

MINUTES

WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
TECHNOLOGY CENTER
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Elaine Adams, Chairman
Gary Bernier
Mr. Demirs
Richard DiFederico
Carl Mancini
Paul Rinaldi
Thomas Winn

ABSENT: Richard Fusco
Raymond Primini, Vice Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Frigon, Town Manager
David Minnich, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission
Frank Nardelli, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director
Virginia Russo, Assistant Town Clerk
Audio Technician

OTHERS ABSENT: None

1. **Call Meeting To Order**

Ms. Adams, Chairman, Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. LaForme, Board Clerk, executed the Roll Call.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Adams, Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Adams, Chairman, asked for a moment of silence in memory of Viola Primini, who passed away recently.

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4. **Consider the Nomination of Thomas L. Winn, Bellemeadow Drive to be appointed to the Watertown Town Council to replace Scott Marotta who has resigned, for a term to expire November, 2009**

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) to place the name of Thomas L. Winn, 79 Bellemeadow Drive be appointed a member of the Watertown Town Council to replace Scott Marotta, for a Term to Expire November, 2009.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Adams: At this time I'll ask Virginia Russo, the Assistant Town Clerk, to swear in Tom Winn to take the Oath of Office. Tom, would you come forward?

Ms. Russo: Do you solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge according to law your duties as a member of the Town Council to the best of your ability, so help you God?

Mr. Winn: I will.

5. **Public Participation**

Tony DelGobbo, 1034 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. DelGobbo: I've been a Watertown resident for 35 years. The last 35 years I've lived at my present address on Guernseytown Road. As many of you are aware, there is a massive reconstruction project going on on Guernseytown Road and I'm here this evening to express my concerns about the way it's going and the dimensions of which they are going to construct this road. The problem here is this road from Skilton Road to Hinman/Skilton Road it's almost a geological formation over the ridge. My house is situated on that ridge along with several others which means that my driveway slopes down towards the road and I have one of the steeper driveways. The plans that they are going to enact call for a reduction of my driveway of about 7 feet which necessarily increases the pitch. I looked at the plans and this has been going on for a year and a half. Most of the problems occur when the D.O.T. visited me and kind of described what was going on and something didn't make sense so I had a meeting with Chuck Berger. Well Mr. Berger shows up and come to find out that they are moving the center line which the D.O.T. wasn't aware of, and they were going to move it over where the curve was going to move over about 12 feet and this could produce a really bad situation, even worse than what you're doing now. So I petitioned the D.O.T. and they contacted our Public Works Department and they made some adjustments but the problem still is I'm still having a problem with the increased pitch in my driveway.

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The information I've been receiving from the Town Engineer, and particularly the Manager of the Department of Public Works, much of this information has been false, much of it has been misleading and looking over the data, they're actually changing the direction of the road slightly, where the center line is from the Emerick property south is actually moving west, it's crossing about there and then it's moving east towards my property. Now they really have to connect with Guernseytown Road at Skilton so what they're doing is they've enacted or they've constructed a curve in the road to realign it with the existing road so now they put a curve in the road and they're coming over. Another thing is that the road is 30 feet wide as planned. This is actually too wide for the area considering its location. Now many of the arguments that the Manager of Public Works was concerned with the impact of the driveways across the street which slope away from the street, which means that those driveways are essentially failsafe. If you slide on those driveways you don't go into the street, you stay on your own property, you may have a hard time getting out of there, but I have the same problem getting up my driveway, that's why I drive 4 wheel vehicles, my wife and I both own one, that's what I need. 4 wheel drive vehicles don't help at all when you're sliding downhill, if anybody knows about these things, so going down the driveway is the hazard. Now my driveway does not have a linear profile, it's contoured. There's a flat area with about a 5% grade at the top, that's where the cars are parked. The grade increases gradually and then reaches a maximum of about 16% right about where the lamppost is, and that's about maybe 30 feet from the curb, and that's where I slide. And the region is narrow, it's actually about the width of the wheel base of a car, I can control it and I can stop before I get too far into the road right now. The new construction is going to produce an increase of grade further up the driveway which means if I start sliding 60 feet from the road, I'll pick up speed. I'll start sliding, I'll either end up into the street or across the street and if somebody is coming there is going to be an accident. So that's my concern.

I've provided dimensions for essentially a 28 foot width with the center line remaining where it is. This would only amount to about a foot and a half encroachment on either side of the road, which is pretty minor, not the 7 feet that they're trying to do right now. This was dismissed out of hand because it would increase slightly the property across the street. My concern is why are they overly concerned with the pitch of the driveway on the west side of the road, yet treat my situation with reckless disregard? That's pretty much it.

Also, they're doing an awful lot of grading. They're putting in what's called a snow shelf; it's not necessary, it just causes a massive amount of grading and cost, it requires the removal, in fact they've already taken the trees out, which they really didn't have to do. A lot of majestic trees have been cut down because of this massive grading that they're going to do. So at this point they have a safer alternative, one that I will sign. My property right now has been seized under the provisions of eminent domain so the court seized the property, so all I can do is sit back, but you have a safer alternative. You can minimize the hazard of my driveway without increasing much to anything on the other side. There will be a slight increase on both sides, I will accept about a foot and a half, it won't increase it very much, I'll still be able to control the slide on my driveway and that's pretty much what I provided to the Town Engineers.

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I got a letter last August from the Department of Public Works. They had three proposals. One was mine. One proposal was leaving the western curve where it is, but they still consider it an increase in pitch to the people across the street. Anybody who has any mind at all knows that that is not possible, so the increase is relative to something. Right now the plan calls for moving the curve away from those properties, in other words improving the situation at the expense of myself and a couple other of my neighbors. The massive regrading also calls for a 1 in 4 pitch on lawns and I know a lot of people aren't too happy with that because it makes it difficult to mow, especially if you have a lawn tractor, that's essentially excessive and it's above the recommended pitch for my machine. So that's pretty much it.

As far as the liability goes, I mean you are creating an insurance liability for the Town. I'm responsible for anybody getting hurt on my property; if I have no say or I can't minimize the hazard, I'm not going to take it alone. Any litigation they're going to look at this and they're going to ask why didn't you take the safer alternative, and there is no good technical reason for doing so. I suspect that there may be a political reason for this, I think there's more to this than meets the eye, but I have no proof right now. So ignoring a safer alternative can be construed as willful negligence. I'm not a lawyer, but it's a possibility. I think the people of the Town of Watertown need to know what's really going on and the implications of what they're doing and the potential hazard to the finances of this Town. I felt it was my obligation to let everybody know this, if you haven't been aware of what's really going on. I'll answer any questions you might have.

Ms. Adams: The only thing that I can remember right now is that this has been in the process for at least 10 years, I know Paulie you've been around that long, I know it's done in two phases and I know that phase two, that's been held up for years because of the money availability. So have you talked to anyone besides Chuck Berger?

Mr. DelGobbo: No, I've spoken to Roy Cavanaugh and that was an interesting conversation because he was going to, the original plan (inaudible) they were going to run a straight ramp from the street right to the doors of my driveway at around 17%, so I told him there was no way I was going to park my car on a hill overnight. If you've ever seen a parked car slide on ice that's scary. The other alternative was to provide the landing I have now and steep it even further the ramp to the street and he said those are your two choices. I said neither one is acceptable, they're both hazardous. What he said was well if you don't decide, we'll decide for you. I said well it appears that your department, if it has one thing it's arrogance, and that's what happened, so that's when I sent these letters to the D.O.T. and that's how they got involved. Now the D.O.T. did not design this road. The specifications for the road, it's called a Minor Urban Selector and it specified 11 foot travel lanes, shoulders are optional and the range is 11 plus or minus 1 foot so it can be as little as 10 foot or as wide as 12.

Ms. Adams: Per lane.

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Mr. DelGobbo: Per lane. Now the Town is using 12 foot lanes which is the maximum permissible lane width for this specified road. They are also putting a 2 foot shoulder. Now it's my understanding why you need shoulders, they're putting in storm drains. So shoulders are

Ms. Adams: Drainage has been a huge problem.

Mr. DelGobbo: Right, especially near my house, there's usually a puddle right there, that's ice there, so shoulders are appropriate. I also found out, I didn't realize the markings actually are added too so (inaudible) which are a little on the wide side, so you've got essentially 15 inches on the center, so you have to add 15 inches, and you have to add another 5 inches on either side for the markings for the shoulders so this is how they stretch it to get to the full 30 feet. Now 30 feet is what's in the specification for the road and that's generally, the spirit of that was for new construction for subdivisions and so forth. Given the geology of the area, 30 feet is not appropriate, it's dangerous, it steepens up driveways on both sides of the road. It might be appropriate by Taft School and near where the sports center is and the golf course, it's level there and there's a lot of traffic, a lot of busses, I can see it's appropriate there but not up past the cemetery. And also 30 feet is not cast in stone. There's a 4/10 of a mile stretch between phase 1 and phase 2 which they've ground down and repaved. This road is only 27 feet wide so they didn't follow the 30 foot rule nor the snow shovel there either, so they essentially left the neighborhood . . .

Ms. Adams: Is that (inaudible) Tara Farm?

Mr. DelGobbo: That's below Tara Farm, yea, there's a big tree, that's very, very close to the road, you probably know . . .

Ms. Adams: I know the area, I think we all know the area.

Mr. Demirs: That corner is extremely dangerous.

Mr. DelGobbo: Which corner?

Mr. Demirs: When you are coming from the country club and you get up to sharp corner (inaudible) the cemetery and going up your way to the next 4 way intersection, that's extremely dangerous in the Winter.

Mr. DelGobbo: Right, now that road at the bottom where it goes by the maintenance shed for the golf course, yea, that's bad, because the road curves to the left but it banks to the right so it is a totally uncoordinated turn and you can slide off, and I've see cars slide off, it's bad, you have to be very careful there.

Mr. Demirs: No, I was talking about (inaudible).

Mr. DelGobbo: Oh, you were talking about Hinman Road?

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Mr. Demirs: I was talking about from when you go past the country club and you go up to right before you get to the cemetery where you come up Platt Road down where the "V" is, from there to the intersection up, is that Skilton Road going across?

Mr. DelGobbo: Well Skilton Road and Hollow Road are up at the top.

Mr. Demirs: That's where I mean, that whole area is extremely dangerous, I mean there's a lot of ice up there in the Winter and that's the reason for the storm drains and the construction because it's very dangerous.

Mr. DelGobbo: Don't get me wrong, I'm not opposed to the construction.

Mr. Demirs: No, I know you're not.

Mr. DelGobbo: No, I think it's necessary.

Mr. Demirs: You said your driveway is higher than the road?

Mr. DelGobbo: Yes.

Mr. Demirs: How much higher did you say it was?

Mr. DelGobbo: About 11 feet from the door to the

Mr. Demirs: That much pitch?

Mr. DelGobbo: Yea, but it's 90 feet long right now and it's contoured which means that the pitch increases gradually and then it reaches the maximum of about 16% down where the lamppost is, and that's where I slide, down around 15% of the (inaudible).

Mr. Demirs: What's the number of your house?

Mr. DelGobbo: 1034. It's a white house and it's got a "C" Ban dish on the side, you've probably seen it, a big ugly thing.

Mr. Demirs: I just want to now where the area is, I want to drive by.

Mr. DelGobbo: Okay. As I mentioned before they are moving the road over in that area and that's what the problem is. I have no problem with leaving the center line where it is and then widening the road to about 28 feet. That will be, as far as, I can tolerate that, it won't be that bad. If they do that I will sign it and that will be the end of that, but right now I can't in good conscience sign what they're doing right now.

Ms. Adams: Chuck, maybe you can facilitate a meeting between the State, Engineering and everybody sit down at the table and hash this out.

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Mr. Frigon: I believe we have.

Mr. DelGobbo: I talked to your Clerk and she said that there will be no meeting. I said a meeting was supposed to be scheduled this week. We spoke two weeks ago.

Mr. Frigon: It won't be this week, maybe next week. I believe this is far more involved that we're going to work out right here and right now, but I will tell you that I was in the office today, I did ask our Director of Public Works to come in with the prints for the plan, I see something different than what you're offering right now as evidence or as design criteria, I don't see the road moving where you say, I'm looking at a dotted line where it presently is, a solid line where it's going, and I'm seeing something a little bit different than what you're saying. But that's neither here nor there.

Mr. DelGobbo: The stations are marked now and there are surveyor pins in the circle, you can actually see, the circle, that's the center line, you can see that, I actually had the dimensions

Mr. Frigon: I did ask Roy what the position of the State of Connecticut D.O.T. was because this is essentially their project, the State and the Federal Government are paying together 100% of the design, this was actually designed not by Roy Cavanaugh, but by Phil Deleppo some maybe 10 or 12 years ago, that's how far back this goes. I know that there have been several design changes between the original concept and what has been bid and what is being constructed today. There's been many modifications to it. I was told today, although I did not speak to the D.O.T. that, and you need to know that it is the D.O.T. that approved the design, not the Town of Watertown.

Mr. DelGobbo: I know.

Mr. Frigon: So they are familiar with the design, they know where the center lines are, they know where the elevations are, it is them that approved it and what they are telling me is that the contract is signed, that the trees are down, as you said, and that they are moving ahead with the project as they see absolutely no opportunity to change it, that's going to make it better than what they have. A lot of numbers were thrown at me today, 3,500 cars a day, the same 4/10 of a mile at 27 feet, the 30 feet down below Guernseytown Phase 1, the 30 feet Guernseytown Phase 2 and hopefully at some point we're going to make that 27 foot, 30 feet as well when the Town can afford it, we don't have any assistance funding for that. So a lot was talked about today in a very short time. At the end of all of the conversation what I did offer was can we sit down and can we look at Mr. DelGobbo's property and it was my understanding it was a sloped easement that they took on your property.

Mr. DelGobbo: That's right.

Mr. Frigon: Right, they're not taking the property by eminent domain.

Mr. DelGobbo: Well no, the project I've got a note from the court saying a commendation notice . . .

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Mr. Frigon: It was a sloped easement.

Mr. DelGobbo: No, but that's it.

Mr. Frigon: What I did offer and they are all amenable to, is (inaudible) as you offered earlier, let's look at your driveway. I'm being told, if I'm correct

Ms. Adams: It's hard (inaudible) we're not right there.

Mr. Frigon: But what I thought what I was told was that you are at 16%, you were at 15.4% but before you had a landing, now you don't have a landing, again a lot was thrown at me, but what I suggested is can we sit down and look at alternatives to making your driveway, your property safer, because it was pretty damn clear to me today that we're not going to change that road right now, that D.O.T. is very satisfied with the snow shelf, with the drainage, with the width, they have no reason to go in there and want to change it, they were very supportive of that design, I don't know that we are going to stop construction, they're out there today doing it, but everyone is willing to sit down and look at your property and can we somehow dog leg it, can we do something to make your driveway a little bit safer and everybody is absolutely amenable to doing that and I suggested we do that sooner than later that we do sit down and we do look at those alternatives.

Mr. DelGobbo: That's what I requested. As far as the pitch goes, they continue to say well we're lessening the pitch. I said you're not . . .

Mr. Frigon: That's what they told me today too.

Mr. DelGobbo: Well that's not true because yea I have 16% only in a narrow area. The bulk of the driveway is much less than that. What they're doing is they're increasing, it's not going to be at 16% but it's going to be over 15% up the driveway.

Mr. Frigon: 15.4% is what they

Mr. DelGobbo: Way up the driveway, if I slide up there, above the halfway mark, I won't be able to stop, I'm going to accelerate. Gravity is pervasive, it's just going to take you down.

Mr. Frigon: Pretty much those, not pretty much, without exception those who are familiar with your property thought that we can do something. I don't know what, I'm not familiar with your property, but we'll meet soon.

Ms. Adams: I think you all need to sit down with the most current plans, as you've said there's been many modifications over time, what exactly is the current plan and work with you as far as to see what can be done. I think that's where there is probably leeway, with the actual road itself, if that's been bid and the bid has been awarded, I don't think there's anything at that point that can be done, but I think maybe to help you out there is something that we could potentially come up with.

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Mr. Frigon: I'd like to think so.

Mr. DelGobbo: Well the D.O.T. is essentially going to approve it because it does meet the requirements.

Mr. Frigon: The D.O.T. has approved it and (inaudible).

Mr. DelGobbo: Well they will of course.

Mr. Frigon: They are familiar with what you are saying.

Mr. DelGobbo: They chopped off from 12 feet to 7, but it's still, remember any shortening of that driveway is going to necessarily steepen it, that's irrefutable.

Ms. Adams: I'm not sure who you talked to, the last I talked to was Mr. Berger and he did say that he would facilitate, just as I suggested to you, you and I sitting down talking about this isn't going to get either of us anywhere, we need to have those people who are familiar with the project, who have the ability to say we can or cannot make modifications. It's my understanding that you had said it yourself, I'm not sure who you talked to.

Mr. DelGobbo: Well Mr. Berger did speak to me last Summer, probably August, he came up and I just laid out to him my suggestion to what's going on here and he did not refute anything as far as he couldn't give me any technical reason why this could not be done. He thought it was doable and all of a sudden I get this letter from Roy Cavanaugh and as I said, there are mistakes here, there are conflicting information, it just doesn't make sense.

Ms. Adams: I think that all needs to be (inaudible).

Mr. Mancini: Chuck, I believe that the Zoning Regulations will allow up to 15% so you better make sure that

Mr. Frigon: Well this is an existing, Carl, I don't know that

Mr. Mancini: But if you're going to change the gentleman's driveway and make it more than 15%

Mr. Frigon: What I was told today was that we went from 16% to 15.4%.

Mr. Mancini: 15 is max. Even at 15.4, if the Zoning Regulation say 15, it shouldn't be more than 15, we should do whatever we can.

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Mr. DelGobbo: There's also one more regulation that really makes a lot of sense, and that is the maximum pitch from the center line to the road, and the specifications for the road and the development, they say that the pitch of a driveway cannot exceed 5% when within 30 feet of a center line, and that makes a lot of sense because this prevents you from sliding into the road and causing an accident. Well right now my driveway doesn't meet that criteria, but I don't see any reason why we should steepen it and make it even worse, exacerbate the situation. A foot and a half off the bottom, you'll increase it slightly, I can live with it. But taking 7 feet off of it? That's just a little too much.

Mr. Rinaldi: I usually don't like speaking during Public Participation because this is your time to speak, however I was on the Public Works Subcommittee for quite some time. If I remember at the beginning this job was considered a complicated job because of the drainage, I don't know, I'm not familiar and I guess it had to be totally redesigned, they said that this is what I was told.

Ms. Adams: Over the course of several years, yea.

Mr. Rinaldi: Then it changed as time went on. Now I'm not an engineer, as a matter of fact I don't even have a job right now, but I'm curious, back in August was there any public hearings held for people to have input into this?

Mr. DelGobbo: No.

Mr. Rinaldi: There was none.

Ms. Adams: This goes back years ago.

Mr. Rinaldi: But the funding.

Ms. Adams: We didn't have the money because Waterbury's Main Street, remember they had to keep allocating money back for a couple of years.

Mr. Rinaldi: The last comment, you mentioned there was something political here; there isn't. These are all professionals working on the job that hopefully will (inaudible).

Mr. DelGobbo: Okay, I appreciate that, but right now since there's no technical reason why they can't keep the center line where it is, what am I supposed to think? They're actually improving the situation across the street at my expense, neighbors on both sides of me, they're taking a good chunk of their front yard and steepening it, and also the removal of trees. I have an ornamental tree that right now is in a stay of execution, but there's a meeting on Friday night that I have to

Ms. Adams: You have the right to appeal, that's right (inaudible).

Mr. Rinaldi: Well what I'm saying is if anything was really going on up there, its probably between you and the engineers, or the D.O.T.

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Mr. DelGobbo: The D.O.T., I met with Mark Mickowitz and they don't really have that much to say. As long as the road meets the specification criteria for the type of road they're installing, the actual positioning of the road is really not their concern and he even told me that. The Town designed this road and designed where it's going to be placed, the width, our specifications are 11 foot travel lanes plus or minus 1, shoulders are optional. This is what I got directly from the D.O.T.

Mr. Rinaldi: The only information we get is our monthly meetings where the Director of Public Works will say well work has started, we're this far, we don't get into (inaudible).

Ms. Adams: I think again we need to get everybody in the same room and just sit down and discuss this with Engineering, with the State, and then if, Chuck, if you could see that that happens, just sit down and talk about it and find out what is the latest information and just see what we can do.

Mr. Frigon: Yes. I thought that was scheduled. Didn't Lisa from my office call you and confirm that I had

Mr. DelGobbo: Yes. That was a day later and she said that yes, I spoke to Mr. Frigon and he (Tape #1, Side A ended – may have missed some) last Thursday and I said well a meeting was supposed to be set up for the 4th. She said no, there will be no meeting. I said that's nice.

Mr. Frigon: Probably frustration speaking.

Ms. Adams: I think that meant that (inaudible) this week, Chuck, I think that's probably more has been

Mr. DelGobbo: But the way it was presented, there will be no meeting. It's not that we'll have to postpone it a week, or so or it will have to be delayed, that wasn't

Mr. Frigon: It wasn't meant that way.

Mr. DelGobbo: Yea well that's, how else was I supposed to take it? There will be no meeting. Thank you very much.

Ms. Adams: If you can have yourself or your designee, I know you're real busy this week, you know arrange something and get back to Mr. DelGobbo?

Mr. Frigon: We'll get back to him.

Ms. Adams: Then everybody can sit down with the actual plan of what's going to happen and go from there.

Mr. Rinaldi: How far along are they right now?

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Mr. DelGobbo: Actually they started putting sediment screens down at the very bottom near Tara Farm where the, where Tom is, where the road sometimes gets inundated. That's where they are working right now, but they haven't broken up any pavement, they're just putting in sediment screens, silk fences. That's all for right now. But all the trees are gone. Thank you very much.

David Emerick, 990 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Emerick: I am very sympathetic with Mr. DelGobbo's concerns. Why can't they leave the road right where it is? Why do they have to move it this way and that way? Our family has owned one of the most historic homes in Watertown, it's old and it's disheveled but it's one of the oldest homes in Watertown (inaudible). We've seen this whole area grow up from being a farming community and seeing it being transformed into what it is now, a residential area. Granted we are not being affected to the degree that this gentleman is, but it is a rural, country area, and there is absolutely no reason for this area to be as wide as it's going to be, we already have issues with speeders on the road, this is just going to give them a lot more license to abuse that even more. Keep the road where it is, keep it narrow, and keep our nice country charm. Thank you.

Larry Chiucarello, 1020 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Chiucarello: I do remember coming up here 10, 12 years ago, Mr. Deleppo and talking about a lot of the same issues that we're talking about now.

Ms. Adams: It's been a long time.

Mr. Chiucarello: It's been a real long time and we were pretty much told it was a done deal then and we had to live with it and then all of a sudden it got pushed to the side or what have you.

Ms. Adams: The funding wasn't there.

Mr. Chiucarello: Two years ago was the first time I heard of this thing resurfacing. I got a letter after the fact, I got a letter after whenever there was a meeting to discuss it. Two years ago this coming August I talked to Mr. Berger, he was very polite and he answered every question I had, he came up to my house, he gave me plans, but my concern right now is the communication or lack of communication because we're getting none right now. When I talked to Mr. Berger two years ago he assured me that before, and this was supposed to start last March according to the plan back then, he assured me that before anything started on Guernseytown Road someone would come out to the house from D.O.T., they'd walk us through, we'd have a real walk through of the project, that never happened. We had heard that it again had been pushed to the side, we didn't know why. Then all of a sudden around Winter time this year we got more notifications, and mind you we never got any notifications to come to a meeting, to contribute.

Mr. Emerick: No public meeting has ever been held.

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Mr. Chiucarello: We always got information after the fact. I talked to Mr. Berger about 2 or 3 weeks ago and he assured me that he talked about the changes, he talked about Tony's concerns, and he assured me that there was going to be a meeting at 10:00 a.m. last Wednesday, which there was, to talk about all the trees that were going to be cut down. But 10:00 a.m.? Who goes to a meeting at 10:00 a.m. unless you're going to take a day off from work, nonetheless it was well attended, but really it was a done deal, there was nothing that was going to be discussed or changed at that point. He also assured

Ms. Adams: (Inaudible) on what trees were coming down?

Mr. Chiucarello: It was a meeting between Mr. Berger, Mr. Cavanaugh, and whatever residents were there.

Ms. Adams: Okay, it wasn't a tree hearing then.

Mr. Chiucarello: They had labeled all the trees that were coming down, so we got to see for the very first time what was coming down. Also the stakes didn't go up on the road until a few weeks back as well, so you have to imagine that after these things go up a lot of people are getting a little shocked, I mean we're looking at maps, we're not engineers. It was also assured by Mr. Berger that we would have a meeting some time this week in the evening, he was just looking for a location so that we would be able to meet with Public Works as well as the contractor so that we could walk through all of the phases of this. I have no doubt that this is not going to happen this week. As a matter of fact my question to him at that time was how will we know when the meeting was and where it would be and he wasn't sure about that so in his defense he admitted I'm not sure, I don't know if I have a location for it. So my concern right now if you drive up on Guernseytown Road it's scary. It's scary. I mean the trees are down, it's a lot better now because they've cleaned up some of the trees but it's not a country road anymore, #1. #2, the only thing that would slow people down coming in front of my house, and Tony can tell you people have come on my lawn, they've gone on the Emerick's lawn, the only thing that slowed people down were the bumps in the road and I have no assurance that straightening out this road and making it 30 feet wide and not putting a speed trap up there is going to slow anyone down. I'm more fearful down around the corner because they're raising that up 5 feet and easily you're still going to have a corner and one person asked what side are you putting the poles in, cause it's going to matter, cause when people go down you know again, I don't think it's going to help the speed situation, but that's not why I'm here. I'm here because #1 I support Tony. He is getting hit the worst out of all of us. I'm still going to have a 4:1 pitch on my lawn so how that is going to work out I don't know, but I don't think there's any communication and I'm real concerned about that, I've never gone through a construction project before and I'm not sure how it's going to turn out, but I know once you do it you're not going to change it and that's what scares me.

Ms. Adams: Thank you. Chuck, can you check with Chuck Berger regarding a meeting with the residents in the evening?

Frank Brevetti, 20 Mallory Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Brevetti: I want to talk about the building and parking lot being constructed in Veteran's Park on wetlands partially. I have a couple of issues against this project. I feel if wetlands are one of the issues, this Town should not be an advocate to build on wetlands and today totally ignore the laws to protect such land. I believe that we don't need to add to our tax burden. We don't need more fields; we've got enough fields. We have Pay To Play, we're the only town around that has Pay To Play. I feel if we have extra money around to spend on a building like this why don't we put it in a project and not have our kids Pay To Play? They had a taxpayer's tea party in New Milford and the whole outcome of that meeting was we have to start at the level of the Town level and the whole issue was we have to have zero tax increase. I'd like to know if you have any cost estimates on this building cause when we went to that meeting they had no answers for us.

Ms. Adams: Which meeting was that?

Mr. Brevetti: Park and Recreation. They had no answers. We asked them about the cost of the building, we asked them about the cost, 118 car parking lot on wetlands. Okay? Every question we asked them, they didn't have an answer. How much is it going to cost? We have no answer. How big is this going to be? How tall is it going to be? How is it going to be heated? Is it going to be heated? Is it going to have air conditioning? No answers at all, but they want to build this building. How can we vote on something we know nothing about? That's #1. I would vote no anyway, I don't care if they were building the Taj Mahal.

We don't need more tax burdens. I hope you people understand this. Here's a man out of work. Well I'll tell you what – come on my street, we've got about 3 people out of work. And that's the way I feel. I do want answers. Like this gentleman said, we have no communication in this Town. They have meetings without us knowing. How could 30 people vote on a building like this that's going to cost I'd estimate at \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 totally. How can 30 people decide for the Town that we're going to spend this money?

Ms. Adams: You're talking about the Town Meeting?

Mr. Brevetti: Yea, they're going to bring it up and say who's in favor like we did tonight.

Ms. Adams: Right.

Mr. Brevetti: Here it is, 30 people decided to spend \$50,000. I really don't think that's right. I know the cost of having an election thing, something like that, but 30 people should not be the deciding factor with these kind of issues, even though they are. We are building this building on wetlands. Now I have an issue with that. I'm looking for land to build on and some of the land was on wetlands, and the man that was on wetlands said you can't even cut a branch off a tree in wetlands.

Ms. Adams: What was his name?

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Mr. Brevetti: He's on Wetlands. He's Indian, I don't know what he is, he's got an Arabic or Indian name.

Ms. Adams: Moosa Rafey? Does that sound familiar?

Mr. Brevetti: Yea, but like I said, this is what he, he even told me, I mean I know a little bit about the law, I was a cop for 26 years. He told me that I couldn't build a bridge over these wetlands or any kind of road over these wetlands. I said listen, the federal law says you cannot land lock me, I have to have access to my land. I don't care if I was over the biggest, best wetlands in the world, if I have an area where I can build, I have to have access to that land. And he said well maybe, but you're going to have to meet approvals.

Ms. Adams: Yea, any destruction of wetlands has to (inaudible).

Mr. Brevetti: But I do have the right to get to my property. I don't know if you know that's the law.

Ms. Adams: (Inaudible.)

Mr. Brevetti: You cannot land lock me, if I have land I have to have a way to get to it. That's why

Ms. Adams: Are you saying you have property

Mr. Brevetti: No, if I bought this land. No, I wasn't going to build it because of all the rules they have, but here they are building a 118 car parking lot. Why can they break the rules and I can't? If it's wetlands, that means we need these for the birds and animals.

Ms. Adams: Unfortunately I don't know if there are wetlands there (inaudible).

Mr. Brevetti: Why don't you know?

Ms. Adams: I'm not on the Wetlands Commission.

Mr. Brevetti: So you're here, you're in charge, you should know, like you said you should know what the right hand is doing.

Ms. Adams: I can get the answers for you.

Mr. Brevetti: No, how are you going to get them? They didn't have any. I asked the questions and I got no answers.

Ms. Adams: Are there wetlands (inaudible)?

Mr. Brevetti: Definitely, they told us there were wetlands.

Ms. Adams: (Inaudible)

Mr. Frigon: They haven't had the formal walk through, that's scheduled probably the 7th.

Mr. Brevetti: They told us there was wetlands on there, the building was going on wetlands, they told us point blank and they told us that this 118 car parking lot was going in the buffer zone too, which is not supposed to be built on either. No answers and the taxpayers just can't, I had a son playing football in this Town, which I loved, he didn't have to Pay to Play. I don't have no children. That's a private issue with me, it's just an issue that the Town has to recognize I think, that we can't pay any more taxes. If we have to cut back, we cut back just like any industry has to do it. That's the way I feel. I'm all done. Thank you.

Mr. Demirs: I'm concerned, where did you get the information about the parking lot and all that?

Mr. Brevetti: At the meeting.

Mr. Demirs: The Park & Rec meeting?

Mr. Brevetti: Yea.

Unidentified Woman in Audience: And the Wetlands meeting.

Mr. Brevetti: We asked for cost estimates, they had none.

Mr. Demirs: We had a grant that was provided from the State.

Mr. Brevetti: I know, they said that, but I know we're not going to build that building with that grant.

Mr. Demirs: No, I know, but that's about the only money I know of.

Mr. Brevetti: You know something? Grant money? It's taxpayer's money again. I mean whether it's State, Federal, whatever it is, it's still (inaudible).

Mr. Demirs: I agree with you and towns apply for that money for a reason, so they could do things with it.

Mr. Brevetti: Yea, that they need, need, if you need something that's fine. We don't need another field. We don't need a building that has to be heated.

Mr. Demirs: I agree with some of the things you said tonight, but I don't agree 100% that we don't need any more fields. I think, I don't know the people, but I agree with you and I know your son too, but anyway I feel that we are short fields, but how we get them is one thing and the way they're appropriated is another and I agree with you on that.

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Mr. Brevetti: Okay, now just to get to you with the fields, my son played football. The grass was about this high in the fields. We asked the coach if he was going to get the field mowed, so he calls the Town.

Ms. Adams: Which field was that?

Mr. Brevetti: The High School Football field, so he called the Town, one mower for the Town supposedly . . .

Ms. Adams: The Board of Ed, right?

Mr. Brevetti: Didn't have time to mow the lawn, so I had to mow the lawn.

Mr. DiFederico: I remember that, you're right.

Mr. Brevetti: I mowed the lawn, with a lot of grievances too saying this and that, I said I don't care what you do, that lawn is getting mowed. So if we need more fields and we can't mow the ones we have, what are we going to do with them? I've got a park in back of my next door neighbor's lot. I haven't seen a Town person there for 2 years. I mean the weeds are growing, everything is growing, we've got that park right in back of people's yard, nobody goes there to do anything, clean up or do anything. I mean I don't know what we're going to do with more fields. I think we should start growing some food.

Denise Russ, 135 Porter Street, Watertown, CT 06795

Ms. Russ: I have a question. The link fence on Deland Field across from Siemon Road has been broken for months. I'd like to know who's responsibility it is to fix it because that is a nice field.

Ms. Adams: Is it cut?

Ms. Russ: No, the top bar is pulled off, it's laying on the ground, the fence is caving in like this and if it goes much more the kids will be pushing and it will be broken. This has been quite awhile.

Ms. Adams: (Inaudible.)

Ms. Russ: (Inaudible) how that's going to be fixed or who's going to fix it because as we know once it's broken, it's not going to be (inaudible).

Ms. Adams: Chuck, (inaudible).

Mr. Frigon: Yea, I wasn't aware of it myself.

Annette Derouin, 317 Riverside Street, Oakville, CT 06779

Ms. Derouin: I was also at that Park & Rec meeting regarding this “barn” that they want to put up at Veteran’s. The building is 100 x 200 feet. They’re going to heat it. Who is going to pay for it? They’re worried about lighting. They’re talking about lighting for a parking lot but they’re taking away street lights? What sense does that make, you tell me. I asked them do we get to vote on this? Oh no, they said, you can only have a vote if it’s more than \$225,000 that we’re spending and because the State is giving \$500,000 that’s not considered money. Next the Town Council has the deciding vote whether this building is put up. Who gives you guys the right to raise our taxes for this building? Why can’t the Town vote whether we want this or not?

Ms. Adams: I want to say there was a Town Meeting maybe a year ago.

Ms. Derouin: It was (inaudible) once, I don’t understand (inaudible) back again.

Ms. Adams: Maybe a year ago the Town Meeting appropriated the money to get reimbursed by the State. As far as lighting and parking requirements, that would be our Planning and Zoning Commission to go and speak with, they’re the ones who would determine what’s going to be done, not here, the Council doesn’t have that authority.

Ms. Derouin: Why were we told the Council has the final decision whether this building is put up? There’s no roof, there’s no flooring, what is it? 95 feet from the water, from the power lines, and definitely wetlands.

Ms. Adams: I believe the Council, we’ve done everything on our part, I don’t know if there’s anything else, Chuck, we would do.

Ms. Derouin: Why can’t there be a Town vote to see whether we waste this money and charge the taxpayers when they’re talking about laying off teachers, cutting down lighting, oh yea we’re going to save \$20,000 by taking away our street lights, but God knows what we’re going to pay to have this building on in the Winter until 10:00 for lights, for heat, and we’re going to have a concession in there. And what do we have for a floor? We have no floor, we have no roof, what is it?

Mr. Frigon: I can perhaps shed a little light.

Ms. Derouin: Oh I don’t know, I’m wild about this.

Mr. Frigon: You know what? Maybe I can’t, let me at least try to help here. The original concept of the building was estimated to construct complete for less than the grant money that we had. It was never, I’m not that familiar with the building, but I’m somewhat familiar with what happened, I’m very familiar. We never anticipated in our original plan that we would have to have additional paved parking and lights because it was still I think everybody’s intention to close at dusk and not keep the park open.

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Ms. Derouin: Yea but you guys are going to have a building with no lights, so what are you going to see in a building with no windows?

Mr. Frigon: In the building there would be lights; we're talking about street lights and outside lighting and 118 parking spaces.

Ms. Derouin: Oh yea, all those parking (inaudible).

Mr. Frigon: So you're talking about information that was given to you, or the lack of information. This whole building concept is still being developed. I don't have a price in front of me of what it's going to cost, I don't have an estimate. As a matter of fact, purchase orders continue to come into me that I won't authorize or sign until I know what completely this is going to cost. Whether we have a better estimate of what this is going to cost, if it's going to cost more than what the Town Council voted on which was the \$500,000, right, what the Town Meeting voted on, then it's going to come back here again, it's going to be explained to the Town Council that this isn't going to cost \$500,000, it's going to cost \$5,000,000, okay and then

Ms. Derouin: Yea, and then the Town Council will say okay, then go ahead and do it, we have money.

Ms. Adams: No, it would have to go to a vote.

Ms. Derouin: A vote where? A Town vote?

Ms. Adams: A Town Meeting vote, like the one here at 7:00 tonight, similar to that, where if it does come to the Council, the Council votes to put it to a Town Meeting, then that's when you have a vote, for an expenditure.

Ms. Derouin: Where did they come up with if it's more than \$225,000 you can have a Town vote, not in a meeting like this, a Town vote that the whole Town would vote on?. Where did Park & Rec come up with that amount?

Mr. Frigon: I don't know.

Ms. Derouin: Well Park & Rec said over \$225,000 the Town could have a vote on it, with voting machines, a regular vote of who wants it and who doesn't, not a little meeting here.

Ms. Adams: Chuck, if you could give your name and phone number to Chuck, cause I know there's something in the Charter, there was certain whatever there when it comes to this, if you could get the information for this lady here? Or you know the information?

Mr. Nardelli: Well you can appropriate any dollar amount you want at a Town Meeting.

Ms. Adams: (Inaudible.)

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Mr. Nardelli: Yes it is. So if you have a Special Town Meeting you can appropriate \$30,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 at a noticed Special Town Meeting. If you want to borrow more than \$100,000 then you have to go to a referendum. So if they want to spend \$5,000,000 on a project and it has to go for bonding and everything then you'd have to go to referendum because you're borrowing.

Ms. Derouin: So what about this \$250,000? Does it have to go to the machines?

Mr. Nardelli: If you want to borrow more than \$100,000 you have to go to a referendum.

Ms. Derouin: Is this considered borrowing?

Mr. Nardelli: What?

Mr. Frigon: We don't know.

Ms. Derouin: Well where is it coming from?

Ms. Adams: \$498,000, whatever the amount was, came to us in a grant from the State of Connecticut.

Ms. Derouin: Now how much has been spent already for all this other stuff, out of that money?

Ms. Adams: We can get you that information, if anything has been (inaudible).

Ms. Derouin: Cause it's certainly going to cost more than \$500,000 that they gave you and that's (inaudible).

Mr. Frigon: We don't have that.

Ms. Derouin: You have to know that, you don't have a building, you've got a frame. You don't have a roof, you don't have a floor, you don't have a parking lot, you don't have bathrooms, you don't have heat, you don't have lights, so what else do you need? Unreal.

Bruce Emerick, 990 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Emerick: First of all I have to say that I really appreciate this woman here talking about the loss of the street lighting. When I was a young child our father was the first one on our street to put a street light at the end of our driveway. That's one of the ones that got cut out in the street (inaudible) and now we don't have any lighting for quite a long stretch, right in the area where they're doing all of this work, so I just wanted to make note of that. I think that's pretty horrible.

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Back to the construction of the road, we can stand at 990 Guernseytown Road at the end of our driveway and we can look up the road and see that the road does this where like now it goes nice and straight, and we can look down the road where it goes nice and straight and see where it goes this way and comes back. They are definitely changing where the road currently is. No reason to do that. I fully concur with Mr. DelGobbo that the road does not need to be made as wide as they are going to make it. I don't think that's necessary at all. The other thing I want to say is they've gone and taken down all these majestic, beautiful Maple trees. Who is going to replace those trees? I want that answer. Those trees need to be replaced. Thank you.

Ms. Adams: Chuck, if you can put that on (inaudible.) and get an answer (inaudible).

Ann Byerly, 789 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Ms. Byerly: I am a new resident in your Town. I bought this home last year and I was told oh, by the way, they are just going to get rid of that water in front of your house (inaudible),. It seems as though they're doing a little bit more than just getting rid of the water.

Ms. Adams: Who told you that?

Ms. Byerly: The person who sold me the house. I have a puppy, a Chocolate Lab, and I've tried to walk my dog on the Guernseytown Expressway, is what I call it now. I am afraid of what it will be, what the speed will be when it's 30 feet wide. I have driven on the Audubon in Germany and when cars pass you, you feel the vacuum; I felt that vacuum on Guernseytown Road walking my dog. My neighbor had a stick on his grass and I didn't have a stick on my grass, so I thought I was lucky. I'm not. They forgot to put the stick on my grass so (inaudible) soon. I was never told all of this was going to happen. I bought this home because across the street is this beautiful field. I bought the home because I could hear peepers peeping. I bought the home because it's away, it's quiet (inaudible). I'm concerned about what I was told (inaudible) that's going to be happening there. Thank you.

David Minnich, 319 Thomaston Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Minnich: I'm here this evening to ask you to do something this evening at this Town Council meeting. If you recall several weeks ago you approved a grant application to be sent to the Office of Policy and Management that's called Home Connecticut Program and

Ms. Adams: Is that through C.O.G.?

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Mr. Minnich: Well it's not through them, we joined with a number of communities to consolidate and hopefully to reduce the overall aggregate costs of the grant. This program has been funded this current year by the State Legislature for \$4,000,000 and in the identification of what could possibly be reduced in the current year by the State Legislature, there is discussion that this is one of the programs that will go. Why this is important to us as the Planning and Zoning Commission has identified and also has this Council been a part of in regards to the grant and the Plan of Conservation and Development that was talked about (Tape #1, Side B ended – may have missed some) residential areas for affordable housing issues that confront us. We have been approached on the Planning and Zoning Commission for affordable housing up on Buckingham Street. That has now been withdrawn and we'll see where that goes. I am aware of several others in this Town (there's been discussions of where they would like to have affordable housing, the developers would, and one in particular I think is (inaudible) than we would all like to see with regards to this happening without this program in place and this is the planning portion, it's a highly technical issue in terms of needing specialized folks to help to put this together, but with help to give an option to each of the communities that would like to have this with regards to affordable housing and all the (inaudible). The State Legislature has been involved in reviewing this for more than 10 years have come up with this program.

The reason I'm here tonight is I've been contacted by the Partnership for a Strong Community Action Alerts, I've also been contacted by several of my colleagues from other communities with regards to this, and what I'm asking is for the Town Council to consider adding to the Agenda a motion to request two things, (1) to request Representative Williams and Senator Kane to help us in obtaining this grant, whatever assistance they can give us and also (2) The Town Council to state to the State Legislature that for the funding that is already appropriated this year, that you would encourage the State Legislature to have that funding stay in place. I have prepared and I have forwarded to Chuck Frigon a sample motion for this evening. The urgency for this is you know how the budget process goes at the State level, it can happen any day in terms of his decision, so your being on the record with asking our State Representatives and our State Senator to help us with this grant and also encouraging the Legislature to leave the funding in there that has been appropriated, untouched (inaudible).

Ms. Adams: (Inaudible) Sean and Rob about this?

Mr. Minnich: I have tried talking to Sean, but he's out of touch. I have talked to Rob Kane and he forwarded me to his Assistant and they've contacted O.P.M. I've also talked to Ruth who has contacted C.O.G., specifically Peter who is the Director, and we have understood through Peter that we have not received this grant yet and found in discussion that this may be happening here and perhaps at other Town and City Councils for this kind of discussion to encourage this funding. Peter thought that was a good idea.

Ms. Adams: Can you give a brief capsule on just what this grant, this Council approved and how it's going to help Planning and Zoning better?

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Mr. Minnich: In a very short synopsis, in any residential area, zoned residential, affordable housing laws can be applied by the developer and the owner of the property. From the Town's perspective the essential component of this is all of the density requirements are out the window, there are no regulations for that, so it can be as dense as they would like it to be and there's nothing that can be done about it. The areas for the control, the height is gone out the window, in terms of not being able to control those as well. What this does, this grant, it provides funding to (1) the State has (inaudible) some demographic information (inaudible) that's the one piece, but the most important piece to us is to get a resource, there's several attorneys who specialize in this area, to help us write regulations in conformance with this, all that they have put on the books at the State level which is an alternative to the affordable housing laws which would in essence provide incentives to the developer not to use the affordable housing program, but in order to get those incentives you have to, in each of the communities, through zoning, determine what would be an appropriate alternative for each community. This has taken a long time through the Legislature and the reason it came, you can well imagine that each of the communities have a different concept of what is acceptable to them as affordable housing and so what they've said is here is a grant, we recognize that you're going to need to get some expertise, and you know have this Town Council say we'd like to get that grant, it's approximately \$50,000, to help us develop this program. That's essentially what it is.

Ms. Adams: (Inaudible.)

Mr. Minnich: I gave Chuck the sample motion. If you could do that that would be very helpful to us, we do appreciate that.

Ms. Adams: Well take that under New Business.

Matt Terzigni, 86 Barnes Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Terzigni: I'm a Junior here at the High School and I want to talk about that indoor field. I know that the gentleman said that we have enough fields in Watertown, but over the Spring and Summer we tried to get some teams together here at the High School but we couldn't get any field to play on. We went to Park & Rec, we tried to get them, they told us that all the fields were booked, that we couldn't go anywhere, so we ended up having to go other places, stick in between games of other sports, and when someone brought this idea of an indoor field up to us, we thought that would be fun, we can go play in there, and so we've just been waiting and waiting and then we stopped hearing about it for a long time, and now I'm hearing about it again and I was excited, now we'll have somewhere to play, that maybe if one of the other teams moved to this new field, we could play our sport on that field. We tried to get, it was Ultimate Frisbie that we kind of do, and it was a club type sport, not in a league, we play against other towns, we have a team here at the High School that had nowhere to play, we ended up, we have all these games, we were an undefeated team, we had to play at every other school and (inaudible) come to you and we (inaudible) come here so I was hoping we could get this new field so we would actually have somewhere to go to play our sport. Thank you.

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Joel Lacombe, 961 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Lacombe: I'm one of the people who went to that meeting, I took a day off on my own time, cause we don't get paid for our days off, and heard a discussion about the trees. And the guy was there from the Department of Public Works, I forget his name . . .

Ms. Adams: Was that Roy Cavanaugh?

Mr. Lacombe: Yea, rudest guy I ever met in my life. He only cared about what he wanted to get across. We were all talking about the trees and what they were going to do (inaudible). They really never talked to us about anything and it's really frustrating when you take a day off, you go to a meeting, and all they want to do is get rid of you. Like you're a haunt. I'm not a haunt. I pay my taxes in this Town for 21 years and got nothing back but headaches. I go to this meeting, listen to what he says, I ask him a simple question, when are they going to take down these trees? They're putting the signs up and I drive up from work, I left work to come here, and I see them putting the construction signs up, he would not give me an answer on when they were going to do this job. I leave to go to work the next day, I come home, my trees are down. They hit my trees at 7:30 a.m. He said we were going to have a meeting next week on the trees. The trees are down before we even thought about having a meeting. You know I think this Town has to start communicating with the people that live here. They have to understand that people in this Town are really getting tired of nobody listening to what they have to say.

Ms. Adams: Chuck, can you ask Roy about the trees and what the status is?

Mr. Frigon: Yes.

Mr. Lacombe: The problem is I have a problem with them taking the trees down the next day and he didn't even have the consideration to tell me your trees are gone tomorrow.

Mr. Frigon: If I'm not mistaken and I don't know for positive, the trees that came down are the trees that were under the contract with the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Lacombe: I understand that.

Mr. Frigon: Were different trees and that meeting is still scheduled to take place this Friday. He moved it from . . .

Mr. Lacombe: Well then he should have explained that to all of us that were . . .

Mr. Frigon: I believe we're talking about two different sets of trees.

Mr. Lacombe: We took time off (inaudible).

Mr. Frigon: I'm not saying, it's understandable that you don't understand which trees we were talking about.

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Mr. Lacombe: I told him what address I lived at. He could have told me they were taking them down tomorrow, he knew. That means he lied to me.

Mr. Frigon: I was just as surprised when I went up to the cemetery on Tuesday night that they were taking trees down. I saw Brian McCleary out there raking his yard and I was just as surprised as you were. That was the State.

Mr. Lacombe: I'm sure he knew what was going on. Come on. There's something wrong here. To me he's very rude to people that pay his bill, cause guess what, without us who go out and work, he wouldn't have a job because he works for all of us.

Mr. Frigon: Absolutely.

Ms. Adams: Is there anyone else who would like to speak? At 9:00 I'm going to call a Recess cause I think the Council Members need a little break.

John McCleary, 895 Park Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. McCleary: I'd like to say a little something to all of you. With all this hassle about building this building up in the park, and it's in a wetlands, and it's this and it's that and everything else, from what I understand none of you were forced to take these positions you have. All right? Why don't one of you, and I'll volunteer to go with you, grab a shovel and we'll go up there and dig a hole and these questionable wetlands and see where the water is. I went around there last week and this has been one of the dryer Springs that we've had, if no one is familiar with what a perc hole is, they dig a hole and they put a piece of pipe in the ground, and fill it up with water and see how long it takes for the water to go down the little bottom of the pipe or thereabouts. Well they haven't poured any water in there and I'll tell you, you go around to each one of them and drop a (inaudible) in it and it sounds like you're dropping it down a little well you take a stick and shove it down there and measure it when it comes out and there's about 3 or 4 feet of water in there. Okay? So to me that means it's a wetland. Now I don't know what it means to one of you people, but rather than carry this on and on and on, if you can go up there and justify to yourselves that this is wetlands, period, that's the end of it, and we can move on to something else. Okay? All right, that's what I say about it. And by the looks of you, I don't think it will kill half of you to do a little digging and I'll dig with you.

As far as Guernseytown Road goes, I got my license in 1954, but when I got my license I remember them telling me that it was my responsibility to keep my car under control. Now to me if that road is all that bad, which I've been driving, I've been in this Town since 1936, I go up and down that road and I've made it every time. Now if people can't make it up and down there, just maybe there's something wrong with the way they're driving. That's all I have to say on that.

Larry Chiucarello, 1020 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Chiucarello: I do want to say thank you. You've been listening to us complain for an hour and a half so I thank you for doing that, I know your pay is well worth it. But I don't want you to think that the folks from Guernseytown Road are Johnny Come Lately. Since two years ago Tony, we've been behind Tony, he has been hollering at the Public Works Department. If we knew then what we know today, we would have been here just like we're here right now, so I want you to understand that, okay? Thank you.

Frank Brevetti, 20 Mallory Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Brevetti: I want to know what is this grant for? Can you give me a quick rundown? For the building? Why are we putting a building there? What does the grant say? You have to put a sports building?

Ms. Adams: That's what was applied for.

Mr. Brevetti: Yea, I know, but what was the grant, the grant says we've got \$500,000, you have to do so and so and so.

Ms. Adams: We applied for it.

Mr. Brevetti: Okay, so you applied for a building?

Ms. Adams: We had to put in just exactly what we wanted it for.

Mr. Brevetti: What were the specifications of the grant? Did it say you could build a football or soccer field? Where's the boy?

Ms. Adams: That's okay, sir, you have the floor now.

Mr. Brevetti: I want him to hear it.

Ms. Adams: I know, I'm not going to get into a debate.

Mr. Brevetti: I'm not going to debate with him.

Ms. Adams: No, you have the floor, you can speak.

Mr. Brevetti: Like I said I mowed the lawn. Not only did we mow the lawn, I don't know if you were there, we put in drains on that field, not the Town.

Ms. Adams: Which field?

Mr. Brevetti: High School field, football field. How long have you been here, ma'am?

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Ms. Adams: Since I was 6 years old.

Mr. Brevetti: And you don't know we put drains in that football field?

Ms. Adams: We played back here.

Mr. Brevetti: No, when the kids were playing

Ms. Adams: Are you talking about the field that is across from the Mills Complex?

Mr. Brevetti: I don't know if it's across from the Mills – it's the one with the lighting.

Ms. Adams: That is the Mills Complex.

Mr. Brevetti: Yes, see now, that's what I mean, you don't even know, the fathers of the players put in the drainage fields. You know. We had to put in the drainage fields, on our own, at our cost, the Town didn't give us one penny. We had to get the lights. They didn't want lights in this Town.

Ms. Adams: I remember the lights.

Mr. Brevetti: Yea, well we had to get the lights, we had to come up with building that we raised from something else.

Ms. Adams: That was also a grant that Brian Flaherty (inaudible), I remember that.

Mr. Brevetti: When we went to a football camp, down south, now we're down south with all these hicks, and they tell me when do you play football? We play Saturday mornings and afternoons. Saturday mornings? Now these are hicks, they've had lights for 30 years down there. These are guys that don't wear shoes, but they had a lighted field. We get astro turf. Where do we put it? Down at Swift Junior High School. What the hell is it doing down there? We have a football field with lights here.

Ms. Adams: The turf is part of

Mr. Brevetti: Yea I know, now they're going to get turf so we have to spend more money. I went down by that turf field at least 20 times and there was nobody playing on it. So where is this boy getting that there are no fields? That's what I want to understand, where did he get this? Like I said, I don't know if the Town doesn't want you to play, because I don't know if they have to appropriate something like police, I have no idea, so maybe there are only certain fields that you can play on, I really don't know that, but I know I've gone by Swift at least 20 times and there wasn't a soul on it, so I mean if there's a field available, and like I said, I knew as soon as they put that astro turf down there, they were going to get astro turf up here, and get it from the taxpayers again. So I just wanted to answer that boy's question, that it wasn't, it's not the taxpayers that aren't providing for it, cause we had to provide it for our children. To me they are the most important people in the world.

Dave Emerick, 990 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Emerick: I have to echo Larry's comments. We are grateful that you're listening, we're glad that the project is being done, it's not that we're not glad the project is being done, we're just unhappy with this specific design. I just want to mention that in the lower section that comes up from West Road and terminates just west of Crestview Drive, and then starts again up above Skilton Road, that's not 30 feet wide.

Ms. Adams: That's the 27 that you're talking about?

Mr. Emerick: I'm not sure, but it's definitely not, well maybe it's because there is no drainage in that section, but why can't we keep the road the same width it is down there? That something we hopefully can talk about in a community wide meeting with all the officials, that's my second request. We have never, ever had a community meeting on this project. We would like to have that kind of meeting so we can express our concerns to the people that need to hear us.

Tony DelGobbo, 1034 Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. DelGobbo: Mr. Emerick was worrying about that stretch, the narrow stretch, yes it does have storm drains, that's probably where they're going to be connecting the drains from the new construction on Guernseytown Road. I mean they can do it (inaudible). As far as the 30 foot width goes, the next town up, Thomaston, has 30 foot specifications for their roads. They're not following 30 feet anymore, they're letting variances, they're running the roads at 26 feet and the reason why is because a wider road requires more maintenance, there's more snow to remove and it costs more to install, so they're going to be changing their specifications to 26 feet. 30 feet is appropriate in certain areas, not in others, and certainly not in this treacherous area that they're redoing. Thank you.

Ms. Adams, Chairman, called a Recess at 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Adams, Chairman, reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Ms. Adams: Is there anyone else who'd like to speak during Public Participation?

Ms. Adams, Chairman, closed Public Participation at 9:16 p.m.

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6. Minutes

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) to Add Agenda Item 6B, Special Town Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ms. Adams, Mr. Bernier, Mr. Demirs, Mr. DiFederico, Mr. Mancini, Mr. Rinaldi

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. Winn

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-1)

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) to Add Agenda Item 6C, Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ms. Adams, Mr. Bernier, Mr. Demirs, Mr. DiFederico, Mr. Mancini, Mr. Rinaldi

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. Winn

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-1)

B. MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) to Approve the Special Town Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ms. Adams, Mr. Bernier, Mr. Demirs, Mr. DiFederico, Mr. Mancini, Mr. Rinaldi

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. Winn

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-1)

C. MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ms. Adams, Mr. Bernier, Mr. Demirs, Mr. DiFederico, Mr. Mancini, Mr. Rinaldi

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. Winn

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-1)

7. Chairman's Report

Ms. Adams: I'd like to say Happy Birthday to our Town Manager.

A. Correspondence

None

B. Water Rate Study Advisory Committee

Ms. Adams:

“News Release

The Watertown Water and Sewer Authority (WSA) intends to form a Water Rate Advisory Committee to obtain input from Town residents concerning the appropriateness of its existing rate structures.

The Town Council approved a Cost-of-Service and Rate Study to update a similar Rate Study completed in 1988. It is the intention that the Advisory Committee will discuss possible refunds to WSA customers. The Advisory Committee, with the assistance of the Rate Consultant and WSA Staff, will evaluate the size and possible methods of the refund as well as the size and percentage of rate increases that may be required after the refund to repair, rehabilitate, and replace the current water and sanitary sewer systems during the next fifteen (15) years.

The Advisory Committee will meet at the WSA Office or Town Hall Annex over the next few months a minimum of five to six times to study the materials developed by the Rate Consultant and WSA Staff. They will also recommend the type of refund, e.g., lump sum payment, rate reduction or other method and future rate increase if needed.

Residents of Watertown who are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee are invited to submit a completed questionnaire to the Town Manager's Office. Additional information and questionnaires are available on the Town website (www.watertownct.org). Applications are due on May 28, 2009."

Ms. Adams: This is something similar that I know has been done before with (inaudible) committee, Board of Education for John Trumbull. This is something to get no elected or appointed officials, just general residents to provide their recommendations to the Authority and then from the Authority to the Council. This is just more or less to get input from people who would like to participate.

I'd like to appoint Tom Winn to the Public Works Subcommittee. That meets the second Monday of the month. I need to get with the Town Manager's Office to see (inaudible). They meet at 7:00 at the Annex to discuss public work projects and (inaudible).

Mr. DiFederico: Can you put him on the Ordinance Subcommittee too?

Many people talking at once (inaudible).

Ms. Adams: Okay, Tom, then also I'll put you on the Ordinance Subcommittee to replace Scott.

Mr. Bernier: There's also another opening that we need to look at.

Ms. Adams: All right, I'll do those next week. We will figure it all out. That would be up to Ray Primini who is not here tonight, to discuss with Roy and to call the meeting and (inaudible), if we can't do it on a regular meeting night to find a night that would work for everybody.

8. Subcommittee Reports

A. Public Buildings Subcommittee – David Demirs

Mr. Demirs: We had a special meeting Thursday for the bidding on Polk School, we had like 65 contractors there, we did a walk through at Polk School and we were very pleased with the amount of people who showed up to bid on the school. So the outlook for that looks pretty good so far. As far as, a lot of them are looking for work so hopefully we can get prices on the addition and the renovation at a fair price. I don't have anything else right now. The High School construction is on-going. If you've seen the front of the building, all of the glass went in and a lot of the masonry work is done in front. Judson, everything is moving along very well there except we're just a little bit concerned with the timeline obviously (inaudible) but Mark from O & G has assured us that Judson will be open for school next year. He says he's going to turn the school over to us August 14th, complete, almost complete, so hopefully we should take his word on that.

Ms. Adams: We'll know more as we get closer.

B. Finance Subcommittee – Gary Bernier

Mr. Bernier: We will meet tomorrow night at Swift Middle School Library to discuss the Board of Education budget with the Board of Education and at that meeting they should be coming back, we handed back a 1.5% increase. I told you that before we make any decisions we need to decide what that impact will be. We will certainly talk with them and come to a consensus of what that number will be. We will then meet with the Town's side on Thursday, May 7th at the Watertown Senior Center, at 7:00 p.m. With that in mind what happens is the 2009/2010 budget calendar has changed a little bit. We will have a Special Town Council meeting on May 11, 2009 (Tape #2, Side A ended – may have missed some) Board of Education will be meeting in this room that tonight. At that meeting on the 11th we'll set, the Town Council will set the budget number for the Public Hearing, that would be May 19th, and on the 19th we will have that public hearing. At that point we would, upon the completion of that, come together and set the budget for 2009/2010 as a Council.

C. Ordinance Subcommittee – Richard DiFederico

Mr. DiFederico: The meeting was cancelled the last time, so I'm going to go up to Paul Jessell's office and get the paper that I want for Planning and Zoning and then Tom and Dave and I can maybe sit down at the Annex at 5:00 before we go to the next meeting that Thursday? Is that all right with you guys?

Mr. Demirs: Yes.

Many people talking at once (inaudible).

Mr. Bernier: Chuck, can we give Tom the budget numbers so he has some information for tomorrow night? A copy of the packet that we had received.

Ms. Adams: From the Board of Ed? I don't think that they got that, that just came to the Council members.

Mr. Bernier: No, what I'm saying is just to get Tom up to speed because we're asking him to vote on budget numbers.

Mr. Nardelli: That printout that you all have? Yes, we can certainly get him that.

Mr. Bernier: Would it be possible to get with (inaudible) to see if we could have those numbers for tomorrow night's meeting? I don't know if it's feasible (inaudible).

Mr. Nardelli: I can give him my copy that I received, I don't know they have the same in depth one that the Council does.

Mr. Bernier: (Inaudible) I wouldn't want to be in his shoes but at least try to (inaudible) as best we can.

Mr. Winn: I'll come to Chuck's office tomorrow.

9. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Frigon: No Report.

10. New Business

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Demirs) to Add Agenda Item 10J, Request Senator Kane and Representative Williams for Assistance with Obtaining an Office of Policy and Management Planning Grant under the Home Connecticut Program.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Consider Boards and Commission Appointments

1. Consider the nomination of Charles Rowan, 52 Honey Hill Road, Watertown, as an Alternate Member of the Economic Development Commission, to fill a Vacancy, for a Term to Expire January 31, 2013.

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to appoint Charles Rowan, 52 Honey Hill Road, Watertown, as an Alternate Member of the Economic Development Commission, to fill a Vacancy, for a Term to Expire January 31, 2013.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Consider the nomination of Tom Walsh, 88 Longview Avenue, Watertown, as a Member of the Public Buildings Committee, to fill the Unexpired Term of Brian Bellagamba who has resigned, for a Term to Expire January 31, 2010.

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to appoint Tom Walsh, 88 Longview Avenue, Watertown, as a Member of the Public Buildings Committee, to fill the Unexpired Term of Brian Bellagamba who has resigned, for a Term to Expire January 31, 2010.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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3. Consider the nomination of Christa Robinson, 375 Linkfield Road, Watertown, as the Town of Watertown's Representative on the Watertown Library Board of Trustees, to replace Denise Russ, for a Term to Expire September 14, 2009.

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to appoint Christa Robinson, 375 Linkfield Road, Watertown, as the Town of Watertown's Representative on the Watertown Library Board of Trustees, to replace Denise Russ, for a Term to Expire September 14, 2009.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Consider the nomination of Jeffrey Franson, 410 Plungis Road, who is a current Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to be appointed a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to fill the Unexpired Term of John Griffith, who is deceased, for a Term to Expire January 31, 2010.

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to appoint Jeffrey Franson, 410 Plungis Road, who is a current Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to be appointed a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to fill the Unexpired Term of John Griffith, who is deceased, for a Term to Expire January 31, 2010.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ms. Adams, Mr. Bernier, Mr. Demirs, Mr. DiFederico, Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Winn

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. Mancini

MOTION CARRIED (6-0-1)

- B. Consider the Adoption of the Suspense List as recommended by the Tax Collector

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to adopt the Suspense List as recommended by the Tax Collector.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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- C. Consider the Approval of the Application of Funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant in the amount of \$24,082 for the Watertown Police Department to design and equip the briefing room at the Police Headquarters to be used as a Critical Incident Command Post

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to Approve the Application of Funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant in the amount of \$24,082 for the Watertown Police Department to design and equip the briefing room at the Police Headquarters to be used as a Critical Incident Command Post.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. Consider a Fair Housing Statement Resolution promoting Fair Housing Opportunities within the Town of Watertown

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) I move to approve the Fair Housing Statement Resolution, a resolution promoting fair housing opportunities within the Town of Watertown.

Discussion: **Ms. Adams:** Don't we do this every year?

Mr. Frigon: This is a requirement of the Federal Housing Act with reference to the small cities monies that we lend out to qualified homeowners and we must readopt this fair housing statement each year. It is an annual thing.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- E. Consider an appropriation in the amount of \$15,463.92 from the General Fund for the Refund of Inspection Fees for the Guernseytown Farm Estates Phase Two Subdivision. Fees have been deposited into the General Fund

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$15,463.92 from the General Fund for the refund of inspection fees for the Guernseytown Farm Estates Phase Two Subdivision.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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- F. Consider an Appropriation in the amount of \$2,400.00 from the General Fund to the Police Overtime Account for Reimbursement from the State for Staff assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force. Funds have been deposited into the General Fund

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) I move to approve an Appropriation in the amount of \$2,400.00 from the General Fund to the Police Overtime Account for reimbursement from the State for Staff assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- G. Consider a Resolution supporting the Designation of the Steele Brook Corridor as an official State Designated Greenway

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens, business owners, and the Town of Watertown are working together to build a 4.6 mile multi-use Steele Brook Greenway Trail from Pin Shop Pond in Oakville to Smith Pond in Watertown.

WHEREAS, the Trail will permit citizens to enjoy the scenic locations in Watertown and Oakville located along the Steele Brook, in a safe and healthy way.

WHEREAS, the Trail will provide opportunities for children and adults to safely ride a bike, walk, jog, or run through the natural surroundings along the Steele Brook, including Heminway and Pin Shop Ponds, the playground at Heminway Park School, as well as the recreation fields at Unico, Deland, and Mosgrove fields.

WHEREAS, the Trail is being developed for public enjoyment and recreation, it will also allow for enjoyable access to parks and commerce, and can provide a safe means of travel to school and work.

WHEREAS, the Trail will make a direct contribution to the health and longevity of its citizens and consumers, where studies have shown 50% of the citizens of CT do not get sufficient exercise for health, such as walking or biking for 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

WHEREAS, one of the best ways to encourage moderate exercise by citizens, as determined by various studies, is to provide a safe and accessible Trail.

WHEREAS, the Trail will provide additional alternative, non-motorized method of transit to and from local businesses and bus stops, thereby offering the potential to help reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

WHEREAS, the Trail will enhance the local economy by attracting visitors and increasing real estate values.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut State Department of Environmental Protection has provided a Greenway Route Study and Concept Plan Grant in the sum of \$5000.00 for the middle segment of the trail located between the Fire District Sewer Treatment Plant and French Street.

NOW THEREFORE it is resolved that the Town of Watertown, acting through the Town Council, expresses strong support for the Trail for the benefit of all of its citizens, and strongly endorses and supports the designation of the Steele Brook corridor as an official State Designated Greenway.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut, this 4th day of May, 2009.

Elaine H. Adams, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Winn) I move to approve a Resolution supporting the designation of the Steele Brook Corridor as an official State Designated Greenway.

Discussion: **Mr. Mancini:** Would this mean that we are supporting it with any funds, or just supporting the concept?

Mr. Frigon: With reference to the \$5,000 grant that we've already received, the State of Connecticut has asked us to adopt this resolution. It will be very likely that we can, if we should apply, receive future grants for the design in that corridor.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Consider a Resolution authorizing the Transfer of Funds between Line Items

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2008-2009 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:

GENERAL FUND – ASSESSOR

AMOUNT: \$2,499 NO: 1
FROM: 010-50310-007-0000 – Professional & Technical Services
TO: 010-50310-007-0277 – Property Revaluation
REASON: Retainage for completion of project is due and payable in this budget year. This amount will be deducted from funds requested for next year.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 4th day of May, 2009.

Elaine H. Adams, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to approve the Resolution authorizing the Transfer of Funds between Line Items.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Consider Amending the Resolution Setting Meeting Dates and Times for 2009 Town Council Meetings

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Winn) I move to amend the Resolution dated November 17, 2008, setting meeting dates and times for 2009 Town Council Meetings to conduct the July through December 2009 meetings at Swift Middle School in the School Library due to construction activities at Watertown High School.

Discussion: **Ms. Adams:** I (inaudible) high school construction is going to be moving from that side to this side, just for convenience and parking and a bunch of reasons, that Swift has a very nice library with a good PA system and just to officially move it. I guess there's a 30 day waiting period before we can do that.

Mr. Bernier: So it would be 30 days from today, so the next 2 meetings will be here?

Ms. Adams: It would be the 18th and 1st.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Request Senator Kane and Representative Williams for Assistance with Obtaining an Office of Policy and Management Planning Grant under the Home Connecticut Program

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) I move that the Watertown Town Council requests Senator Kane and Representative Williams for assistance with obtaining an Office of Policy and Management planning grant under the Home Connecticut Program, which the Town several months ago made application and has not received approval. More than fifty municipalities have made application for this grant which provides technical assistance to enact Incentive Housing Zones as an alternative to affordable housing. The Watertown Town Council encourages the State Legislature to not eliminate current year appropriations for this grant, which the Legislature is considering for reallocation to the State budget deficit.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Public Participation

Al Mickel, 95 Woodbine Avenue, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Mickel: The rate study program, the website doesn't take you to the questionnaire, so that might need to be updated. When you change the meeting dates can you update the website to indicate the meeting dates and places?

Ms. Adams: The dates are the same, it's just the places, but that's a good idea.

Mr. Mickel: If the Ordinance meeting is cancelled, can you give me a call?

Mr. DiFederico: It was just a fluke, it happened an hour before.

Mr. Mickel: That's fine, but if it's cancelled, give me a call. Thanks.

Ms. Adams, Chairman, Closed Public Participation at 9:43 p.m.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: (Mr. Bernier, sec. Mr. Mancini) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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Regular Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine H. Adams, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk