



Chairman
Ed Lynch

TOWN OF LEDYARD

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynch at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Board Member Sharon Wadecki
Chairman Edmond Lynch
Alternate Member James A. Ball
Board Member Stanley Juber
Board Member Terry Jones
Absent Board Member Monir Tewfik
Alternate Alternate Member Tony Capon
Alternate Member Jeremy Norris

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mr. Ball was appointed as a voting member.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2026, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

VII. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Aquia Providence from Connecticut Rural Water & Waste Water Association presenting on USDA Funding Options for sewer pipe lining and water lead and copper rule.

Aquia Providence and Paul Sostino from Connecticut Rural Water and Wastewater Association spoke to the committee about the possibility of grant money to help fund the sewer pipe relining and the Lead and Copper Rule. Chairman Lynch explained the commission won't know what

they are eligible for until the USDA reviews the request and makes a judgment on if the Highlands can be considered a service area or if the service area needs to include the entire 06339 zip code. Mr. Lynch stated that if the commission were to obtain a loan from the USDA, the estimated cost would be \$4,000 per month. However, with additional home construction, the WPCA is expected to generate approximately \$3500 per month in additional revenue, making the \$4000 monthly loan payment more manageable.

Ms. Wadecki asked if the application process would cost anything. Mr. Sostino explained that the USDA tries to keep the costs low, however an engineer would be required, however those costs can roll into your loan. Ms. Providence stated that in the past the USDA didn't grant much money to Connecticut but they are trying to change that and because of this she has seen even some wealthy towns get large amounts of grant funding.

Ms. Wadecki asked when the Copper and Lead Rule needed to be completed by, Chairman Lynch responded it needed to begin by 2027 and the Town has ten years to complete the project.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Operations Report.

Chairman Lynch stated that there were no leaks between June and July. Mr. Lynch mentioned the attachment that showed all of the prior breaks.

2. Service Correspondence.

Chairman Lynch stated that there is currently a Fluoride shortage. Joseph Pratt from Groton Utilities explained that the state required fluoride levels were still being maintained. Mr. Ball stated that the state cannot waive the requirement.

3. Aged Reports/Finance.

Mr. Jones noted that there were a few line items in the budget that are over by 100%. He stated that he hopes this was factored into the next fiscal year budget. Mr. Juber asked why the budget line for power was over, Ms. Wadecki stated that the WPCA didn't budget enough. Mr. Stammel, assistant finance director stated that there is still money encumbered in that line, it appears WPCA is over budget by approximately \$5,000.

4. Year to Date Water/Sewer Report.

5. PSR - Steve Banks.

6. Town Council Action Letter from Roxanne Maher dated July 29, 2026.

Chairman Lynch stated that the MOU for the lead and copper survey had been approved by the Town Council as well as the bid waiver for CorrTech.

7. Discussion and possible action on SCWA's rejection of proposed water rate.

Chairman. Lynch stated that SCWA had rejected the offer presented to them by WPCA for the cost of supplying water to the SCWA customers. Chairman. Lynch stated that SCWA asked why they couldn't receive the same deal Montville has. Mr. Lynch said that he told SCWA they would need to negotiate with Groton Utilities and then present the offer to WPCA if they want

something similar to what Montville has. Mr. Juber commented that the deal with Montville was different as it was new construction. Mr. Stammel explained the deal with Montville is different because the only cost there is to the WPCA is the cost of running water through the lines, Groton Utilities is responsible for everything else including the billing. Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Juber commented that providing water to SCWA would result in additional maintenance costs due to the increased water flow through the existing infrastructure.

Mr. Stammel suggested that the commission should add a supplier rate to their rate schedule. It was decided that this would be discussed further at a future meeting.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. 740 Colonel Ledyard Highway Discussion

Chairman Lynch explained that the contractor at 740 Colonel Ledyard Highway began work at this property with no permits. Chairman Lynch mentioned the building inspector was concerned with the open ditches that were on the property without any barricades. Chairman Lynch stated that he still hasn't received a commitment letter from the contractor.

Ms. Wadecki asked about the sewer line connection, Mr. Lynch responded that he has not seen the plans for that yet. Ms. Wadecki stated that the plans are out there and the contractor wants to connect to a sewer line that isn't there. Chairman Lynch stated that the contractor has been instructed to meet with Weston and Sampson and there will have to be updated plans that are reviewed by both Groton Utilities and Weston and Sampson. Chairman Lynch stated that he has told the contractor that he would not sign the commitment letter until the plans are approved by all the involved parties.

Joeph stated that Kate would like to be informed of any updates on this property, Chairman Lynch stated he would provide updates.

Chairman Lynch reviewed the original agreement letter that was provided to the contractor. Chairman Lynch stated the contractor had met with Planning and Zoning on July 9th and the project was tabled because the contractor did not provide updated drawings.

2. 1947 Center Groton Road

4. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Authority.

Chairman Lynch stated that he asked Matthew Bonin, finance director the status of Arcadis, and Mr. Bonin stated that it is on hold until the USDA application is processed. Chairman Lynch also asked Mr. Bonin about the status of a part time employee. Mr. Stammel responded that the town is working on the job posting.

3. Lead Survey Update

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to approve Groton Utilities Invoice# 29159 dated June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$470.00 for Diversion Permits-DEEP FY26.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

2. MOTION to approve Groton Utilities Invoice # 29160 dated June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$2,000 for Ledyard Meter Purchases FY2023- FY2025.

Chairman Lynch explained that this invoice was for two 2" meters.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

3. MOTION to approve Groton Utilities Invoice # 29161 dated June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$2,234.68 for Ledyard Hydraulic Model 2025.

Chairman Lynch stated that this invoice was for the hydraulic model. *Joseph stated that he is hoping to have a representative at the next meeting to do a presenatation.*

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

4. MOTION to approve PKF O'Connor Davies Accountants and Advisors Invoice #1068090 dated May 31, 2026, in the amount of \$500.00 for services rendered.

Mr. Juber asked if this invoice was for the audit, Ms. Wadecki responded that it was a pre-audit, that there were two invoices both in the amount of \$5000 and the WPCA was paying \$500 on each.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

5. MOTION to approve PKF O'Connor Davies Accountants and Advisors Invoice #1075257 dated June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$500.00 for services rendered.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

7. MOTION to approve Ledyard WPCA Water & Sewer Rate Schedules effective July 1, 2026, for public posting.

Chairman Lynch explained this document was created by Mr. Stammel outlining the new water and sewer rate structure and would be sent to Groton Utilities.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

8. Any Other New Business to Come Before the Authority.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lynch adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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