-Laws. See Item
110 No. 6-3 for the proposed revisions of the By-Laws to accommodate the time change and minor
111 wordsmith revisions.

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113 **Motion to Approve the Revised By Laws – Town of Wallingford – Public Utilities**
114 **Commission**

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116 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

117 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

118 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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122 **7. Committee Reports/Correspondence**

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126 **ADJOURNMENT**

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128 **Motion to Adjourn**

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130 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

131 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

132 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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134 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:01 p.m.

135 Respectfully submitted,

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137 *Michelle Brucato for*

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139 Bernadette Sorbo

140 Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Laurence Zabrowski/mb

Laurence J. Zabrowski

Secretary