MINUTES

WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
TECHNOLOGY ROOM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008, 7:15 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Richard DiFederico

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Frigon, Town Manager
Frank Jodaitis, Water & Sewer Superintendent

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. Marotta) 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. Marotta) 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
December 1, 2008

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 Monday, December 1, 2008 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 $62,500 for the Water and Sewer Cost of Service Rate Study, $31,250 to be appropriated from the Water Operations Fund Balance and $31,250 to be appropriated from the Sewer Operations Fund Balance.

Dated in Watertown, Connecticut this 20th day of November, 2008.

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Charles Frigon, Town Manager

RETURN OF
WARNING AND NOTICE
TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 1, 2008

I hereby certify that on November 20, 2008, 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 December 1, 2008 with Virginia Russo, Assistant Town Clerk.

I further certify that on November 20, 2008 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 November 20, 2008, 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 December 1, 2008.

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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 20th day of November, 2008.

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Virginia Russo, Assistant Town Clerk

Ms. Adams: If we could have either Frank or Chuck give a brief overview of what's this all about. I know it's an accumulation of what's been a very long process.

Frank Jodaitis, Water & Sewer Superintendent

Mr. Jodaitis: This study will be the first rate study since 1988 for both water and sewer operations. It's purpose it to address a number of concerns the townspeople have about the high and basic fees that the Water & Sewer Department has and that they feel contribute to water conservation and also would address what our revenues have to be for the future and how our fire protection charges and a number of other things are computed because (inaudible) controversial. The purpose of this study is to update the water and sewer irate study and rates if they need to be updated but they have to be reviewed (inaudible).

MOTION: (Mr. Rinaldi, sec. Mr. Bernier) I move to appropriate $62,500 for the Water and Sewer Cost of Service Rate Study, $31,250 to be appropriated from the Water Operations Fund Balance and $31,250 to be appropriated from the Sewer Operations Fund Balance.

Discussion: **Mr. Rinaldi:** This is long overdue and I think (inaudible).

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Adams, Moderator, Adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine H. Adams, Moderator

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk