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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Joel Rinebold and Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; 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 – Electric Division General Manager Jake Arborio

Town Staff Present – Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr., Corporation Counsel Janis Small and Water Division Superintendent Jay Pawlowski

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 8, 2023
- b. Consider and Approve Budget Transfer – Electric Division – FY 2023/2024 – Distribution – Leased Property on Customer Premises

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

43 **3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

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45 **None**

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49 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director's Report for the Month of**
50 **October 2023**

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52 Mr. Rinebold thanked Mr. Hendershot for taking the time to go through the director's report with
53 him earlier in the day. Mr. Rinebold also thanked Mr. Amwake for the work he has done to
54 increase the training for the employees.

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56 **Motion to Approve the Director's Report for the Month of October 2023**

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58 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

59 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

60 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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64 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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66 **None**

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68 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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72 **5. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section §1-225(f) and Section §1-200(6)(B)**
73 **regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to PFAS Class Action suit**
74 **against 3M and DuPont**

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76 **Motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. pursuant to CGS Section §1-**
77 **225(f) and Section §1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to PFAS**
78 **Class Action suit against 3M and DuPont**

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80 **Made by: Zabrowski**

81 **Seconded by: Rinebold**

82 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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84 **PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont, Commissioners Joel Rinebold and Laurence**
85 **Zabrowski, Director Richard Hendershot, Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager**
86 **Neil Amwake, Water Division Superintendent Jay Pawlowski, Corporation Counsel Janis**
87 **Small, Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. and Mayor William Dickinson**

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89 **Time of Executive Session: 6:33 p.m. to 8:38 p.m.**
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93 **6. Discussion and Possible Action: PFAS Class Action suit against 3M and Dupont**
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95 **Motion to Make the recommendation that the Town opt out of the proposed 3M and**
96 **Dupont settlement terms offered in a class action lawsuit against manufacturers of PFAS**
97 **chemicals. Federal and State of Connecticut authorities are now engaged in quantifying**
98 **health risks and testing standards but have not issued regulations at this time. The Town**
99 **must protect the public interest at this time and not limit monetary damages which may be**
100 **incurred for any future required testing and water treatment processes**

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102 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

103 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

104 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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108 **7. Discussion and Action 2024 Meeting Schedule**
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110 **Motion to Approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule**
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112 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

113 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

114 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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118 **8. Committee Reports/Correspondence**
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122 **ADJOURNMENT**
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124 **Motion to Adjourn**
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126 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

127 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

128 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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130 **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:43 p.m.**
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134 Respectfully submitted,

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136 *Michelle Brucato Sr.*

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138 Bernadette Sorbo

139 Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Laurence Zabrowski /ms

Laurence J. Zabrowski

Secretary