



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
61 ECHO LAKE RD.
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Chairman Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Chairman Jonathan Ramsay led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
PRESENT: Jonathan Ramsay, Chairman
Michele McHugh, Vice Chair
Dan Cocchiola
Robert Desena
Carina Noyd
Mary Ann Rosa
Rachael Ryan

ABSENT: Ken Demirs, Robert Retallick

OTHERS PRESENT: Maria Guerrero, Finance Director

4. Recognition.
 - a. Anthony DiBona, former Town Councilmember
 - b. Gary Lafferty, former Town Councilmember
5. Public Participation.

The Town Council invites the public to speak under public participation. Please complete and provide a *Watertown Town Council Public Participation* Form if you wish to speak at the meeting. Copies are available on the Town's website or at the meeting. There is a time limit of three minutes per speaker.

Barbara Zulkeski asked that council members participate in formal edict, conduct and procedural training in meetings and to have a refresher on Robert Rules of Order. Ms. Zulkeski asked until the Water & Sewer debacle is fully resolved, the town should have a freeze on spending. Ms. Zulkeski asked why are we spending \$85,000 on a road study when we have a GIS system capable of mapping and prioritizing. Ms. Zulkeski asked for the road paving be put out to RFP due to not having manpower, materials and equipment.

Richard Rozanski talked about the proceeds from the 6 million road improvement bond and had concerns that the bond proceeds are not segregated into their own singular account with its own line items.

Katherine Camara asked about the process for nominations on committees and gave names to be considered from the Independent Party Town Committee for town commissions and boards and will email the Town Council with the list. Ms. Camara asked that the Town Council needs to have its own Facebook page. Ms. Camara said there was no information on the website for the Santa Parade event on road closures.

Frankie Popilowski stated at the meeting for the Water & Sewer Committee a comment was made that the public would be allowed to attend and asked when the meetings are scheduled.

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay answered they would be posted on the town website.

Frankie Popilowski stated she agreed with Barbara and asked why they are not using the GIS system to look at all the roads in town. Ms. Popilowski said the Water & Sewer was allowed to have a meeting on Wednesday night which is the same night as the Planning & Zoning Meeting and not being able to attend both meetings. Ms. Popilowski asked if the Water & Sewer could be audited quarterly and talked about the meter change out program and asked if that is a standard and if there is a schedule for meters changing out.

6. Minutes.
 - a. November 17, 2025 – Regular Meeting – meeting will be ready at the next meeting.
7. Chairman's Report
 - a. Correspondence

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay asked the Town Council to keep meetings orderly and to direct all comments to the Chair. If you wish to speak wait until I have acknowledged you before doing so. He expects discussions to remain on topic and conducted in a respectful manner.

Rachael Ryan gave an apology for violating the rules of decorum at the last meeting but will not apologize for the sentiment that was expressed and gave her background history for the town. Ms. Ryan talked about the motion she made and wanted fair and transparent accounting.

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay stated the only requirement to be on the Town Council is stated in the Charter: six months as a resident, remaining as a registered voter.

8. Staff Reports.

a. Town Manager

Maria Guerrero reported on behalf of the Town Manager.

1. Contract negotiations have reached an impasse, both the town and the union have mutually agreed to engage a mediator to reach a final agreement. The impasse is based solely on wages and all other items have remained cooperative and productive throughout their discussions.

b. Finance Director

Maria Guerrero reported:

1. We met with George our auditor on site last Monday. At that time, we decided to file an audit extension as a precaution due to our current workload, specifically our calendar year end filing, our budget holiday cycle and staffing availability.
* Filing an extension ensures that we remain in compliance should any unexpected delays come up. We are working on completing the audit in a timely manner.
2. The 26/27 budget preparation and shared drive is up and running available to all departments to complete their budget as well as uploading any backup documentation to support their budget line. This has allowed departments and Finance to communicate and share documents more readily and in real times.

9. Subcommittees.

Water & Sewer Committee – Chair of Sub-Committee Michele McHugh reported we are continuing interviews tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in this room and expect to select our two community members tomorrow.

Dan Cocchiola added it's all going to happen tomorrow in front of the public.

10. New Business.

- a. Consider authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$8,504.64 from the General Fund to Police Overtime line item-010.50130.020.0000.9010. Funds received from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation for DUI Enforcement activities.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$8,504.64 from the General Fund to the Police Overtime line item 010.50130.020.0000.9010. Funds received from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation for DUI Enforcement activities.

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

- b. Consider an appropriation from the 018 Water Capital Fund in the amount of \$80,000 to be placed in line item 018.50529.077.2866.9018 – Bunker Hill Pump station for emergency repairs of pump number one for, piping, valves, and electrical equipment which occurred during a failure of a check valve.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$80,000 from the 018 Water Capital Fund to be placed in line item 018.50529.077.2866.9018 – Bunker Hill Pump station for emergency repairs of pump number one for piping, valves and electrical equipment which occurred during a failure of a check valve.

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

11. Adjournment.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk



WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORM

Date of Meeting: 12/1/25

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Name:

Barbara Zuckerman
(please print)

Address:

17 Maulony Rd.

Signature:

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Name: RICHARD ROZANSKI
(please print)

Address: 35 REYNOLDS ST.
WATERTOWN, CT. 06795

Signature: *Richard Rozanski*

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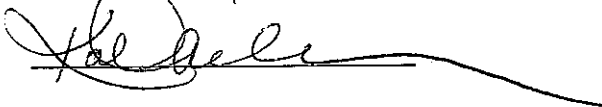
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Name: Katherine Camara
(please print)

Address: 31 Cottage Place

Oakville, CT 06779

Signature: 

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**Signed under protest for violation
of First Amendment Rights*



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Name:

Frankie Papilewski
(please print)

Address:

210 Me St

Signature:

Frankie Papilewski

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