



**TOWN COUNCIL  
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order.  
Chair Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

3. Roll Call.

PRESENT: Jonathan Ramsay, Chair  
Mary Ann Rosa, Vice Chair  
Ken Demirs  
Robert Desena  
Anthony DiBona  
Gary Lafferty  
Robert Retallick  
Denise Russ

ABSENT: Rachael Ryan

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Raimo, Town Manager  
Susan Zappone, Asst. Town Manager/Finance Director

4. Public Comment.  
William Donston, 105 Dunrobin Lane: Mr. Donston stated he can answer any questions on the proposed Crestbrook golf rates on the agenda.

James Jakiela, 1000 Northfield Road: Mr. Jakiela talked about the noise from Sunset Grille with amplified concerts becoming extremely loud reaching his backyard. Mr. Jakiela stated there should not be a concert venue there and the sound is amplified traveling over the water. Garbage is thrown on his property with people going to these venues. He cannot enjoy his home anymore and it is extremely stressful and hopes something can be done.

Katherine Camara, 31 Cottage Place: Ms. Camara talked about Section 306 not being followed in regards to the Planning & Zoning Commission. She asked that the vote on the Sealy property needing to be reviewed. Ms. Camara will submit for reimbursement the legal fees incurred.

Andrea Jakiela, 1000 Northfield Road: Ms. Jakiela talked about noise from the concert series and her quality of life being destroyed with the noise. The water is a natural amphitheater that comes right into her home. She asked when it is going to stop and how it is being allowed in the middle of a residential neighborhood, and how it has gone past the pandemic.

Mr. Mango, 240 Riverside Street: Mr. Mango talked about the Planning & Zoning Commission in regards to the Sealy property.

5. Minutes.
  - a. Regular Meeting, October 17, 2022

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated October 17, 2022 as presented.

Discussion: none.

Aye: 7 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Retallick

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Russ

Motion passes

6. Chairman's Report
  - a. Correspondence.

1. Suspense List – Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 12-165. A statement by rate year listing accounts to be added to the Suspense book is provided to the Town Council by the Tax Collector.

Chair Jonathan Ramsay: We passed all three bonding packages at referendum two weeks ago and they are moving forward.

7. Town Manager's Report.

Mark Raimo reported:

- Update on Wilson Street Bridge – received the green light from the DOT to go out to bid for the project.
- Guernseytown Road - we did have a small setback with some changes made to the plans as a result of Inland/Wetlands permit. Those changes are being completed and I expect that to be out to bid for December.
- Steele Brook Greenway - we are still in discussions with Weston & Samson with negotiations for pricing and I expect to be concluding that in December.
- Naugatuck River Greenway - no update other than we believe there may be a second or third round of funding for that project. Over the next few months, we are going to work on our position to be ready for those grants if they do come to fruition.
- STEAP Grant – we are still working on that, working with the state to move both awards forward. We are solidifying the scope of work, cost and project timeline and then we will be resubmitting back to the state before approval of funds.
- 37 Deforest Street - The Town Hall sale has closed for \$118,750.
- In October, myself and several members of the Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Economic Development and SLR did a Road Safety Audit for Oakville. We walked that corridor looking at conditions of the sidewalks, parking, the overall conditioning of that area. We stopped and spoke with merchants to get an idea of the overall feel for that area during the day. SLR will produce the report for us to get funding if it becomes eligible.
- Myself and the departments will be meeting over the next two weeks to do the six-month budget review. I will be setting expectations for the 23, 24 budget cycle. I will be reaching out to council members to get some feedback on your expectations for the budget and will try to accommodate that as we move forward.
- I would like to make note to some correspondence received. I would like to congratulate Sue Zappone for again allowing the town to receive a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting, thank you, Sue.
- Lisa Carew, Parks and Recreation Director, thank you Lisa she secured a \$3,000 grant for our Fuel Bank and a \$5,000 from the 2022 Arch Bishop's Annual Appeal for the Food Bank. Thank you, Lisa, for all the hard work.

8. Subcommittee Reports. – none.

9. New Business.

- a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to appoint Lisa Retallick 150 Ledgewood Rd., Watertown to serve as the Town of Watertown representative on the Torrington Area Health District board. Term to expire January, 2024.

Discussion: none.

Aye: 7 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Russ

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Retallick

Motion passes

- b. Consider a resolution approving Town Council meeting dates and times for 2023.

See attached

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to approve the resolution setting the Town Council meeting dates and times for 2023.

Discussion: none.

Motion passes unanimously

- c. Consider the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Watertown Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 Environment, 12-34 to 12-44 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Restrictions on Amplified Noise."

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to postpone till the next meeting consideration for the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Watertown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Environment, Sections 12-34 to 12-44 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Restrictions on Amplified Noise."

Chair Jonathan Ramsay: It will be up for discussion for a subsequent meeting.

Motion passes unanimously

- d. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,509.78 for police overtime. Funds received from the Connecticut D.O.T for Click-It-Or-Ticket enforcement.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to approve an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,509.78 for police overtime. Funds have been received from the Connecticut D.O.T for Click-It-Or-Ticket enforcement.

Discussion: none.

Motion passes unanimously

- e. Consider approval of recommended fees for Crestbrook Park Golf Course for 2023.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to approve the recommendation of the Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission setting the fees for Crestbrook Park Golf Course for 2023.

Robert Retallick: I am guessing there was much discussion on raising the prices, where do we stand with golf courses and our pricing, are we still competitive with other golf courses.

William Donston: Absolutely.

Robert Retallick: Why did we raise the military rate?

William Donston: We are one of the few golf courses that has the military rate, nobody else has it. We can't get into the situation that happened 12 years ago where we had a deficit and the way out of it was to raise some rates 45 percent and it drove customers away. We have gasoline costs with the golf carts and Eversource will possibly be raising the rates. Golf is discretionary spending its not something that you need and discretionary spending you have to be careful how you use it. The military rates went up with all the others and are well within the bounds to raise all the rates. The junior rates were not affected too much, that is the future of golf. We are in a positive mode right now we are slowly chipping away at the deficit and we are making good strides at it.

Mary Ann Rosa: I accept the fact that you did your homework and we are not overpriced but I strongly disagree that you increase in the military. I think it should be reduced. It is a very small amount of money you collect from military people and it doesn't matter whether you are the first or the hundredth in the state, military is military in my opinion.

Anthony DiBona: On the surcharge it seems to be the same since I was a kid and my other question is the season ticket holders can they play at prime times like 8 am or 9 am or on the weekends.

William Donston: The way the rules are set up, no.

Anthony DiBona: I believe for the season ticket holder maybe for next year the surcharge for prime time 730 in the morning till 10 in the morning, Saturday to Sunday maybe they ought to pay a little bit more. That is the time that everyone wants to play, I think overall it is reasonable.

William Donston: We are requesting these rates do not take effect until February 1<sup>st</sup> this way if people want to sign up for the military pass or veteran season passes, they are Christmas gifts it is an incentive if you want to stay at the current rates and then the rates will go up effective February 1st.

Motion passes unanimously

- f. Consider an appropriation from the Sewer Extension Fund Balance in the amount of \$21,546 to the Sewer Extension line item for the Oak Drive force main.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve an appropriation from the Sewer Extension Fund Balance in the amount of \$21,546 to the Sewer Extension line item for the Oak Drive force main.

Vincent Caterino, Superintendent of Water and Sewer: When installing the pipe, we encountered 110 cubic yards of ledge which we did not account for in our estimate, that accounted for \$12,000 extra in fees. Also because of the ledge we encountered more police time approximately \$7,500 dollars more for traffic control. Because of the ledge we had to remove much more material than we estimated, the removal for that material we had to replace it with good material. Taking into account all that extra work accounted for \$21,000. We did do the core borings and the borings indicated ledge in some areas approximately four feet but we hit it in many more areas which expanded the project cost.

Ken Demirs: Are they finished?

Vincent Caterino: Yes, they have to do the final course of pavement any day now.

Chair Jonathan Ramsay: I just want to reiterate the funds are coming from the Sewer Extension Fund and not the General Fund.

Motion passes unanimously

- g. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2022-23 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.

#### **TOWN ROAD AID FUND**

AMOUNT: \$87,375.00  
FROM: 062-50799-090-1850-9062 – Crack Seal  
TO: 062-50799-090-2885-9062 – Pave Rehab Sect V  
REASON: To fund upcoming pavement projects

#### **TOWN ROAD AID FUND**

AMOUNT: \$36,342.00  
FROM: 062-50799-090-1851-9062 – Middlebury Area Drainage  
TO: 062-50799-090-2885-9062 – Asphalt for Roads  
REASON: To fund upcoming pavement projects

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21st day of November, 2022.

Jonathan Ramsey, Chairman  
Watertown Town Council

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Discussion: none.

Motion passes unanimously

- h. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$16,302.77 for tax refunds.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, taxpayers have applied for Tax Refunds pursuant to Section 12-129, Refund of Excess Payments; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommended that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129; and

WHEREAS, in order to refund taxpayers who have been approved for their refunds, monies must be appropriated into the budget line item to expend the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council appropriates \$16,302.77 to line item 010-50341-043-0102 from the General Fund for tax refunds.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chairman  
Watertown Town Council

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$16,302.77 for tax refunds.

Discussion: none.

Motion passes unanimously

- i. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, taxpayers have made applications for property tax refunds in accordance with C.G.S. Section 12-129 *Refunds of Excess Payment*:

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-1298;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the attached listing of tax refunds.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of November, 2022.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chairman  
Watertown Town Council

See attached



Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Anthony DiBona: I move to approve the resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Discussion: none.

Motion passes unanimously

10. Adjournment.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Jonathan Ramsay, Chair  
Watertown Town Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan King, Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
ITEM 9b



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section \*304 of the Town Charter requires that the members of the Town Council establish by resolution, a place and time for conducting the regular Town Council meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL, that the Town Council shall meet on a regular basis at the Watertown Town Hall, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut at 7:00 P.M. on the first and third Mondays of each month except as noted below, and also except when the first and third Monday falls on a designated holiday, in which case the Council will meet on the day immediately following the designated holiday;

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS 2023

Tuesday, January 3, 2023  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
Monday, February 6, 2023  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023  
Monday, March 6, 2023  
Monday, March 20, 2023  
Monday, April 3, 2023  
Monday, April 17, 2023  
Monday, May 1, 2023  
Monday, May 15, 2023  
Monday, June 5, 2023  
Monday, June 19, 2023

Monday, July 17, 2023  
Monday, August 14, 2023  
Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
Monday, September 18, 2023  
Monday, October 2, 2023  
Monday, October 16, 2023  
Monday, November 6, 2023  
Monday, November 13, 2023\*\*  
Monday, November 20, 2023  
Monday, December 4, 2023  
Monday, December 18, 2023

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut, this 7th day of November, 2022.

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Jonathan Ramsay, Chairman

Town Council Regular Meeting November 21, 2022 Line item 9i

Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Reason	Tax	Int	Fees	RefUnd
21-03-0050805 ASPURIA LERIZA A	128 AUGUSTA ST	OAKVILLE, CT 06771	JN8AS5MT3DW507692	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	73.07	-	-	73.07
20-03-0071826 BILUM MARK J	201 WINDING BROOK	WATERBURY, CT 0	2012/JH4KB2F60CC000396	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	5.00	-	-	5.00
20-03-0051953 BOLL JENNIFER M	117 BUCKS HILL RD W	WATERBURY, CT 06	2002/1GCDT13W52K157139	Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one	126.49	3.79	5.00	135.28
21-03-0052100 BRAM MEYR	325 OAK DR	WATERBURY, CT 0	2012/2CARDGRG5CR343413	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess payments (DUPLICATE PAYMENT)	174.31	15.46	-	189.77
19-01-0008045 CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE	PO BOX 9202	COPPELL, TX 75019	399 GEORGETOWN DR	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	8.65	-	-	8.65
20-01-0008051 CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE TAX SE	PO BOX 9202	COPPELL, TX 75019	215 CLAXTON AVE	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	408.24	-	-	408.24
21-01-0001768 CURRY HARROLL	26 HIDDEN POND RD	COPPELL, TX 75019	215 CLAXTON AVE	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	425.09	-	-	425.09
21-03-0054376 CUSTOM MILLWORK & DESIGN	PO BOX 308	WATERBURY, CT 06	16 LINDEN ST	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments (DUPLICATE PAYMENT)	1,616.85	-	-	1,616.85
21-03-0054504 DAIMLER TRUST	14372 HERITAGE PAR	FORT WORTH, TX 7	2019/WDC064K2K195536	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	159.34	4.78	-	164.12
21-03-0056841 FINANCIAL SER VEH TRUST	5550 BRITTON PKWY	HILLIARD, OH 43021	2019/SUXTR9C58KLE13804	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	455.25	-	-	455.25
21-03-0056864 FINANCIAL SER VEH TRUST	5550 BRITTON PKWY	HILLIARD, OH 43021	2019/WBA13BJ07MWX02662	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	675.33	-	-	675.33
21-03-0059177 HONDA LEASE TRUST	PO BOX 1027	ALPHARETTA, GA 3	2019/2HGFC3B30KH351551	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	235.85	-	-	235.85
21-03-0059203 HONDA LEASE TRUST	PO BOX 1027	ALPHARETTA, GA 3	2018/JHMFC1F30JX040935	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	318.31	-	-	318.31
21-03-0059273 HONDA LEASE TRUST	PO BOX 1027	ALPHARETTA, GA 3	2019/2HKRW2H55KH623511	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	471.49	-	-	471.49
20-02-0040512 IVY AT WATERTOWN	200 N MAIN ST STE 20	E LONGMEADOW, MA	1655 STRAITS TPKE	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	231.96	-	-	231.96
21-02-0040596 IVY AT WATERTOWN	200 N MAIN ST STE 20	E LONGMEADOW, MA	1655 STRAITS TPKE	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	3,152.81	-	-	3,152.81
21-03-0059994 JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	P O BOX 901098	FORT WORTH, TX 7	2019/JF2SKAWCSKH487941	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	2,833.43	-	-	2,833.43
21-03-0060004 JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	P O BOX 901098	FORT WORTH, TX 7	2019/JM3KFCBM9K1619668	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	636.51	-	-	636.51
21-01-0003108 LERETA	PO BOX 35605	DALLAS, TX 75235	142 EDWARD AVE	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess payments (DUPLICATE PAYMENT)	318.75	-	-	318.75
21-03-0064519 NUNES ANTONIO V JR	2 MANSFIELD GROVE	EAST HAVEN, CT 06	2008/3MEHMH021XR6066641	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	112.51	-	-	112.51
21-03-0066629 REYES JOSE A	45 BOROBY RD	OAKVILLE, CT 06771	2004/1FTPW14524KB60609	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	10.49	-	-	10.49
21-03-0067084 ROGERS JAMIE L	128 CAPEWELL AVE	OAKVILLE, CT 06771	2019/57KAAPFAGK8134906	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	156.13	-	-	156.13
21-03-0069495 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2018/5TDJZRFHXUS62336	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	103.27	7.75	-	111.02
21-03-0069525 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2019/JTHCS1D2XK5034720	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	274.35	-	-	274.35
21-03-0069528 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2018/JTMDJREV1JD159269	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	487.87	-	-	487.87
21-03-0069540 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2018/5TDBZBZRFH9J5865354	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	651.64	-	-	651.64
21-03-0069543 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2019/5TDJZRFHXUS588612	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	416.88	-	-	416.88
21-03-0069544 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2019/5TDJZRFHXUS979221	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	377.12	-	-	377.12
21-03-0069545 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2019/2T3P1RFV6KW050659	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	377.12	-	-	377.12
21-03-0069598 TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY	WOBBURN, MA 018	2019/5TFCZ5AN3KX189571	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	186.71	-	-	186.71
TOTAL				Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORATED	16,265.99	31.78	5.00	16,302.77