

MINUTES

WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY ROOM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009, 7:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Elaine Adams, Chairman
Gary Bernier
David Demirs
Richard DiFederico
Richard Fusco
Carl Mancini
Scott Marotta
Raymond Primini, Vice Chairman
Paul Rinaldi

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Cavanaugh, Public Works Director
Charles Frigon, Town Manager

1. Convene Special Town Meeting

Ms. Adams, Chairman, Called the Special Town Meeting to Order at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Primini, sec. Mr. Bernier) to nominate Elaine Adams for Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.

Discussion: **Ms. Adams:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: (Mr. Primini, sec. Mr. Bernier) to nominate Lynn LaForme for Secretary of the Special Town Meeting.

Discussion: **Ms. Adams:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Adams, Moderator, read aloud the Call of the Meeting as follows:

WARNING AND NOTICE
TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 17, 2009

The legal voters of the Town of Watertown and those entitled to vote in Town Meetings are hereby WARNED AND NOTIFIED of a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. at the Watertown High School Technology Room, 324 French Street, Watertown, Connecticut to consider an appropriation in the amount of \$58,000 from the General Fund for right of way acquisition costs in connection with the reconstruction of Sunnyside Avenue.

Dated in Watertown, Connecticut this 10th day of February, 2009.

Charles Frigon, Town Manager

RETURN OF
WARNING AND NOTICE
TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
February 17, 2009

I hereby certify that on February 10, 2009, I left a duplicate copy of the attached WARNING AND NOTICE of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut, to be held on February 17, 2009 with Virginia Russo, Assistant Town Clerk.

I further certify that on February 10, 2009 I caused a copy of said Warning and Notice to be published in the REPUBLICAN AMERICAN Newspaper, which has a substantial circulation in said Town.

I further certify that on February 10, 2009, I caused to be set upon the signpost nearest the office of the Town Clerk and all other places with signposts designated by the Town, a written copy of said Warning and Notice signed by me as Town Manager.

I further certify that all the above acts were done at least five (5) days before the holding of the Special Town Meeting on February 17 2009.

Charles Frigon, Town Manager

**TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION
AS TO WARNING AND RETURN OF WARNING**

I hereby certify that the attached WARNING AND NOTICE of the foregoing RETURN OF WARNING are duly recorded in the records of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut and that Charles Frigon. was the Town Manager of the Town of Watertown on the date the WARNING and RETURN OF WARNING were signed.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 10th day of February, 2009.

Virginia Russo, Assistant Town Clerk

Ms. Adams: Tonight we have Roy Cavanaugh, our Director of Public Works, with us to give us a brief overview about what this is about.

Roy Cavanaugh, Public Works Director

Mr. Cavanaugh: I'm here tonight to talk about the requested appropriation of \$58,000 from the General Fund for right of way costs for the reconstruction of Sunnyside Avenue. This project has been underway for several years now in the design phase and we're into the last phase of the project. This project is approximately 800 meters long with the reconstruction of vertical and horizontal realigning of Sunnyside Avenue between Falls Avenue and the Waterbury town line. Water gets suspended between (inaudible) initially reconstructed roadway. The existing Y configuration (inaudible) vertical/horizontal lines (inaudible). The old Colonial Road intersection where the horizontal (inaudible). I have the preliminary project plan on my right if anybody cares to examine it.

There is a significant culvert replacement which carries Turkey Brook under Sunnyside Avenue and Falls Avenue which is projected to cost \$1,000,000. (Inaudible) Fall Avenue intersection. Culvert (inaudible) commercial property at the intersection several years ago, (inaudible) Montagno's pizza (inaudible) property is the zoning department that the property is currently vacant. (Inaudible). All of the intersections on the project are currently stop controlled and will remain so. (Inaudible) 45 mph and will remain so. The (inaudible) Falls Avenue intersection and existing traffic is mostly passenger cars and (inaudible) no trailer trucks. The road (inaudible) between Watertown and neighboring City of Waterbury.

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In addition to a major culvert replacement (inaudible) to upgrade the drainage (inaudible) the whole project will be done to State, Town, and Federal standards. (Inaudible) in accordance with the 2004 D.E.P. Manual. The right of way portion of the project is currently affecting approximately 34 properties off the roadway which D.O.T. is requiring the total take (inaudible) driveway rights (inaudible) being adversely affected as part of the project. (Inaudible) 2010 with construction beginning in 2011. Currently (inaudible) \$4,000,000 of which about \$1,100,000 is for (inaudible) costs. (Inaudible) \$1,000,000 (inaudible). The funding is currently (inaudible) being paid by the Feds, the balance will be paid by the State with the exception of the Town being on the hook for 10% of the right of way costs and the design of the project which adds up to (inaudible) in kind services 10% of the total project. The 58,000 is the (inaudible) represents the balance due to the State for right of way costs (inaudible) \$450,000 (inaudible) \$580,000 for right of way costs which is on top of the \$450,000 which was already spent which the Town has already paid the State \$45,000. Total right of way requests for the project so far is (inaudible). Any questions?

Ms. Adams: Does anyone from the Council have any questions? Does anyone from the public have any questions?

MOTION: (Mr. Marotta, sec. Mr. Primini) I move to approve an appropriation from the General fund in the amount of \$58,000 for right of way acquisition costs in connection with the reconstruction of Sunnyside Avenue.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Adams, Moderator, Adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine H. Adams, Moderator

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk