



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Minutes

Chairman  
Ed Lynch

### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 28, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** Board Member Terry Jones  
Board Member Stanley Juber  
Board Member Monir Tewfik  
Board Member Sharon Wadecki  
Board Member Edmond Lynch  
**Non-voting** Alternate Member Jeremy Norris  
Alternate Member Tony Capon  
Alternate Member James A. Ball

Also in attendance:  
Mauricio Duarte, GU General Foreman Water Operations.

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### IV. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

The residents came to the meeting at 7:00 p.m. because they did not realize that the WPCA meetings have been changed to 6:30 p.m. Chairman Lynch allowed them to speak although this agenda item occurred earlier in the meeting.

Dave Holdridge, 29 Church Hill Road, said that Holdridge Home and Garden owns 34 acres and has been waiting for sewers to come to Ledyard Center for decades. He addressed the authority regarding potential development in Ledyard Center and asked how to connect to the sewer line. Chairman Lynch said that he would need to start with letting the Authority know how much usage he is requesting. Ms. Wadecki added that the sewer will have capacity limits. Mr. Holdridge asked about the timing of the project. Chairman Lynch said that Phase I (line to the High School) will be complete this summer (2024), Phase II (developer lines) will be complete in the fall (2024), Phase III (installing a 5" line) will be completed at the same time as Phase I. Mr. Ball explained that after Phase I there will be only one spot on Route 117 to hook into but after the Phase II there would be two, possibly even three spots.

Paul Illiano, 3 Doyle Road, Waterford, owner of Valentino's building and the house next door to it, inquired if it was possible that he could connect both buildings and if so when. It was answered yes and most likely the fall (2024). Chairman Lynch suggested to Mr. Illiano that he speaks with Ledge Light Health District to follow their process. Chairman Lynch also recommend that he speaks with a professional plumber to design the pump system. Mr. Illiano asked if the house and the restaurant can share a connection. It was recommended by the Authority to keep the connections separate.

## V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2024, as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Jones Juber Tewfik Wadecki Lynch

2. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2024, as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Terry Jones

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## VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Operations Report.

Mr. Duarte has agreed to create a six-week report to keep the monthly operations reports in sync with the monthly WCPA meetings. After the initial six-week report the reports will run from the 16th of the previous month to the 15th of the current month.

Another fire hydrant was replaced, this time on Shewville Road.

Monthly testing was completed, and results are within the normal range. Work is continuing to reduce THMs in the Gales Ferry and Ledyard Center systems. Routine system maintenance and repairs were undertaken. Groton Utilities is preparing for 2023 CCR for Ledyard and Gales Ferry. Groton Utilities continues to monitor the Multi Use Trail/Sewer Installation project in Ledyard Center.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

2. Service Correspondence.

3. Aged Reports/Finance.

There was a question about monthly income and how usual the information reported is. The reports are a snapshot in time and are only helpful when the reports are run at the end of the fiscal year. The income and expenses are in different time frames. The WPCA also doesn't know

exactly how much water is bought vs. sold. Mr. Jones said that the WPCA "still doesn't have satisfactory management reports".

**ACTION ITEM:**

Chairman Lynch will ask Ian Stammel, Assistant Finance Director for reformatting of reports. He will also ask Tina Daniels, Groton Utilities Customer Service General Manager if she could provide reports of the amount of water bought from GU and the amount of water the Authority bills for. It would be helpful to know when the flushing occurs and whether the losses are increasing or decreasing.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

4. Year to Date Water/Sewer Report.
5. PSR - Steve Banks.

Chairman Lynch said the big items are the design and installation of the drum thickener automation at a cost of \$30,000.00, a 70-kW generator for \$60,000.00 and lastly a spectrophotometer for \$6,900.00.

Praestol 133 is not an effective polymer for the facility. After further testing with Polymer it was decided to change from to Praestol 133 to Univar on a trial basis. Flows are steadily decreasing and ABW filters are back online. The revised quote from Weston & Sampson for Phase III has been received. This also includes project oversight. Started looking for alternative pricing for potassium hydroxide. Univar costs have risen significantly over the last few years. This chemical addition became necessary after the change from the Loftus Aquifer to G.U. surface water several years ago. Low alkalinity/PH in basins is being addressed. All parts of the Stenner chemical pump have been changed out.

Chairman Lynch said although missing from the report, the pumps will need to be replaced at Lakeside.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

6. Correspondence from Eric Treaster.

Chairman Lynch responded to an email from Mr. Treaster regarding sewer system capacity and potential multi-family housing in Ledyard Center.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

7. Weston and Sampson signed contract for Phase III.

Weston and Sampson and Mayor Fred Allyn III have signed the engineering addendum contract for Phase III.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Water Report Review continued.

Mr. Ball discussed his work on analyzing the data for a new water rate structure. He said the dates seem to be in fiscal year format. His goal will be to create one large list, then an average

usage and lastly a breakout for residential vs. commercial use. The main focus will be on residential. There are a few anomalies that he is investigating. He also noted that there are still some un-metered users, some flat rates that show that there are meters, and some listed as "no size". One of them is Ocean State Job Lot the other is listed as "RMI000" which is also on Route 12 with the same address as Job Lot.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

2. Review of Trail/Sewer line bids continued.

Chairman Lynch said he was getting a bit concerned about the blasting being estimated properly but it appears to be within budget.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

3. Lead Survey Review and Grant Submittal.

A Project Eligibility Grant Application has been successfully submitted to the Department of Public Health. The Authority is awaiting review and approval of the application.

Chairman Lynch will try to attend some of the Lead Survey monthly meetings.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

4. Any Other Old Business to come before the Authority.

Chairman Lynch mentioned that the Authority's Water rate increase was approved by the Town Council. He added that the Council made a comment about the WPCA possibly having to spend the contingency on lead survey costs over the next five years.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to APPROVE payment to the Day Paper for Order Number #d01076994, in the amount of \$1066.75 for the Water Rate Increase Public Hearing Notice published on April 11, 2024.

It was mentioned that the next time there is a rate increase maybe the table could be referred to but not printed in order to reduce the Day Paper announcement charges.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Jones Juber Tewfik Wadecki Lynch

2. Motion to APPROVE payment to Groton Utilities, invoice #0024011, dated April 30, 2024, in the amount of \$7,860.95, for emergency services (\$204.70) and cost-of-study services (\$7,656.25).

It was noted there was a typo, it should be "cost-of-services", not "cost-of-study".

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE**                5    Jones Juber Tewfik Wadecki Lynch

3. Motion to APPROVE payment to Groton Utilities, invoice #0023861, dated January 31, 2024, in the amount of \$1,771.56, for lead inventory.

Ms. Wadecki questioned why the WPCA is receiving a bill dated in January in May.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Chairman Lynch will ask Finance why the invoice was received late.

**RESULT:**        APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:**         Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

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4. Motion to APPROVE payment to Weston & Sampson invoice #5241323, dated May 21, 2024, in the amount of \$16,605.00, for Phase III Sewer line upgrade.

Ms. Wadecki asked why it costs \$137,000 to place a small line above another line when there is no ledge rock or wetlands present.

**RESULT:**        APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:**         Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Terry Jones

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5. Motion to APPROVE payment to Weston & Samson invoice #4241190, dated April 8, 2024, in the amount of \$9850.00, for Phase III Sewer line upgrade.

It was noted that this invoice is for professional services through March 29, 2024, which is part of Phase I not Phase III.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Chairman Lynch will ask Weston & Samson for an explanation of the charges

**RESULT:**        TABLED

**MOVER:**         Sharon Wadecki

**SECONDER:** Stanley Juber

**AYE**                5    Jones Juber Tewfik Wadecki Lynch

6. Any Other New Business to come before the Authority.

Mr. Duarte presented an invoice from Groton utilities that needed approval.

Motion to APPROVE payment to Groton Utilities invoice #0168369, dated March 21, 2024, in the amount of \$6,215.00, for meters.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Jones Juber Tewfik Wadecki Lynch

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Stanley Juber

**AYE** 5 Jones Juber Tewfik Wadecki Lynch

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