



**TOWN COUNCIL  
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – 6:45 P.M.  
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  
Carina Noyd  
Robert Retallick  
Rachael Ryan

ABSENT: Ken Demirs, Robert Desena, Mary Ann Rosa

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. February 2, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated February 2, 2026 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

b. January 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 20, 2026 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

6. Chairman's Report

a. Correspondence

1. Resignation Letter from Mario Mancini as a member of the Watertown Water and Sewer Authority effective January 21, 12026, dated February 7, 2026
2. Email from Wendy Osborn, regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Rt. 6 and Middlebury Road, Dated, January 19, 2026.
3. Notification of Number of Electors and Number of Polling Places, dated February 3, 2026

7. Staff Reports.

- a. Town Manager
- b. Finance Director

8. Subcommittees.

Jonathan Ramsay: May I have a motion to add to the agenda under subcommittee budget reviews the Police Department budgets:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to add to the agenda under Item 8 subcommittee budget review, the Police, Animal Control and Communications Departments budgets.

Motion passed unanimously

a. Finance – Budget Reviews

1. Town Clerk
2. Building Inspection

3. Historic District
4. Land Use
  - a. Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands
  - b. Zoning Board of Appeals
  - c. Planning and Zoning
5. Police, Animal Control, Communications (to be added to the agenda)

9. New Business.

- a. Engagement of Legal Counsel and Financial Advisory Services – City of Waterbury Dispute.

Discussion and possible action on executing an agreement with Harris Beach Murtha Attorneys at Law to provide legal representation in connection with the dispute involving the City of Waterbury/Watertown Fire District, and with Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina LLP (FML) to provide accounting and financial advisory services related to billing analysis, financial review, and support associated with this matter.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to authorize the Town Manager to execute an agreement with Harris Beach Murtha Attorneys at Law to provide legal representation in connection with the dispute involving the City of Waterbury/Watertown Fire District, and with Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina LLP (FML) to provide accounting and financial advisory services related to billing analysis, financial review, and support associated with this matter.

Amendment to the motion:

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to authorize the Town Manager to execute an agreement with Harris Beach Murtha Attorneys at Law *at a maximum of \$10,000* to provide legal representation in connection with the dispute involving the City of Waterbury/Watertown Fire District, and with Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina LLP (FML) to provide accounting and financial advisory services related to billing analysis, financial review, and support associated with this matter.

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay stated any discussion on amending the motion.

Motion passes unanimously

Chairman Jonathan Ramsay is there any discussion on the amended motion.

Aye: 5 Ramsay, McHugh, Cocchiola, Retallick, Ryan  
Nay: 1 Noyd  
Abstain: 0

Motion passes

- b. Consider approval of the updated Town of Watertown Organizational Chart.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the updated Town of Watertown Organizational Chart.

Motion passed unanimously

- c. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation for tax refunds.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing an appropriation from the General Fund for tax refunds.

Motion passes unanimously

- d. 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 passes unanimously

- 9. Adjournment.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Dan Cocchiola: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously