



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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.
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
Ken Demirs
Robert Desena
Carina Noyd
Robert Retallick
Mary Ann Rosa
Rachael Ryan

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Raimo, Town Manager
Maria Guerrero, Finance Director

4. 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.

5. Minutes.

a. October 20, 2025 - Regular Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes October 20, 2025 as presented.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 McHugh, Cocchiola

Motion passes

b. November 10, 2025 – Special Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs:: I move to approve the Special Meeting minutes dated November 10, 2025 as presented.

Motion passes

6. Chairman's Report

a. Correspondence

1. Letter received from Jaime Young Bernardi regarding a request for memorial sign, dated October 9, 2025.

7. Staff Reports.

- a. Town Manager
- b. Finance Director

8. Subcommittees – none.

9. New Business.

- a. Consider approval of the proposed agreement between the Town of Watertown and Town Hall Supervisors Employees, CSEA/SEIU, Local 2001, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the proposed agreement between the Town of Watertown and Town Hall Supervisors Employees, CSEA/SEIU, Local 2001, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028.

Motion passed unanimously

- b. Consider approval of a job description for Recreation and Aquatics Program Coordinator.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the job description for Recreation and Aquatics Program Coordinator.

Motion passed unanimously

- c. Consider a request for a bid waiver for services to be provided by BETA Group Inc. to provide additional and updated road asset management services for the Town of Watertown, to include data collection on guide rails, signage, pavement markings and road surface condition scores for an amount not to exceed \$82,500.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorize a bid waiver for services to be provided by BETA Group Inc. to provide additional and updated road asset management services for the Town of Watertown, to include data collection on guide rails, signage, pavement markings and road surface condition scores for an amount not to exceed \$82,500.

Motion passed unanimously

- d. Consider authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$731.40 from the General Fund to Police Overtime line item-010.50130.020.0000.9010. Funds received from the State of Connecticut for Homeland Security activities.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$731.40 from the General Fund to Police Overtime line item-010.50130.020.0000.9010. Funds received from the State of Connecticut for Homeland Security activities.

Motion passed unanimously

- e. Consider a resolution approving Town Council meeting dates and times for 2026.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution approving Town Council meeting dates and times for 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. Consider approval of the resolution authorizing transfers for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to close out the Fiscal Year.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing transfers for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to close out the Fiscal Year.

Motion passed unanimously

- g. Consider approval of resolution authorizing transfers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing transfers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Motion passed unanimously

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

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorization the payment of tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously

- i. Consider approval of the suspense list.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the suspense list as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

10. Old Business.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I make a motion to add to the agenda under Old Business discussion and possible action relative to establishing a committee to review and make recommendations relative to the Water and Sewer lawsuit.

Motion passed unanimously

- a. Discussion and possible action on creating a commission to investigate what lead to the Water and Sewer lawsuit; why it happened and develop recommendations for preventing similar situations in the future.

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay at a previous meeting on October 6th a motion was made by Rachael Ryan that was worded. I make a motion for discussion and possible action on creating a commission to investigate what led to the Water and Sewer Lawsuit, why it happened and to come up with recommendations for preventing similar situations in the future.

Rachael Ryan: I have a more specific motion.

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I would like to amend the motion to establish a seven-person commission whose charge will be to investigate what led to the decisions that led to the Water and Sewer Lawsuit with Waterbury. To provide recommendations for changes that the Town Council can make so that the Town Attorney, the Town Manager, the WSA and the Town Council are all informed and involved in any further decisions of this magnitude. Two members of the commission should be current members of the Town Council and the other five should be citizens of Watertown but they cannot currently be serving on any boards or commissions, be employed by the Town of Watertown or be on any parties of Town Committees. All members must be approved by unanimous consent of the Town Council.

Jonathan Ramsay: All in favor of amending the motion that is on the floor please say aye, opposed, abstentions.

Aye: 8 Ramsay, McHugh, Cocchiola, Demirs, Desena, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan

Nay: 1 Rosa

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Carina Noyd: I move to establish a seven person commission whose charge will be to investigate what led to the decisions that led to the Water and Sewer Lawsuit with Waterbury and to provide recommendations for changes that the Town Council can make so that the Town Attorney, the Town Manager, the WSA and the Town Council are all informed and involved in any further decisions of this magnitude. Two members of the commission should be current members of the Town Council and the other five should be citizens of Watertown but they cannot currently be serving on any boards or commissions, be employed by the Town of Watertown or be on any parties of Town Committees. All members must be approved by unanimous consent of the Town Council.

Aye: 3 Cocchiola, Noyd, Ryan

Nay: 6 Ramsay, McHugh, Demirs, Desena, Retallick, Rosa

Abstain: 0

Motion is defeated

Added to agenda

Discussion and possible action relative to establishing a committee to review and make recommendations relative to the Water and Sewer lawsuit.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to establish a bipartisan committee to review the history of the Water and Sewer Lawsuit with Waterbury, with the following objectives:

To recommend safeguards that will prevent similar situations from arising in the future.

To recommend policies and/or procedures to ensure the public remains informed;

To examine the business relationship between the Town Council and the Water and Sewer Authority and recommend any changes.

The committee shall consist of Republican Town Council Member Michele McHugh who will serve as Chair; Democratic Town Council Member Daniel Cocchiola and Watertown Police Department Chaplin Pastor Joseph Chabot.

The committee will report its recommendations to the Town Council no later than February 2, 2026.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Michele McHugh: I will make an amendment to the motion that the committee be expanded by two members of the public to be chosen and approved unanimously by the three members of the council.

All in favor of the amendment to the motion.

Aye: 8 Ramsay McHugh, Cocchiola, Demirs, Desena, Noyd, Retallick, Rosa

Nay: 1 Ryan

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay asked any further discussion on the amended motion.

Aye: 8 Ramsay McHugh, Cocchiola, Demirs, Desena, Noyd, Retallick, Rosa

Nay: 1 Ryan

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

9. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously