

MINUTES

**WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 19, 2023
WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
61 ECHO LAKE ROAD
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

A Special Town Meeting was held at Watertown Town Hall, Council Chambers, on Monday, June 19, 2023. Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Jonathan Ramsay read the legal notice.



**WARNING AND NOTICE
TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

June 19, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Watertown and those entitled to vote in Town Meeting are hereby **WARNED AND NOTIFIED** of a Special Town Meeting to be held on June 19, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. to consider the appropriation of \$100,000; \$50,000 from the Water Capital Fund and \$50,000 from the Sewer Capital Fund for legal services for the Water and Sewer Authority.

A link to view the special town meeting will be posted on the Town of Watertown website www.watertownct.org by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to vote at the Special Town Meeting must attend in person. Anyone wishing to provide comments for the meeting may do so by emailing towncouncil@watertownct.org or by mail to Watertown Town Council, 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown, CT 06795 and must be received by 2:00 p.m. June 19, 2023.

If you require a translator, or accommodations for a hearing impairment or other accommodation, contact the Town of Watertown at 860-945-5255.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 8th day of June, 2023.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager

Jonathan asked for nominations for meeting moderator.

MOTION: Mary Ann Rosa I move to nominate Jonathan Ramsay as meeting moderator.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Seeing none.

All in favor of Jonathan Ramsay being meeting Moderator.

Motion passes

Jonathan Ramsay asked for nomination for meeting clerk.

MOTION: Mary Ann Rosa I move to nominate Susan King as Clerk of the Special Town Meeting.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Seeing none.

All in favor of Susan King being Clerk of the special town meeting.

Motion passes

MOTION: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to authorize an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Water Capital Fund and \$50,000 from the Sewer Capital Fund for a total of \$100,000 for legal services for the Water and Sewer Authority.

Jerry Lukowski, Public Works Director/Water and Sewer Superintendent stated I know this was covered during the last executive session. There were a lot of moving details and pieces for that executive session. This is to cover the dispute ongoing for half a decade before it is settled. Early May we had some court proceedings and also the prep for the court. The judge's determination he has given us 60 days; we are about halfway through that period. So, we can hear any day from 30 days from now. I do know that both parties including ourselves as a party will appeal the next level court.

Robert Desena asked who would the firm be representing Water & Sewer?

Jerry Lukowski answered there is one primary firm I don't have the name of the top of my head. There is another firm that are experts in Water & Sewer court cases especially the building side of it. I can follow up after the meeting and get back with you with the firm name on this.

Robert Desena asked if a settlement can be reached and what he thought was going to happen.

Jerry Lukowski answered it's hard to read the judge on how he is going to settle, but we are not sure.

Seeing no more comments.

BY VOICE VOTE THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjournment at 6:49

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Ramsay, Moderator

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk