



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
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. January 5, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 5, 2026, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

6. Chairman's Report

a. Correspondence – none.

7. Staff Reports.

a. Town Manager

b. Finance Director

8. Subcommittees – none.

9. New Business.

a. Discussion regarding Waterbury's application of interest rates for water and sewer and updated service rates.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move we add to the agenda to move into Executive Session to discuss the retaining of the attorneys and accountant to discuss the Waterbury application of interest rates for water and sewer and updated service rates.

Atty: Paul Jessell asked who will be going into executive session?

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay answered Town Council, Town Manager, Town Attorney, the Attorneys and the accountant that are present.

Motion passed unanimously

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay stated that would be item 10b.

b. Presentation regarding speed cameras installation in Watertown.

c. Discussion and possible action on speed cameras in Watertown.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded Robert Retallick: I move to send this to the ordinance committee.

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

Nay: 1 Cocchiola

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Mark Raimo, Town Manager stated if you could reconsider your motion to go into Executive Session to add the two members of the WSA that are here. They did attend the meeting it would benefit them to hear what goes on in Executive Sessions.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I will make a motion to amend.

Motion passed unanimously

Mark Raimo, Town Manager stated for the record that is the Chairman, Mr. Sugden and another member Mr. Masi.

d. Consider appointments to boards and commission.

<p>Commission on Aging – 6 Positions Open 2 Yr Terms 9 Members 1 to expire 1/27 5 to expire 1/28</p>
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Republican Nominees:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move that Debra Desena, 80 Parkman St, Oakville, be reappointed as a member of the Commission on Aging for a term to expire January 31, 2028.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Desena

Motion passes

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move that Melanie Flaherty, 21 Neill Dr., Watertown, be reappointed as a member of the Commission on Aging for a term to expire January 31, 2028.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move that Joy Goldfarb, 935 Buckingham St., Apt C8, Watertown be appointed as a member of the Commission on Aging for a term to expire January 31, 2028.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move that Tracy Dasilva, 10 Farm Circle, Watertown be appointed as a member of the Commission on Aging for a term to expire January 31, 2028.

Motion passed unanimously

Democratic Nominees:

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move that Wilbur Hughes, 370 French Street., Watertown, be appointed as a member of the Commission on Aging for a term to expire January 31, 2028, to fill a vacancy.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Michele McHugh: I move to appoint Amy Quinnan, 159 Fern Hill Rd., Watertown as a member of the Commission on Aging for a term to expire January 31, 2027.

Motion passed unanimously

<p>Conservation Commission 3 Yr Terms 3 Positions Open- 2 Reg. 1 Alternate</p>
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Republican Nominees

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move that Luigi Cavallo, Jr., 97 Joshua Tree Rd., Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Mary Ann Rosa: I move that Douglas Anctil, 188 Honey Hill Rd., Watertown, be reappointed as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Constables

<p>2 Yr Terms 3 Positions Open Bare Majority</p>
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Democratic Nominees:

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move Jeff Desmarais, 294 Neil Drive, Watertown, be reappointed as a Constable for a term to expire January 31, 2028.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Mary Ann Rosa: I move Joseph Romano, 11 Howland St., Oakville, be reappointed as a Constable for a term to expire January 31, 2028.

Motion passed unanimously

<p style="text-align: center;">Economic Development 5 Yr Terms 2 Positions Open 1 Reg – Exp 1/30, 1 Reg. – Exp 1/31, 1 Alt – Exp 1/31</p>

Republican Nominees:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move that Zaiga Antonetti 397 Kimberly Ln., Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2031.

Motion passed unanimously

Democrat Nominees:

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Michele McHugh: I move that Peter Linn, 110 Woodbury Rd., be reappointed as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2031.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move that Jeff Desmarais, 294 Neil Dr., Watertown, CT be appointed as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2030, this appointment is to fill the unexpired term of James Gambardella.

Motion passed unanimously

<p>Park and Recreation Commission 3 Yr Terms 2 Positions Open Term to exp 1/29 1 Position Open Term to Expire 01/28</p>

Republican Nominees:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I move that William Donston, 105 Dunrobin Ln., Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Park and Recreation Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I move that Joseph McGrail, 87 Pleasant View Street Oakville, be reappointed as a regular member of the Park and Recreation Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Democrat Nominees:

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move that Tadd Johnson, 100 Cannon Ridge Dr., be appointed as a regular member of the Park and Recreation Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2028. This is to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Desmaris.

Motion passed unanimously

<p>Planning and Zoning 6 Yr Terms 3 Reg Member Positions Open</p>

Republican Nominees:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move that Luigi Cavallo, 97 Joshua Town Rd., Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2031.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move that Raymond Antonacci, 166 Ice House Rd, #9, Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2031.

Motion passed unanimously

Police Commission
5 Yr Terms
1 Position Open

Republican Nominees:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move that Richard Antonetti, 397 Kimberly Ln, Watertown be reappointed as a regular member of the Police Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2031.

Motion passed unanimously

Public Buildings Committee
3 Yr Terms
2 Positions Open

Republican Nominees:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move that Robert Porter, 319 Thomaston Rd., Unit 55, Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Public Buildings Committee for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move that Jeffrey Franson, 410 Plungis Rd., Watertown, Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Public Buildings Committee for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Torrington Area Health
3 Yr Terms
1 Position Open

Democratic Nominee:

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move that Carina Noyd, 29 Bessie St., Oakville, be reappointed as a member of the Torrington Area Health District Board for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Noyd

Motion passes

Watertown Historic District Commission
5 Yr Terms
1 Positions Open

Democratic Nominee: (resident of district)

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Michele McHugh: move that Jean King, 126 North St., Watertown, be reappointed as a member of the Watertown Historic District for a term to expire January 31, 2031.

Motion passed unanimously

Water and Sewer Authority
3 Yr Terms
2 Positions Open

Republican Nominees

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move that Raymond Primini, 410 Cherry Avenue, Watertown, be reappointed as a member of the Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move that Marissa Mancini-Cavallo, 97 Joshua Town Rd., Watertown be reappointed as a member of the Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire January 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously

Watertown Housing Authority
5 Yr Terms
1 Position Open

Democratic Nominee:

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Mary Ann Rosa: I move that Peter Mucciarone, 63 Bowers St., Watertown, be reappointed as a regular member of the Watertown Housing Authority for a term to expire January 31, 2030.

Motion passed unanimously

Watertown Library Board of Trustees
1 Yr Terms Term ends in September, 2026
1 Position Open

Democratic Nominee:

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Dan Cocchiola: I move to appoint Matthew Wright, 27 Highland Avenue, Watertown as the Town of Watertown representative on the Watertown Library Board of Trustees for a term to end August 31, 2026.

Motion passed unanimosuly

<p>Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Yr Terms 1 Alternate Position Open</p>

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move that Gary Swingle, 2579 Litchfield Rd., Watertown, be reappointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire January 31, 2031.

Motion passed unanimously

- e. Consider an appropriation in the amount of \$83,409 from the Ineligible Construction Cost line item 214.50619.235.0000.9214 for final closeout of the State of Connecticut Polk School Elementary Project 153-0053EA.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$83,409 from the Ineligible Construction Cost line item 214.50619.235.0000.9214 for final closeout of the State of Connecticut Polk School Elementary Project 153-0053EA.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,500 to be placed in the Watertown Dog Fund Donation Line Item 059.40836.460.0000.0000. Funds donated by Blasius Kia.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to authorize an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,500 to be placed in the Watertown Dog Fund Donation Line Item 059.40836.460.0000.0000. Funds donated by Blasius Kia.

Motion passed unanimously

- g. Considering modifications to part time wage schedule for Part Time Transfer Station Attendant and Seasonal Laborer.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to authorize the following modifications to the Part Time Transfer Station Attendant and seasonal Laborer positions effective January 31, 2026

Part time Seasonal Laborer for Public Works and Parks

Entry Level – Minimum Wage plus \$1.00 per hour

Year 2 – Minimum wage plus \$2.00 per hour

Year 3 Minimum wage plus \$3.00 per hour

Transfer Station Attendant

Employed up to 3 years Minimum wage plus \$5.00 hour

After 3 years – Minimum wage plus \$7.00 hour

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 authorizing the payment of tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously

10. Executive Session: Time in 8:50 p.m.

Mark Raimo, Town Manager suggested doing b first.

- b. Discussion on the retaining of the attorneys and accountant to discuss the Waterbury application of interest rates for water and sewer and updated service rates.
- a. Pending Litigation – Siemon Realty Company Tax Appeal.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to enter into executive session for discussion regarding Waterbury's application of interest rates for water and sewer and updated service rates with the Town Attorney, James Sugden and Joseph Masi from WSA, Attorneys Daniel Canavan and Jennifer Morgan from Morgan of Harris, the Town Manager, Town Council and Matthew Soroka of FML CPAs.

I move to enter into executive session for pending litigation for the Siemon Realty Company v Town of Watertown tax appeal case with the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

Motion passed unanimously

Leaving out of executive session under item b at (9:15) were James Sugden, Joseph Masi, Attorneys from Morgan and Harris - Daniel Canavan and Jennifer Morgan and Matthew Soroka of FML CPAS's.

Out of Executive Session for item a at 9:34.

11. New Business Continued:

- a. Consider settlement of Siemon Realty Company v. Town of Watertown Tax Appeal.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to authorize the settlement agreement of a tax appeals with Siemon Realty Company v Town of Watertown.

10. Adjournment.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Dan Cocchiola: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously