



Chairman
Ed Lynch

TOWN OF LEDYARD

Water Pollution Control Authority

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance:

Ian Stammel-Treasurer
Vince Bartelli-Groton Utilities
Jessica Michaud- WPCA support person

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

James Ball appointed a voting member.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVE the WPCA Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 26, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

2. APPROVE the WPCA Public Hearing Minutes dated May 26, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

3. APPROVE the WPCA Special Meeting minutes dated June 9, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Operations Report.

Mr. Lynch expressed concern that DPH has not notified SCWA customers of the recent testing showing elevated PFA's. Mr. Ball suggested having a protocol in case the WPCA ever encounters abnormal water tests. My Capon noted that water testing is reported in the Operations report.

Mr. Lynch stated that Mr. Steve Banks will be responsible for Call Before you Dig, and is working on creating a registry with them.

Mr. Jones asked if there is list of infrastructure issues including breaks, failures, and other issues, that can be used to prioritize replacement projects on infrastructure.

Mr. Vince Bartelli from GU stated that there is a list and suggested prioritizing Chestnut or Old Fort. Mr. Jones asked if GU could provide the list so that the WPCA could coordinate road work being done with public works director Steve Masalin. Mr. Lynch stated costs to WPCA are reduced when they work with in conjunction with the repaving being done by public works.

2. Service Correspondence.

Mr. Jones asked why there isn't a service contract for Arcadia yet. Mr. Stammel stated that a BID waiver was needed by Town Council. Mr. Lynch stated that the WPCA will formally request a BID waiver for the lead survey from the Town Council.

3. Aged Reports/Finance.

4. Year to Date Water/Sewer Report.

Mr. Lynch stated that he has a meeting with the USDA on July 15th at 11a.m. to get additional information on a grant to line the sewers.

5. PSR - Steve Banks.

6. Correspondence from Steve D on TMC violations

7. Correspondence from Roxanne Maher on approval of water rates.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. MOTION to grant a bid waiver to CorrTech Inc., in the amount of up-to \$7,500 for the inspection of the underground Holmberg Surge Tank.

RESULT: NO ACTION

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MOTION to request a BID waiver from the Town Council for the inspection of the Holmberg System 5000 gallon underground tank.

This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: James A. Ball

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EXCUSED 1 Juber

3. Discussion and possible action pertaining to EG Homes Presentation and Revised Commitment Letter

Chris Oliveira, VP Land Development at EG Shoreline reviewed the commitment letter regarding the sewer and water agreement for the 76-unit town home application that has been submitted for 1947 Center Groton Road. Mr. Oliveira stated there will be 76 meters, one for each unit.

The authority raised the concern that if there was to be a leak on the private property who would be responsible, as there was an issue previously where an owner refused to fix the leak, costing the WPCA money. Mr. Oliveira explained that there will be 76 curb stops and it would be written in the HOA bylaws that the WPCA has the authority to shut the water off until the problem is fixed.

Mr. Jones stated that he wants to ensure that there is language in the bylaws stating the HOA is responsible for any issues downstream of the isolation between the 16" main and the 6" main and anything from the isolation valve into the home is the responsibility of the homeowner. Mr. Oliveira stated that he can put that in writing and has a similar agreement with Westerly Water.

Mr. Lynch asked if they only have one hydrant, Mr. Oliveira answered there are 4, and it had been approved with the fire chief. Mr. Lynch stated that there is a Hydrant fee and the HOA will be responsible for flagging the hydrant location during the winter.

Mr. Ball asked who owned the meters, Mr. Oliveira answered the WPCA owns the meters. Mr. Lynch explained if there is an issue with the meter, that would be the responsibility of the WPCA.

Mr. Lynch asked if there was a correction to the plan to ensure the separation of water and sewer. Mr. Oliveira stated that there will be a grinder pump station in the back and the water will come in through the front of the building. Mr. Lynch stated if there were issues with the grinder pump it would be the responsibility of the HOA.

Mr. Ball stated that it should be in writing that the WPCA has the authority to shut off water for non-payment, Mr. Oliveira stated that could be added to the commitment letter.

The authority agreed to have Mr. Lynch sign the E.G. Shoreline Commitment letter with the following updates; add that WPCA has the authority to shut off water due to non-payment,

change the meter size from 6" to 8", and change the language "most efficient cost effective to EG Shoreline" to language that is inclusive of the best interest of both EG Shoreline and WPCA.

MOTION to approve the water extension agreement with E.G. Shoreline with the 3 edits noted.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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EXCUSED 1 Juber

4. MOTION to approve a proposed "Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Ledyard And the Ledyard Water Pollution Control Authority Regarding Financial Commitments for the Federally Mandated Lead and Copper Service Line Survey" as presented in the draft dated July1, 2026.

Ms. Wadecki asked how the loan from the town would be paid as it hasn't been budgeted for. Mr. Lynch stated that it would have to come out of the miscellaneous line. Mr. Stammel stated that he would recommend making a motion to create a line in next year's budget for this project and requesting funds from accounts that are underutilized.

Mr. Lynch stated the loan is for \$216,000, however it may be less if grant funding from the state is awarded.

Ms. Wadecki suggested an action item for next month's meeting naming the line to be added to next year's budget.

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

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the water rate structure to be proposed to SCWA.

Mr. Lynch stated that SCWA stated if the rate the WPCA proposes to SCWA is too high, then SCWA will turn customers over to WPCA. The authority discussed the pros and cons of taking over the SCWA customers.

Ms. Wadecki expressed the importance of thinking of the costs to WPCA associated with providing water to the SCWA customers when proposing a rate to SCWA.

A discussion was had about the need to upgrade the meter. Mr. Stamel stated that WPCA could work with Groton Utilities on that and then charge the cost to SCWA.

After a lengthy decision the authority agreed on charging SCWA 20% above the rate WPCA pays Groton Utilities for water which will provide approximately \$20,000 of revenue per year for WPCA.

MOTION to propose to SCWA a fixed water rate of 20% over the cost WPCA pays Groton Utilities per gallon.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Sharon Wadecki

SECONDER: Edmond Lynch

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2.

MOTION to upgrade the SCWA meter from 2" to 6" to be billed to SCWA at cost.

This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

3. MOTION to approve The Day invoice #d01116485 dated May 15, 2026, in the amount of \$365.55 for the publication of the legal notice for the WPCA public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Sharon Wadecki

SECONDER: Edmond Lynch

EXCUSED 1 Juber

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