January 11, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN MANAGER’S OFFICE
CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
61 Echo Lake Road

1. Call Meeting to Order.
   Chairman Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
   Chairman Jonathan Ramsay led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members
Jonathan Ramsay
Rachael Ryan

Community Members
Jean King
Alan Mickel

Watertown Staff
Mark A. Raimo – Town Manager
Susan Zappone – Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director
Vincent Caterino – Water and Sewer Superintendents (Alternate)
James Demarest Jr. – Deputy Fire Chief
Joseph Seacrist – Economic Development Coordinator (via zoom)

Liaison to the State of Connecticut
State Rep. Joe Polletta
Absent: Mary Ann Rosa  
Erik Markiewicz

3. Minutes.
   a. December 14, 2021

   Motion: James Demarest seconded by Rachael Ryan to approve the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

   Motion passed unanimously

4. Discussion and possible action on the proposal from UHY to provide services in compliance with the legal requirements as set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

   Jack Reagan & Stacey Farber, UHY gave a brief background on the company.

   Mr. Reagan discussed the new guidelines from the federal government permitting governments of any size to take up to ten million dollars of their ARPA funds for revenue loss without having to do the calculation. You would have to make one report to the federal government that you have elected to take all of the money as revenue loss.

   Mr. Reagan discussed the community outreach and administration process with webinars, a portal for applications, monitoring and follow up.

   Motion: James Demarest and seconded by Jean King: To allocate the money to revenue loss.

   Motion: James Demarest and seconded by Jean King: To withdraw the motion

   The committee will discuss the new information and get back to UHY.

5. Presentation from Anthony Ciriello from SLR regarding an overview of Federal funding of public works project.

   Mr. Ciriello discussed the Infrastructure Bill and being proactive in identifying projects in applying for that money for the funding of municipal projects such as road projects, bridge projects, streetscapes, greenways and sidewalk projects. Mr. Ciriello discussed other state funding programs such as LOCIP Local Transportation Capital Improvement
Program provided by DOT with each area getting a certain amount of money the town applies for. If the town has vision and a master plan for Watertown/Oakville, if you define a project and as grant money becomes available you can pick projects of the master plan and submit your applications.

6. Discussion regarding the final rule issued by the U.S. Treasurer regarding the use of funds which takes effect on April 1, 2022.

Highlights of discussion:
- What is the overview of the committee after learning the new information?
- Projects to date and new projects.
- Tracking of funds.
- Having a Master Plan
- Interest in the Greenburg Property

7. Discuss recommendation to the Town Council for the use of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding.

The committee will wait one more month and take a better look at the new information learned.

8. Adjournment.

Motion: Mark Raimo seconded by Al Mickel to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Jonathan Ramsay, Committee Chair

Approved: ____________________
Susan King, Clerk