



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Chairman Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Ken Demirs

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Raimo, Town Manager
Susan Zappone, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director
Paul Jessell, Town Attorney
Jerry Lukowski, Public Works Director/Water & Sewer Superintendent
David McMahon, Water & Sewer Assistant Superintendent/Engineer

4. New Business.

- a. Consider setting a special town meeting date, time and place to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$310,136.10 for the Board of Education School Security Communications Project. A STEAP grant has been awarded for the project in the amount of \$310,136.27 of which \$248,109.10 will be reimbursed through the grant and \$62,027.07 as the Town of Watertown's match.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to set a special town meeting to be held on August 21, 2023 at 6:45 in the Town Council Chambers to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$310,136.10 for the Board of Education School Security Communications Project. A STEAP grant has been awarded for the project in the amount of \$310,136.27 of which \$248,109.10 will be reimbursed through the grant and \$62,027.07 as the Town of Watertown's match.

Motion passed unanimously

5. Executive Session. Time in 6:05

- a. Pending Litigation: City of Waterbury vs. Town of Watertown.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation in the case of the City of Waterbury versus the Town of Watertown. Present in executive session will be the Town Council Members present, Mark Raimo, Town Manager and Town Atty. Paul Jessell, David McMahan and Jerry Lukowski.

Motion passed unanimously

Time out of Executive Session 7:00 p.m.

6. New Business.

- a. Discussion and possible action on City of Waterbury vs. Town of Watertown litigation.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena I move that the Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Attorney pursuant to Section 401 of the Town Charter to proceed with an appeal of the decision in City of Waterbury vs Town of Watertown, dated July 28, 2023.

Aye: 7 Ramsay, Rosa, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Russ, Ryan
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 Retallick

Motion passes

7. Adjournment.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk