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2 **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

3 **WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION**

4 **100 JOHN STREET**

5 **WALLINGFORD, CT**

6 **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

7 **6:30 P.M.**

8 **MINUTES**

**TOWN OF
WALLINGFORD**

FEB 10 2020

**DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

9 **PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Patrick Birney (arrived 6:32 p.m.)
10 and Joel Rinebold; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division General Manager Tony
11 Buccheri; Office Manager Tom Sullivan; Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo.

12 *Members of the public – None*

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

15 **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

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17 **2. Consent Agenda**

- 18 a. Consider and approve Minutes of January 21, 2020
19 b. Consider and approve Transfer – Water – Repair of Well #1 Pump Motor
20 c. Consider and approve Transfer – Water – Pistapaug WTP Fuel Storage System
21 d. Consider and approve Transfer – Electric – Maintenance of General Plant

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23 **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:**

24 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

25 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

26 **Votes: 2 ayes**

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

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30 **4. Discussion and Action: Electric Division – Amendment – Distribution**
31 **Maintenance – Overhead Lines.**
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33 Mr. Buccheri presented the request for a budget appropriation for the fiscal year 2019-2020 in the
34 amount of \$124,000.00 to Account 593 – Distribution Maintenance – Overhead Lines.

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36 Mr. Buccheri referenced the Memo dated January 30, 2020 and pointed out that this account has
37 been impacted by a number of factors this fiscal year. These factors included overtime incurred

38 for restoration efforts resulting from the wind and rain storm of October 31 to November 1, 2019
39 and the ice storm on December 17, 2019. The Electric Division also incurred expenses for outside
40 crews pre-deployed to assist. The Division has also seen an increase in overtime due to pole and
41 equipment installations and transfers which were completed outside of normal operating hours in
42 order to minimize outages during the customer's business hours. Another factor is an increase in
43 the use of contracted traffic services, which is a result of a realignment of the line crews. The line
44 groups have been separated into smaller crews to increase the ability to efficiently address
45 additional work sites. This has created a need for additional traffic personnel for the additional
46 work sites.

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48 Mr. Beaumont questioned what was being done relative to the realignment of line crews? Mr.
49 Buccheri responded just reducing from three to two. If the Division is working on doing street
50 lights or service work, three linemen are not necessary.

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52 Mr. Hendershot responded that the shifts are longer and that there are currently a lot of pole shifts.
53 It hasn't been unusual to see four man crews in the past and this almost never happens now. Mr.
54 Beaumont responded that at one point it was a five to six man crew. The additional traffic control
55 should be more cost effective only because we are not using linemen.

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57 **Motion to approve the appropriation of funds from retained earnings of \$124,000.00 to**
58 **account 593 as outlined in Mr. Buccheri's memo of January 30, 2020**

59 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

60 **Seconded by: Mr. Birney**

61 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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63 **Correspondence/Committee Reports**

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65 Mr. Hendershot responded that he had a couple things to review. He presented the PUC's copy of
66 the letter that Mr. Amwake and Mr. Krueger wrote and Mr. Hendershot reviewed. It was given to
67 Kacie Hand, the Town Planner, this afternoon. Mr. Hendershot advised that tonight (February 4,
68 2020) there will be a public hearing on proposed changes to IX and I5 zoning changes. Mr.
69 Amwake may attend this hearing.

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71 Mr. Hendershot spoke on the committee reports. The FCA (forward capacity auction) 14 is
72 underway right now and that it may have wrapped up. It appeared that this was going to clear
73 below \$3.00. It had gone through iteration number 4 with a floor of \$3. It was not done and still
74 required more capacity. It was run again with a ceiling of \$3 and floor of a \$1.50. Mr. Rinebold
75 questioned what did it clear last year? Mr. Hendershot responded \$3.50 approximately. There
76 was more talk on this matter and future costs.

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78 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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80 There were no questions or comments.

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84 **ADJOURNMENT**

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86 **Motion to adjourn**

87 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

88 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

89 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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91 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.

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93 Respectfully submitted,

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97 Bernadette Sorbo

98 Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submitted,

Joel Rinebold
Secretary