



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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, Chair
Michele McHugh, Vice Chair
Dan Cocchiola
Ken Demirs
Robert Desena
Carina Noyd
Robert Retallick
Mary Ann Rosa
Rachael Ryan

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 20, 2025 – Regular Meeting - tabled

6. Chairman's Report – none.

- a. Correspondence

7. Staff Reports.

- a. Finance Director

8. Subcommittees.

9. New Business.

- a. Consider setting the date, time, and location for a Special Town Meeting to authorize an appropriation of \$1,772,148.20 from the General Fund for the Communications Upgrade Project, to be allocated to account 262.50320.511.0000.9062, utilizing funds received through the Jahana Hayes Communications Upgrade Grant.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I move to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. to authorize an appropriation of \$1,772,148.20 from the General Fund for the Communications Upgrade Project, to be allocated to account 262.50320.511.0000.9062, utilizing funds received through the Jahana Hayes Communications Upgrade Grant.

Motion passed unanimously

- b. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Request is to cover expenses incurred from significant weather-related response efforts.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Request is to cover expenses incurred from significant weather-related response efforts.

Motion passed unanimously

- c. 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

9. Executive Session: In executive session at 7:10 p.m.

- a. Pending Litigation – Siemon Realty Company Tax Appeal (Property Located at 51 Depot Street, Suite 521)

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation in the case of the Siemon Realty Tax Appeal, for property located at 51 Depot St, Suite 521) In attendance will be the Town Council present, and Town Attorney Paul Jessell.

Motion passed unanimously

Out of executive session at 7:27 p.m.

10. New Business Continued:

- b. Consider settlement of Siemon Realty Company Tax Appeal v. Town of Watertown Tax Appeal. (Property Located at 51 Depot Street, Suite 521)

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to postpone the settlement of a tax appeal in the matter of Siemon Realty Company v. Town of Watertown to be paid as a refund. This appeal was for property located at 51 Depot Street, Suite 521.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Rachael Ryan seconded by Carina Noyd: I make a motion to add to agenda under item c consideration of removing the current Town Attorney and replacing him with a new attorney.

Aye: 3 Cocchiola, Noyd, Ryan

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

Abstain: 0

Motion failed

10. Adjournment.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously