1. Call Meeting to Order.
   Chair Mary Ann Rosa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
   Chair Mary Ann Rosa led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.
   PRESENT: Mary Ann Rosa, Chair
            Ken Demirs, Vice Chair
            Robert Desena
            Anthony DiBona
            Gary Lafferty
            Carina Noyd
            Jonathan Ramsay (zoom)
            Robert Retallick
            Rachael Ryan

   ABSENT:

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

5. Minutes.
   
   a. March 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting
   Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated March 18, 2024 as presented.
   
   Aye: 8 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Noyd, Ramsay, Ryan
   Nay: 0
   Abstain: 1 Retallick
   
   Motion passes
   
   b. March 19, 2024 – Town Council Finance Sub Joint Meeting
   Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the Joint Meeting minutes dated March 19, 2024 as presented.
   
   Motion passed unanimously
   
   c. April 1, 2024 – Regular Meeting
   Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated April 1, 2024 as presented.
   
   Motion passed unanimously
   
6. Chairman’s Report
   a. Correspondence.
   
7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports
   a. Public Works Subcommittee
   
8. Town Manager’s Report.
   
   a. Consider budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
   Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move that the following budgets be approved to be sent to Referendum.
A. Town General Fund $37,385,892
B. School General Fund 55,305,902
   General Fund Total $92,691,794

C. Town Road Aid 353,025
D. Water Operations 2,847,474
E. Water Capital 680,000
F. Sewer Operations 2,934,354
G. Sewer Capital 558,500
H. Water and Sewer Debt 417,590
I. Crestbrook Golf Operations 819,321
J. Local Capital Improvement 239,307
K. Water Extension 521,924
L. Sewer Extension 100,000
L. Debt Service 446,416

Motion: Rachael Ryan and seconded by Carina Noyd I would like to amend the motion to add the $800,000 back to the BOE budget for a total amount $56,105,902.

Aye: 3 Lafferty, Noyd, Ryan
Nay: 6 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Ramsay, Retallick

Motion fails

(vote on Main motion)
Aye: 6 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Ramsay, Retallick
Nay: 3 Lafferty, Noyd, Ryan
Abstain: 0

Motion passes

b. **Consider setting date for machine vote on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budgets.**

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Anthony DiBona: I move to approve the Referendum Notice for the machine vote on the 2024-2025 Budgets as follows:

A referendum of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meeting of the Town of Watertown will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote for the approval or disapproval of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budgets.

Voting will be at the following polling places:
Voting District 68-01 – Watertown High School, 324 French Street, Watertown, CT

Voting District 68-02 – Judson School, 124 Hamilton Lane, Watertown, CT

Voting District 68-03 - Swift Middle School, 250 Colonial Street, Oakville, CT

Voting District 68-04- Polk School, 437 Buckingham Street, Oakville, CT

Persons qualified to vote in Town Meeting who are not electors shall vote at the Office of the Registrar, Watertown Town Hall, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

Absentee ballots may be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Motion passed unanimously

c. Consider setting ballot for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budgets.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick I move that the budget question be placed on the voting machines as follows:

a. SHALL THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TOWN GENERAL BUDGET BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF $37,385,892 AND SHALL THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGETS BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNTS OF:

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b. SHALL THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 SCHOOL GENERAL FUND BUDGET BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF $55,305,902?
Voters approving each question will vote “Yes” and those opposing each question will vote “No.”

Motion passed unanimously

d. Consider the extension of the Golf Cart Lease with New England Golf Cars for Crestbrook Park Golf Course.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorize the Town Manager to enter a contract with New England Golf Cars for the extension of the Golf Cart Lease through the 2024 and the 2025 seasons.

Motion passed unanimously

e. Consider a resolution affirming Fair Housing in the Town of Watertown.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Anthony DiBona: I move to approve the resolution affirming Fair Housing in the Town of Watertown.

Motion passed unanimously

f. Consider approval of the job description for the position of Finance Director.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the job description for the position of Finance Director.

Motion passed unanimously

g. Consider approval of the job description for the position of Assistant Finance Director.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the job description for the position of Assistant Finance Director.

Motion passed unanimously

h. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation of $4,097 for tax refunds.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing an appropriation of $4,097 for tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously
i. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously


11. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously