



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

MOTIONS

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

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
Robert Retallick
Rachael Ryan (phone)

ABSENT:

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

4. Recognitions – none.

5. Minutes.

a. February 5, 2024 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated February 5, 2024 as presented.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 DiBona, Ryan

Motion passes

b. February 5, 2024 – Public Hearing

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the Public Hearing minutes dated February 5, 2024 as presented.

Aye: 8 Rosa, Demirs, Desena, Lafferty, Noyd, Ramsay, Retallick, Ryan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 DiBona

Motion passes

6. Chairman's Report

a. Correspondence.

Chair Mary Ann Rosa reviewed the budget review dates for the commission and the public that they are on Monday and Tuesday nights.

1. Copy of a Notice to the Office of the Secretary of State regarding Number of Electors and Number of Polling Places.

Chair Mary Ann Rosa read a section in the notice regarding a recommendation from the Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters to only designate one early voting location for the 2024 election year to accommodate the voters in Watertown and Oakville.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

- a. Ordinance – Anthony DiBona, Chair – none.
- b. Public Works – Robert Retallick, Chair – none.
- c. Elderly Tax Relief- Jonathan Ramsay, Chair – none.

8. Town Manager's Report.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move Public Participation from 10 to 8a on the agenda.

Motion passed unanimously

Public Participation:

9. New Business.

a. Finance Subcommittee – Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Reviews

1. Library (pg. 13)
2. Town Clerk (pg. 3)
3. Elections (pg. 4)
4. Probate (pg. 13)
5. Economic Development (pg. 20)
6. Town Council (pg. 1)
7. Public Buildings (pg. 6)
8. Town Manager (pg. 1)
9. Health Services (pg. 11)
10. Police (pg. 11)

b. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.

1. Appointment of Sub-Registrar to fill a vacancy due to a resignation.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to appoint Stephanie Umbro, of Hickcox Funeral Home, 195 Main Street, Watertown, CT as a sub-registrar for the issuance of removal, transit and cremation permits to fill the vacancy beginning March 1, 2024 for a term to expire January 2, 2026. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by Diane M. Stengle who has resigned due to retirement.

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

c. Consider referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for 8-24 approval for the sale of a right of way to Waterbury property located on Georgetown Drive known as the Third Piece on a subdivision map, Georgetown Heights Subdivision, Watertown, CT dated, March 15, 1985, Map #2437.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to table action on the request as described on the agenda item 9c. 8-24 approval for the sale of a right of way to Waterbury property located on Georgetown Drive.

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

- d. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund to the Police overtime account in the amount of \$6,745.95. Funds received for Watertown Police Department participation in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Motion: Robert Desena seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve an appropriation from the General Fund to the Police overtime account in the amount of \$6,745.95. Funds received for the Watertown Police Department participation in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

- e. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$6,125.42 for tax refunds.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: I move to approve the resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$6,125.42 for tax refunds.

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

- g. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

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

Discussion: none.

Motion passed unanimously

- 10. Public Participation – moved to agenda item 8a.

- 11. Adjournment.

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Jonathan Ramsay: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously