



# 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 26, 2026

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

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

#### III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

None.

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### V. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

#### VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2026.  
Roll call corrected to note that some regular authority members were listed as alternate members.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
- Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2026, as written.  
Amendment needed to correct the Roll Call as some commissioners are listed as alternates that should be listed as board members.  
**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

#### VII. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**1. Azuria Presentation- Sewer Pipe Relining**

Mr. Cronin the business development manager for Insituform for the Northeast introduced colleagues Mark Szela, Vice President of Operations for Insituform for the Northeast and Brittany Booz Director of the Omnia Co-Op.

Mr. Cronin showed the committee what a lined pipe would look like. Mr. Cronin stated that Nelson Leite, Operations Manager at Insituform had met with Steve Banks and walked the sewer system in town and prepared an estimate. The liner has a very low profile, Insituform works with pipes that are 6" diameters or larger.

Mr. Szela gave an in depth presentation on Insituform going into detail about process and benefits of relining pipes using Cure-In Place Pipe. Mr. Szela also gave a brief description of the other services offered at Insituform.

There was also a brief presentation on Omnia explaining what cooperative purchasing and how it can benefit a municipality.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE****1. Operations Report.**

Chairman Lynch stated that he recently attended a meeting with Groton Utilities. One of the issues discussed was that previously Groton Utilities responded to all of the Call Before You Dig (CBYD) requests, but now with the new sewer infrastructure phone calls will need to be made to both Groton Utilities and Steve Banks. A new registry will be needed as the WPCA previously used the Groton Utilities registry. Groton Utilities is helping Steve Banks with obtaining the new registry but there will be a registration fee associated with it. Groton Utilities nor the WPCA know where the service lines are, which is presents a risk of damaging both water and sewer mains.

Chairman Lynch stated that there was a meeting with Arcadis and Groton Utilities. Groton Utilities has handed over all of the documentation to Arcadis.

Mr. Lynch stated that he, SCWA, and Groton Utilities will be meeting next week to come to a better understanding as to what the transition will look like.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**2. Service Correspondence.**

Chairman Lynch stated that there are homes that have grinder pumps and the homeowners are unaware that they are responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the pumps, not the WPCA. Mr. Lynch stated that developers need to be notifying homeowners of this fact.

Many of the pumps are twenty years old. Recently a homeowner realized the pump was no longer working when there was a sewage backup in the basement. Mr. Banks has composed a

letter to be sent to the homeowners with these pumps. Groton Utilities can include the letter as an insert but there will be an additional fee associated with the mailings. Mr. Juber asked if there is a list of homes with these grinder pumps, to which Mr. Lynch replied there is.

Mr. Lynch asked if the homeowners from Meetinghouse Lane were at the meeting, the homeowners were not present, therefore no action was taken.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**3.** Aged Reports/Finance.

Mr. Jones asked if WPCA had received any additional information from Tina at Groton Utilities about the line item "Water Miscellaneous" in the amount of \$14,708.00. Chairman Lynch stated that he doesn't have an explanation at this time. Mr. Lynch informed the authority that Tina has left Groton Utilities and that Danielle is now the Groton Utilities representative for the WPCA.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**4.** Year to Date Water/Sewer Report.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**5.** PSR - Steve Banks.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**1.** Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Authority.

During a lengthy discussion among the authority there were multiple rates and structures considered. The authority decided to wait for Groton Utilities to finish the sewer rate table using Mr. Lynch's suggestion of the flat rate for the first 3333 gallons used and then 1.45 cents per gallon for residential customers and 2 cents per gallon for commercial customers. In addition, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Juber will also work together to review different rate options and rate structures to find a multiplier that raises the needed \$646,856.00. Mr. Stammel also offered to look at the spreadsheet that includes three years of water and sewer usage. The authority then decided a special meeting would be held to discuss and set a new sewer rate.

MOTION to approve a fully remote Special Meeting to take place on June 9, 2026, at 7 p.m. to discuss and vote on sewer rates to be effective July 1, 2026.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Sharon Wadecki

**SECONDER:** Stanley Juber

**AYE** 5 Tewfik Wadecki Lynch Juber Jones

**2.** MOTION to approve payment to CorrTech inspection of the Holmberg System 5000 gallon underground surge tank, CorrTech proposal 18318, dated March 23, 2026, not to exceed \$5,000

up to 5 paint samples analyzed if requested.

The authority noted that the tank was named incorrectly in the original motion. The authority agreed to the correction as a friendly amendment changing Holdridge/Aljen Heights to Holmberg.

Later in the meeting Mr. Lynch stated that Groton Utilities is having difficulty obtaining additional quotes. Mr. Lynch stated that he told Groton Utilities that a waiver could be requested.

The authority tabled this motion until additional quotes are obtained. If additional quotes are unable to be obtained a waiver will be requested from the Town Council.

**RESULT:** TABLED

## **X NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. The Mayor's Proposal.**

Ms. Wadecki asked if there had been any discussion with the Town Council, Mr. Lynch responded that they are aware of the mandate and funding required to complete the Lead and Copper study.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Tewfik Wadecki Lynch Juber Jones

### **2. MOTION to approve payment of Groton Utilities Invoice #0028386, dated June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$1,276.14, for Ledyard Emergencies FY2023-FY2025.**

Mr. Stammel explained that Invoice #0028386 for Groton Utilities is an invoice he has been holding as he believed that it was part of the work done due to the lightning strike on the Holmberg tank. Mr. Stammel stated that he had spoken with Aaron at Groton Utilities who explained that this was a separate issue unrelated to the lightning strike.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Tewfik Wadecki Lynch Juber Jones

### **3. MOTION to approve payment of Groton Utilities invoice #0029018, dated April 20, 2026 in the amount of \$1,228.53, for Ledyard-Thompson WM Replacement.**

Mr. Jones commented that the invoice appeared to be for inspections completed by Catherine Blacker and questioned the eighteen days worth of inspections. Mr. Juber stated that the invoice showed each day was only for about an hour to an hour and a half of work.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE**            5    Tewfik Wadecki Lynch Juber Jones

4. MOTION to approve payment of Groton Utilities invoice #0029019, dated April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$1,351.05, for Ledyard Hydraulic Model Calibration.

Mr. Lynch stated that the committee would eventually have a presentation on this.

**RESULT:**      APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:**        Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE**            5    Tewfik Wadecki Lynch Juber Jones

5. MOTION to approve a new water rate structure effective July 1, 2026, as recommended and contained in the WPCA letter dated as May 28, 2026; in accordance with Ordinance #400-001 "An Ordinance Establishing a Water Pollution Control Authority".

The WPCA noted the following updates to the Motion: add the word "**water**" before *rate structure* and change the effective date from July 1, 2025 to July 1, **2026**.

**RESULT:**      APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:**        Edmond Lynch

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE**            5    Tewfik Wadecki Lynch Juber Jones

6. Any Other New Business to Come Before the Authority.
7. Discussion regarding emergency opening to SCWA on Fairway Drive.

Mr. Lynch stated that the 74 condo units at 1947 Center Groton Road were private property, therefore WPCA will need to charge for hydrants. WPCA can do annual leak tests, and if a leak is found it needs to be repaired within sixty days or the water can be shut off. Mr. Lynch explained that WPCA can request an expensive 6" meter, but that will need to be managed by someone. At this location each condo will be privately owned and each owner will be responsible for their own water and sewer rates. Mr. Lynch is unsure if grinder pumps will be issued to each condo or one for every set of 4 condos. Ms. Wadecki asked if we have a successful procedure at Lakeside why are we recreating a different one with this new condominium. Ms. Wadecki stated if we are going to recreate the meter structure WPCA should reference what is already in place at Lakeside condominium. Mr. Lynch stated that EG Homes want to build a meter shed versus putting them in a pit. Mr. Juber asked if they plan on heating the shed, Mr. Lynch responded yes. Mr. Lynch explained that the reasoning the builder gave to not put the meters at the road is that it would be very expensive. The builder would prefer to have 1 service line to 4 buildings instead of 4 separate lines to 4 separate building to save money. Ms. Wadecki stated that the meters should be able to be read without entering the property. Mr. Lynch stated that Groton Utilities can drive by and read the 4 meters from the

attached shed. Mr. Jones asked if when Mr. Lynch says four buildings does he mean four dwellings. Mr. Lynch clarified that some building will be a single condo, some will have two condos and others buildings will have 4 condos. Mr. Jones suggested that WPCA charge for the 6" meter and then the condo association is responsible for separating the billings. Mr. Jones stated that the developer does not want to manage the accounting, the only way for the developer to not manage the accounting is for the WPCA to manage it, and the only way for the WPCA to manage it is for there to be individual meters. Mr. Juber stated that if the WPCA was to do what the developer is asking, the WPCA would be responsible for all of the water lines running to the condos. Mike Weber from Groton utilities added that in Groton there is a meter fee of \$20.00 a month, so if there is 300 unit condominium there are 300 meters which generates revenue. Mr. Juber asked if Groton Utilities maintains the lines on the condo property. Mike Weber from Groton Utilities stated that they only maintain the meters. This makes billing easier than if there was a single master meter, as with this method no one is responsible for separating the billing. Mr. Juber asked who is responsible for the repair if there is a leak in the line before the meter Mike Weber responded that it would be the owners as it is private property. Mr. Jones stated the for the WPCA's benefit there should be a master meter and a master shutoff valve. Mr. Ball asked what the meter structure was for the condos that recently went up on Colonel Ledyard. Mr. Lynch stated that there is a 6" line that went in and then separate meters for each unit. The condominium association is responsible for the lines on private property. Mr. Lynch stated that Groton Utilities told EG Homes that because of the WPCA ordinance they would need to have a curb stop and meter pit for each condo. Mr. Jones corrected Mr. Lynch stating it is a policy not an ordinance. Ms Wadecki stated that if there isn't a meter pit at the property line then there is no way to capture water usage from the hydrants and this has been an issue in the past.

Mr. Jones asked if the developer has formal plans, Mr. Lynch responded that the developer does have formal plans that have been presented to Groton Utilities. Groton Utilities provided many changes due to state requirements for distance between sewer and water plans. After further discussion the authority decided that the developer should come to the WPCA formally with their request and it could be discussed further at that time.

Mr. Stammel made a recommendation that going forward contractors should attend the WPCA meetings to have any questions answered. In addition, Mr. Stammel recommended that any email correspondence from contractors should be added onto the agenda, and email replies should be limited until discussed with the commission.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned by chairman Lynch at 9:23 p.m.

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