



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 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: 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. Presentation from Sinnamon and Associates regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 audit.
6. Minutes.

- a. February 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated February 17, 2026 as presented.

Aye: 6 Ramsay, McHugh, Cocchiola, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 3 Demirs, Desena, Rosa

Motion passes

- b. March 2, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated March 2, 2026 as presented.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Rosa, Retallick

Motion passes

- c. March 16, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated March 16, 2026 as presented.

Aye: 7 Ramsay, McHugh, Cocchiola, Demirs, Desena, Noyd, Retallick, Ryan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Rosa

Motion passes

7. Chairman's Report

- a. Correspondence

1. Resignation letter from David Pope as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission effective March 30, 2026.
 2. Resignation email from Stephen Miske as a member of the Economic Development Commission, dated March 20, 2026.
 3. Resignation letter from Christine Shields as the Republican Registrar of Voters, effective April 2, 2026.

4. Letter from Susan Turmel, Republican Deputy Registrar of Voters re: Registrar position, dated March 31, 2026
 5. Letter from the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission re: Robert Lukos vs Watertown Town Council et al., Dated March 24, 2026.
 6. Communication from the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission re: The claim from Robert Lukos has been withdrawn.
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8. Staff Reports.
 - a. Town Manager
 - b. Finance Director

 9. Subcommittees.
 - a. Finance Subcommittee

 10. New Business.
 - a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to appoint Afrim Pocesta, 837 Park Rd., Watertown as a regular member of the Conservation Inland Wetland Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2029. This appointment is to fill the vacancy following the resignation of Ed Norton.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to appoint Caterina DiVito, 106 Pine Ridge Dr. as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2029. This appointment is to fill the remaining term of Steven Miske who resigned.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Desena: I move to appoint Michael Dayton, 319 Thomaston Rd., Unit 90 Watertown as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commissions for a term to expire January 31, 2030. This appointment is to fill the remaining term of Caterina DiVito who has been appointed a regular member of the Commission.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to appoint Andrea Corcoran, 141 Kimberly Ln, Watertown as member of the Commission on Aging for a term to expire January 31, 2028. This appointment is to fill the remaining term of Joy Goldfarb who resigned.

Motion passed unanimously

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 proposed budget

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to direct the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools to review the proposed budgets and work together to come to a recommendation that the budgets that are presented to us next Tuesday are at a mil or less.

Aye: 7 Ramsay, McHugh, Cocchiola, Demirs, Desena, Retallick, Rosa

Nay: 2 Ryan, Noyd

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

- c. Consider a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Special Fund into Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the Special Fund into the designated Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds.

Motion passed unanimously

- d. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation from the General Fund 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 passed unanimously

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

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Carina Noyd: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the payment of tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously

11. Executive Session: Time in 8:14 p.m.

a. Personnel – Town Manager Review

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussion regarding personnel and the Town Manager Review. In attendance will be the Town Manager and Town Council Members present.

Motion passed unanimously

Time out of executive session 8:47 p.m.

12. New Business Continued:

a. Consider Town Manager Compensation adjustment.

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded Robert Retallick: I move to approve a three percent (3%) cost of living wage increase for the Town Manager effective July 1, 2026.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Michele McHugh seconded Ken Demirs: I further move that the Town Council Chairman direct the Water and Sewer Authority to approve a \$1,000 per month stipend for the Town Manager from the Water and Sewer Authority effective immediately.

Aye: 7 Ramsay, McHugh, Cocchiola, Demirs, Desena, Retallick, Rosa

Nay: 2 Noyd, Ryan

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

13. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Michele McHugh: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously