



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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
Gary Lafferty
Carina Noyd
Jonathan Ramsay
Rachael Ryan

ABSENT: Anthony DiBona
Robert Retallick

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. September 8, 2025 - Special Meeting

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to approve the Special Meeting minutes dated September 8, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

b. September 15, 2025 - Regular Meeting

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated September 15, 2025 as corrected.

Carina Noyd stated on page 4 her name was misspelled twice.

Aye: 6 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, Noyd, Ramsay, Ryan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Lafferty

Motion passed unanimously

6. Chairman's Report

a. Correspondence

7. Staff Reports.

a. Town Manager

b. Finance Director

8. Subcommittees. – none.

Rachael Ryan seconded by Carina Noyd: I make a motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action on creating a commission to investigate what led to the Water & Sewer lawsuit. Why it happened and to come up with recommendations for preventing similar situations in the future.

Chair Mary Ann Rosa stated that would be item K.

Motion passed unanimously

Carina Noyd seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to add to the agenda, discussion and possible action to form a committee of citizens of the Town to oversee the spending of bonded funds to be sure that the original intent of the funds does not become unclear over the course of 20 years. Committee members must be unelected and approved unanimously by consent of the council.

Chair Mary Ann Rosa that would be item L.

Aye: 4 Noyd, Lafferty, Ryan, Ramsay
Nay: 3 Rosa, Desena, Demirs

Motion passed

9. New Business.

a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to appoint John Nygren, 567 Sunnyside Avenue, Oakville to move from an alternate member to a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Ronald Russ.

Motion passed unanimously

b. Consider setting a Special Town Meeting date, time and place to consider authorizing an appropriation of \$3,019,560 from the General Fund to secure funding of a reimbursement grant under the State of Connecticut Transportation Alternatives Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program State Project 153-125. Reimbursement will be received in the amount of \$2,382,240 with the Town's municipal share of \$637,320. This grant is for the construction of Steele Brook Greenway project to build a segment of 10-12-foot-wide multi-use trail along Steele Brook beginning at French Street and ending at the Unico field.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to set a Special Town Meeting to be held on October 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers to consider authorizing an appropriation of \$3,019,560 from the General Fund to secure funding of a reimbursement grant under the State of Connecticut Transportation Alternatives Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program State Project 153-125. Reimbursement will be received in the amount of \$2,382,240 with the Town's municipal share of \$637,320. This grant is for the construction of Steele Brook Greenway project to build a segment of 10-12-foot-wide multi-use trail along Steele Brook beginning at French Street and ending at the Unico field.

Motion passed unanimously

c. Consider authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Construction Engineering and Inspection Agreement between the Town and Weston and Sampson Engineers for the inspection of the Steele Brook Greenway Project – State Project No. 153-125.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to authorize the Town Manager to execute a Construction Engineering and Inspection Agreement between the Town and Weston and Sampson Engineers for the inspection of the Steele Brook Greenway Project – State Project No. 153-125.

Motion passed unanimously

- d. Consider authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Project Authorization Letter with the State of Connecticut for the construction portion of the Steele Brook Greenway State Project NO. 153-125.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Project Authorization Letter with the State of Connecticut for the construction portion of the Steele Brook Greenway State Project NO. 153-125.

Motion passed unanimously

- e. Consider authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$8,007 from the Johanna Hayes Communications Grant to account 262.50320.511.0000.9062 for the purchase and installation of 60-foot wooden utility poles at Black Rock Dam and Judd Farm Road for the communication upgrade project.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$8,007 from the Johanna Hayes Communications Grant to account 262.50320.511.0000.9062 for the purchase and installation of 60-foot wooden utility poles at Black Rock Dam and Judd Farm Road for the communication upgrade project.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$24,744.08 to line item 010.50550.020.3236.9010- New Police Cars 2025-2026 for the purchase of a replacement patrol vehicle and associated equipment for the Watertown Police Department due to a motor vehicle accident. Funds anticipated from the Town's insurance carrier.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorize an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$24,744.08 to line item 010.50550.020.3236.9010- New Police Cars 2025-2026 for the purchase of a replacement patrol vehicle and associated equipment for the Watertown Police Department due to a motor vehicle accident. Funds anticipated from the Town's insurance carrier.

Motion passed unanimously

- g. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$27,450.92 to line item 010.50550.020.3236.9010- New Police Cars 2025-2026 to cover the remaining cost above insurance payment for a patrol replacement vehicle and associated equipment due to a motor vehicle accident.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorize an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$27,450.92 to line item 010.50550.020.3236.9010- New Police Cars 2025-2026 to cover the remaining cost above insurance payment for a patrol replacement vehicle and associated equipment due to a motor vehicle accident.

Motion passed unanimously

- h. Consider authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$1,682.22 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: Ken Demirs seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$1,682.22 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

- i. Consider authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$1,396 from the Special Fund to line item 070-507720-094-3181-9070-Recreation Special Events for the purchase of iPads to be used for assisting community programs and special events. Funds received from a grant from the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$1,396 from the Special Fund to line item 070-507720-094-3181-9070-Recreation Special Events for the purchase of iPads to be used for assisting community programs and special events. Funds received from a grant from the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation.

Motion passed unanimously

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

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

Motion passed unanimously

- k. Discussion and possible action on creating a commission to investigate what led to the Water & Sewer lawsuit. Why it happened and to come up with recommendations for preventing similar situations in the future.

Motion: Rachael Ryan and seconded by Carina Noyd: I make a motion for discussion and possible action on creating a commission to investigate what led to the Water & Sewer lawsuit. Why it happened and to come up with recommendations for preventing similar situations in the future.

Motion: Jonathan Ramsay seconded by Robert Desena: Postpone discussion on agenda item K.

Motion passed unanimously

- l. Discussion and possible action to form a committee of citizens of the town to oversee the spending of bonded funds to be sure that the original intent of the funds remains clear over the course of 20 years. Committee members must be unelected and unanimously approved by the council.

Motion: Carina Noyd seconded by Rachael Ryan: I make a motion for discussion and possible action to form a committee of citizens of the Town to oversee the spending of bonded funds to ensure the original intent of the funds remains clear over the course of 20 years. Committee members must be unelected and unanimously approved by the council.

Aye: 3 Ryan, Noyd, Lafferty

Nay: 4 Rosa, Ramsay, Demirs, Desena

Motion fails

10. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously