

# MINUTES

## WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

### WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE ROOM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010, 7:15 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Elaine Adams  
Richard DiFederico  
Katherine Duplissie  
Richard Fusco  
Linda Masayda  
Raymond Primini, Chairman  
Paul Rinaldi  
MaryAnn Rosa  
Thomas Winn

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chuck Frigon, Town Manager  
Frank Nardelli, Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager

#### 1. Convene Special Town Meeting

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

**MOTION:** (Mr. Fusco, sec. Ms. Rosa) to nominate Raymond Primini for Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.

**Discussion:** **Mr. Primini:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) to nominate Lynn LaForme for Secretary of the Special Town Meeting.

**Discussion:** **Mr. Primini:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Primini, Moderator, read aloud the Call of the Meeting as follows:

**WARNING AND NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
February 1, 2010

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 February 1, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. at the Watertown High School Lecture Room, 324 French Street, Watertown, Connecticut to consider appropriating \$108,319.66 from the General Fund for a tax refund to DriveSol due to a special act of the State Legislature for a tax exemption.

Dated in Watertown, Connecticut this 27th day of January, 2010.

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Charles Frigon, Town Manager

**RETURN OF**  
**WARNING AND NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
January 27, 2010

I hereby certify that on January 27, 2010, I left a duplicate copy of the attached WARNING AND NOTICE of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut, to be held on February 1, 2010 with Lisa Dalton, Town Clerk.

I further certify that on January 27, 2010 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 January 27, 2010, I caused to be set upon the signpost nearest the office of the Town Clerk and all other places with signposts designated by the Town, a written copy of said Warning and Notice signed by me as Town Manager.

I further certify that all the above acts were done at least five (5) days before the holding of the Special Town Meeting on February 1, 2010.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 27th day of January, 2010.

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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 27th day of January, 2010.

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Virginia Russo, Assistant Town Clerk

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I make a motion that we appropriate \$108,319.66 from the General Fund for a tax refund to DriveSol due to a special act of the State Legislature for a tax exemption.

**Discussion:** **Mr. Nardelli:** The Town Council previously approved Sean Williams and Rob Kane to apply for a special act of the State Legislature as DriveSol didn't file their personal property tax return for the 2007 grand list year. Because they didn't do that, they lose their manufacturing exemption, so Rob and Sean applied and got the special act to reimburse the town for that after the fact, so we received the money from the State now in December and this is an appropriation to now pay back to DriveSol.

**Mr. Primini:** So the money has been given to the State (inaudible) releasing the money to, correct?

**Mr. Nardelli:** That's correct.

**Denis O'Sullivan, 238 North Street, Watertown, CT 06795**

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** I'm confused, is there any money out of the Town's pocket? I don't understand what's going on.

**Mr. Nardelli:** No, it's not coming out . . . .

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** DriveSol is a factory in town.

**Mr. Nardelli:** That's correct.

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** They didn't do their tax return.

**Mr. Nardelli:** They didn't file their personal property tax report on time. They came to the Town, the previous Town Council and asked them if they could move forward and go to the State for special act of the legislature. The Town Council approved them, approved them being Rob and Sean to go ahead and do that. And then they didn't do that. I think the first go around they didn't, I think it took two acts of the legislature to finally get it passed.

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** And money is coming from the State now?

**Mr. Nardelli:** Yes, because if you're a manufacturer, when you fill out your personal property tax report, the manufacturers, if it's filed on time, do not have to pay the taxes on their personal property for the manufacturing. WE send that to the State and the State gives the Town the money, but if you don't file it on time, then they don't reimburse the Town, so it takes a special act of the legislature to get the State to do that.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Town Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond F. Primini, Moderator

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk