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Watertown, CT – May 26, 2026 – Statement from Town Manager Mark A. Raimo

Town of Watertown Mourns the Passing of Council Member Michele McHugh

The Town of Watertown is deeply saddened by the passing of Town Council Member Michele McHugh.

This loss is being felt throughout the community by those who knew Michele personally, worked alongside her, or simply experienced her kindness and generosity. She was a warm, compassionate, and genuine person who cared deeply about others and about the Town she loved.

Although Michele had only recently begun serving on the Town Council, she approached the role with enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and a sincere desire to contribute to the community. She believed in Watertown and valued the people who make it such a special place.

Beyond her public service, Michele was a respected local business owner through Hawk Ridge Winery, as well as a dedicated community member who consistently supported local events, organizations, and residents.

On behalf of the Town of Watertown, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Michele's husband, Dr. Jack McHugh, her family, friends, colleagues, and all those mourning this tremendous loss.

Town flags will be lowered in Michele's honor as a tribute to her service and commitment to the Watertown community.

Additional information regarding memorial arrangements or recognitions will be shared at the appropriate time in coordination with the family.

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