



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
61 ECHO LAKE RD.
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Moment of Silence in Honor of Michele McHugh.
4. Roll Call.
5. Discussion with Harris Beach Murtha, Attorneys at Law, regarding the dispute involving the City of Waterbury/Watertown Fire District, including an update on accounting, billing analysis, financial review, and related support.
6. Executive Session. – Discussion of strategy regarding pending claims in the dispute involving the City of Waterbury/Watertown Fire District. – Members of the Water and Sewer Authority will be invited to participate in the discussion.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding funding strategies related to potential litigation involving the City of Waterbury/Watertown Fire District.
8. Public Participation.

The Town Council invites the public to speak during Public Participation. Please complete and submit a *Watertown Town Council Public Participation* form if you wish to speak at the meeting. Copies are available on the Town's website and at the meeting. Speakers are limited to three minutes each.

9. Minutes.
 - a. May 18, 2026 – Regular Meeting.

10. Chairman's Report.
 - a. Correspondence.
 1. Resignation from Bob Marinaro as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, dated May 27, 2026
11. Staff Reports.
 - a. Town Manager.
 - b. Finance Director.
12. Subcommittees.
13. New Business.
 - a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.
 - a. Discussion with Barry Bernabe of Phoenix Advisors, and possible action, regarding options for the \$34 million BAN/bond conversion related to water and sewer debt.
 - b. Consider authorizing an appropriation of \$927.40 from the Jahana Hayes Communications Grant to account 262.50320.511.0000.9062 for Change Order No. 4 for the communication upgrade project.
 - b. Consider the budgets for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.
 - c. Consider setting the date for the machine vote on the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budgets.
 - d. Consider setting the ballot for the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budgets.
 - e. Consider setting the mill rate for the first installment of real estate taxes due and payable on July 1, 2026.
 - f. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.
14. Adjournment.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE
VIA ZOOM IN LISTEN ONLY MODE**

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Lisa Dalton

Town Council
Regular Meeting 06.01.2026
Item: 10 (a) 1

From: Carol Allen
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 10:30 AM
To: Lisa Dalton
Cc: ray; Cameron Natusch; Spencer Musselman; Almira Donorfio
Subject: FW: bob marinaro resignation letter

Lisa

Please see resignation letter from Bob Marinaro from the P/Z Commission

From: Bob Marinaro <bobmaro1954@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:33 AM
To: Carol Allen <allen@watertownct.org>; Ken Demirs <Demirs@watertownct.org>
Cc: Katie Picard <katiep@franklinproducts.net>
Subject: bob marinaro

Hello, I am just sending courtesy note to you two friends who made my time at Watertown P and Z so enjoyable . Serious , fun, interesting meetings thru the years. All good things must end and I resigned from commission as of today. I no longer have the time to stay involved in town happenings. Thanks for friendship and all your help ,and laughs thru the sessions- your friend Bob Marinaro

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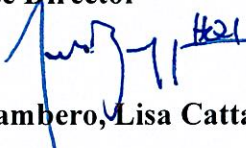
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Town Council
Regular Meeting 06.01.2026
Item: 13 (c)



Joshua N. Bernegger
Chief of Police

Renee Dominguez
Deputy Chief

TO: Maria Guerrero, Finance Director
FROM: Chief Joshua Bernegger 
CC: Megan Guiliano, Lisa Zambero, Lisa Cattaneo
DATE: May 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Funds

I respectfully request the sum of \$927.40, received from the Jahana Hayes Communications Upgrade Grant, be appropriated into account number 262-50320-511-0000-9062. This amount is to cover Change Order #4 with Motorola Solutions.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, May 19, 2026 the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget failed by referendum vote, and;

WHEREAS, the mill rate must be established to levy the taxes on motor vehicle, personal property and real estate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the mill rate will be set at the last approved mill rate at 30.04 for the first installment of Real Estate taxes due and payable on July 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new mill rate for the entire year will be acted upon for the motor vehicle, personal property and real estate upon final referendum approval when that occurs with an adjustment for the difference in the taxes paid on the first installment of real estate taxes due on July 1, 2026.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 1st day of June, 2026.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a special meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on June 1, 2026 the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman_____. The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman_____.

Motion declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2025-26 fiscal year require the transfer of funds:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by vote of the Watertown Town Council, that the following actions are taken relative to the transfer of funds.

GENERAL FUND

AMOUNT: \$2,572 NO: 6
FROM: \$2,572 – 010.50332.019.0000.9010 – MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENTS

TO: 010.50572.020.000.9010 – LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT
REASON: Funds not expended due to warranty period being extended on PD's digital fingerprints used to purchase tint meters.

AMOUNT: \$5,800 NO: 7
FROM: \$3,000 – 010.50339.019.0000.9010 – MEMBERSHIPS
\$2,500 – 010.50335.020.0000.9010 – LAUDRY & DRY
CLEANING
\$300 – 010.50450.021.0000.9010 UNIFORM/PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING

TO: 010.50572.020.0000.9010 – LAW ENFORCEMENT
EQUIPMENT
REASON: Unused funds from canceled memberships, lower-than-expected membership increases, reduced laundry costs, and no uniform/equipment damage requests will be used to purchase Level III tactical vests for two (2) School Resource Officers.

AMOUNT: \$1,610 NO: 8
FROM: \$1,360 – 010.50329.019.0000.9010 – TRAINING-MTGS W/O TRAVEL
\$250 – 010.50350.020.0000.9010 – CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

TO: 010.50572.020.0000.9010 – LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT

REASON: Unused funds from reimbursement for the Chief's presentation at IACP and lower-than-anticipated criminal investigation costs will be used to purchase magnetic slings for existing patrol rifles.

AMOUNT: \$400 NO: 9
FROM: \$400 – 010.50310.021.0705.9010 – VEHICLE TOWING

TO: 010.50572.020.0000.9010 – LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT

REASON: Funds not expended due to the absence of towing needs in FY25-26 for the purchase of rubber boots for detectives to use during search warrants

AMOUNT: \$25,000 NO: 10
FROM: \$25,000 – 010.50110.036.0050.9010 – LABORER

TO: 010.50130.036.0000.9010 – OVERTIME

REASON: Overtime expenses were incurred over the course of the fiscal year due to full-time staff vacancies in the Parks Dept, increased emergency call-ins (including winter storm responses), and additional seasonal workloads. Significant difficulties in recruiting and retaining part-time seasonal laborers further increased our reliance on overtime to maintain operations.

AMOUNT: \$2,000 NO: 11
FROM: \$2,000 – 010.50125.037.0032.9010 – SUPERVISORS & INSTRUCTORS

TO: 010.50130.036.0000.9010 – OVERTIME

REASON: Overtime expenses were required in the Recreation Dept to accommodate after-hour programming and necessary facility coverage for the opening and closing of public buildings.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 1st day of June 2026.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

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Motion declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council
