



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

MOTIONS

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

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Chair Mary Ann Rosa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Chair Mary Ann Rosa led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.
PRESENT: Mary Ann Rosa, Chair
 Ken Demirs, Vice Chair
 Robert Desena
 Anthony DiBona
 Carina Noyd
 Jonathan Ramsay
 Robert Retallick
 Rachael Ryan

ABSENT: Gary Lafferty

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Raimo, Town Manager

4. Recognition - Senior Center Month

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.

6. Minutes.

a. Public Hearing – August 12, 2025

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded Robert Retallick: I move to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing dated August, 12 2025 as presented.

Aye: 7 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Ramsay

Motion passes

b. Regular Meeting – August 18, 2025

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded Robert Retallick: I move to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 18, 2025 as presented.

Rachael Ryan has a correction on Page 7 at the bottom the first line was a statement but there is a question mark at the end of it, that needs to be a period.

Aye: 7 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Ramsay

Motion passes

c. Special Meeting – August 26, 2025

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded Robert Retallick: I move to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting dated August 26, 2025 as presented.

Rachael Ryan has a correction on Page 5 at the bottom where I was speaking, the name was misspelled the c was left out of it.

Motion passed unanimously

7. Chairman's Report
 - a. Correspondence
 1. Resignation letter from Robert Wills, as a member of the Gazebo Committee, effective November 8, 2024, dated September 2025.

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Carina Noyd: I would like to make a motion to add two items to the agenda, given the fact that Watertown lost two court decisions in the rate case in the recent decision by the Connecticut Superior Court to not take up the case I move to add to the agenda, Discussion and possible action to remove the current Town Attorney.

Aye: 3 Ramsay, Ryan, Noyd
Nay: 5 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick
Abstain: 0

Motion is defeated

Motion: Rachael Ryan second Corina Noyd: I move to add to the agenda Discussion and possible action to set up a 3-member committee to investigate possible attorneys who would be qualified for the position.

Aye: 3 Ramsay, Ryan, Noyd
Nay: 5 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick
Abstain: 0

Motion is defeated

Motion: Corina Noyd seconded Rachael Ryan: I move to add to the agenda, Discussion and a possible motion that a special committee be appointed to investigate the potential claim of legal malpractice against the current the Town Attorney and report its findings and recommendations to the council at the October 6th 2025 meeting.

Aye: 2 Ryan, Noyd
Nay: 6 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick, Ramsay
Abstain: 0

Motion is defeated

8. Staff Reports.
 - a. Town Manager - none.
 - b. Finance Director – none.

9. Subcommittees. – none.

10. New Business.

- a. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to the Water and Sewer Authority concerning Westgate water and sewer rates.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move that the matter of Westgate customer rates be referred back to the Water and Sewer Authority (WSA) with direction to review the issue in full and take action to mitigate the significant impact on the Westgate customers.

Motion passes unanimously

- b. Consider authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to the Police Law Enforcement Equipment Account 010.50572.021.0000.9010. Funds received from a donation from Taft School.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to the Police Law Enforcement Equipment Account 010.50572.021.0000.9010. Funds received from a donation from Taft School.

Motion passed unanimously

- c. Consider a resolution authorizing the payment of tax refunds.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the payment of tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously

- d. Executive Session: Time in 7:25 p.m.

1. Pending Litigation – Philson Inc, v Town of Watertown Tax Appeal.
2. Pending Litigation – Siemon Realty Company v Town of Watertown Tax Appeal.
3. Pending Litigation – PM Engineering Solutions, Inc. v Town of Watertown Tax Appeal.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation for tax appeals for Philson, Inc., Siemon Realty Company and PM Engineering Solutions, Inc. attending will be the Town Attorney, Town Manager and Town Council members present.

Motion passed unanimously

Out of Executive Session 7:39 p.m.

- e. Consider authorizing the settlement of a tax appeal - Philson Inc. v Town of Watertown.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to authorize the settlement agreement of a tax appeal with Philson Inc. v Town of Watertown.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. Consider authorizing the settlement of a tax appeal – Siemon Realty Company v. Town of Watertown.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to authorize the settlement agreement of a tax appeals with Siemon Realty Company v Town of Watertown.

Motion passed unanimously

- g. Consider authorizing the settlement of a tax appeal - PM Engineering Solutions, Inc. v Town of Watertown.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to authorize the settlement agreement of a tax appeal with PM Engineering Solutions v. Town of Watertown.

Motion passed unanimously

- 11. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously