



**WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023– 3:00 P.M.**

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN MANAGER’S CONFERENCE ROOM (2ND FL)
61 ECHO LAKE RD
WATERTOWN CT**

1. Call meeting to order.
Subcommittee-Chairman Anthony DiBona called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Subcommittee-Chairman Anthony DiBona led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call.
Subcommittee Members: Anthony DiBona-Sub-committee Chair, Robert Desena,
Ken Demirs, Denise Russ

Others Present: Paul Bunevich, Town Engineer
Paul Jessell, Town Attorney
Jerry Lukowski, Director of Public Works
Al Mickel
4. Public Participation – none.
5. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to the Town Council for the amendment to the Watertown Code of Ordinances – Section 26-4. Illicit Discharge and Stormwater Connections.

Attorney Paul Jessell stated the model ordinance came from the State of Ct, we deleted and made changes that were more particular to the Town of Watertown. He noted the changes with Section 26 which will be coded differently in the future, the wording might change with the Public Works Department usage and some definitions are missing.

Paul Bunevich, Town Engineer said it is to establish legal authority to carry on procedures necessary in compliance with this ordinance and we don't have in our ordinances and it is mandated by DEEP, the MS4 program.

Jerry Lukowski, Director of Public Works stated the MS4 has been out for 7 or 8 years and we need to have it in our ordinances for the connections. MS4 is an annual submission which includes engineering data for the state.

Subcommittee-Chair Anthony DiBona said I don't want to make a motion on this yet because we have not had the opportunity to read the new version although it looks substantially similar, there are some changes here that Attorney Paul Jessell mentioned he made we need to review.

Ken Demirs asked if this has to be done before the MS4 review.

Jerry Lukowski, Director of Public Works answered we can type in the report we have this developed and give a summary of what we are doing now and that we anticipate in the spring or summer to have it in our ordinances.

Subcommittee-Chair Anthony DiBona asked is this ordinance more or less restrictive with what can be discharged than the model or the other towns generally.

Attorney Paul Jessell answered we followed the model ordinance to the letter. The bulk of changes were in the enforcement area we followed the citation ordinance we have and would rather refer to that.

Robert Desena said that it was approved by council for review by the subcommittee and that he liked the ordinance especially being explained by DEPW.

Motion: Robert Desena seconded by Ken Demirs: That we take a vote to accept this 26-20 and it will go to the council at our next meeting for finality.

Jerry Lukowski, Director of Public Works stated he wanted to review this more to get updated on all the ordinances.

Subcommittee-Chair Anthony DiBona said he wanted an opportunity review it further.

Robert Desena withdrew his motion.

Ken Demirs withdrew his second.

Attorney Paul Jessell stated I think Jerry Lukowski will need to look at it, talk to Paul and then call me.

Jerry Lukowski, Director of Public Works asked for 2 to 3 weeks so he can review it.

Subcommittee-Chair Anthony DiBona stated if you could let Lisa or the Town Manager know then contact us and we can schedule a meeting.

Paul Bunevich, Town Engineer asked when the subcommittee votes on this ordinance does it go back Public Works Subcommittee before it goes Town Council

Attorney Paul Jessell answered no I don't believe it does, if we make substantive changes to the ordinance, we can always send it to the Public Works Subcommittee if we want to.

6. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Denise Russ to adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony DiBona, Sub-committee Chairman
Watertown Town Council