

# MINUTES

## WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL  
LECTURE ROOM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

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

**ABSENT:** None

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

**OTHERS ABSENT:** None

**1. Call Meeting To Order**

Mr. Primini, 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**

Mr. Primini, Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Proclamations Honoring Messrs. Carl R. Mancini, David Demirs, and Gary Bernier for their Service as Members of the Watertown Town Council**

**Mr. Primini:** We're going to postpone this until the next meeting.

**5. Public Participation**

**Richard Wick, Northfield Road, Watertown, CT 06795**

**Mr. Wick:** I'm here to speak as the Chairman of the Watertown/Oakville Independent Party. I'd like to ask about the issue of minority representation on boards and commissions. I was surprised to see item 10A on the agenda for tonight's meeting for two reasons. First current terms of office don't expire until the end of January which means there's no needs to make appointments at this time. Secondly there are no details included on the agenda about which offices are to be considered for appointment. The absence of this information is a departure from the practice adopted in the recent past where full disclosure about an intended appointee was included in the agenda. I realize that an F.O.I. complaint several years ago resulted in the conclusion that full disclosure was not required, however previous Councils chose to do so anyway. Many of us believe this is the right thing to do as it was a good example of open and transparent government. But before I continue, I'd like to ask the Chairman one question, is it your intention to only appoint individuals tonight for seats that (inaudible) retained as Republican seats?

**Mr. Primini:** I just have the list that was given to me from both parties (inaudible).

**Mr. Rinaldi:** Both parties?

**Mr. Primini:** Yes, Republican and Democrats. I haven't had any other list. This is the list I have submitted from both town committees.

**Mr. Wick:** Okay, so you have left the Independent Party was never solicited for appointments.

**Mr. Primini:** I don't know.

**Mr. Wick:** Well I don't think anybody within the hierarchy of the Independent Party was asked about appointments. So you're saying you have recommendations from both the Republicans and the Democrats?

**Mr. Primini:** Yes. This is the list I was given.

**Mr. Wick:** As a result of the November 3 election, the Independent Party is now the only elected minority party in town. This means that the Independent Party is the only party that can fulfill the requirements for minority representation. I don't need to remind anyone that the election resulted in the Town Council consisting of 6 Republicans and 3 Independents, and no Democrats. The Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State has stated that the governing issue is the ticket on which a candidate runs, not his or her political registration. The voters have spoken. The voters have said that the Independent Party should be the party that submits recommendations to the Council to fill minority seats when necessary. For the Council to do otherwise is to ignore the results of the election and the wishes of the voters.

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We have been informed by the Election Division that should the Council choose not to accept recommendations from the Independent Party, our next step is to pursue action through the courts. This is not the approach we'd prefer. I urge you to reconsider the direction you are apparently taking and let's not waste anymore of the taxpayer's money on unnecessary legal costs. Let's do the right thing.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** The list you said you were given, where did it emanate from?

**Mr. Primini:** From both Town Committees.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** The Independents were never contacted.

**Mr. Primini:** (Inaudible) through the Town Manager's Office.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** Through the Town Manager's Office?

**Mr. Primini:** Yes, (inaudible).

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

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** When we started this meeting we all stood up and recognized the sign of the United States and some of the words we say towards the end is "justice for all". I was a member of the Independent Party, we had a number of our candidates were elected to office, and I'm questioning whether it was your intention to ignore the election of the Independent Party members, because if you do, I think what you're doing is you're ignoring all of the people that voted for the Independent Party and that is not what we stood up and put our hand over our heart and say that we would give "justice for all". You are not giving us justice. So I would hope that you would, in your deliberations, you would recognize that there are no Democrats to the boards, that was the decision of the electorate, the decision of the electorate was to pick some Independent people and some Republicans and I'm assuming that you're going to act appropriately. I have no reason to think otherwise. I'll ask that you think very hard about what you said when you stood up and you faced the flag and you said you're going to have justice for all. Thank you.

**Nancy Rahuba, 99 Old Farms Road, Watertown, CT 06795**

**Ms. Rahuba:** I am here because I heard that you were going to ignore the wishes of the people who elected you. Though a technicality may allow you to ignore that the Independent Party is the newly elected minority party, it is clear that the voters have spoken. They did not elect the Democrats to represent them. The Independent Party invited all voters regardless of party affiliation to come forward if they were interested in serving on boards and commissions. I heard that you've decided to ignore the biggest block of voters, the unaffiliated, and accept nominations for these positions from the Democrat Party. We (inaudible) on honesty integrity and transparency. Today you are going to show the voters how desperately those qualities are needed in Watertown politics.

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We indicated that our (inaudible) would not be puppets (inaudible) but would vote their conscience. Our can only hope that while you are a block of Republicans that the individual servant will decide not to follow the dictates of their party, but will decide that the voters (inaudible) representation they asked for and will decide that honestly, integrity and transparency are important to you too. The minority positions on the boards and commissions rightfully belong to the Independent Party. Be worthy of the trust the voters have placed in you to act on their behalf. Don't look for a way out with technicalities.

**Kevin Connor, Watertown Police Union President**

**Mr. Connor:** I'd like to give you a quick presentation on the manpower situation in the Department and ask that coming into the budget season that the Town supports (inaudible). I'll make it quick. The presentation follows along with the one that I handed out.

In 2006 the union approached the Town Council and requested additional officers. We were (inaudible) in 2006, two additional officers (inaudible). Since then 2009, September of this year, the Chief (inaudible) presented a (inaudible) Town Council makes adjustments to the ranks (inaudible) which are needed in the department in order to take us into the future. What he did in his reorganization is he moved all of the ranks (inaudible).

**PRESENTATION WAS NOT AUDIBLE.**

(Tape #1, Side A ended – may have missed some.)

**Judy Wick, Northfield Road, Watertown, CT 06795**

**Ms. Wick:** I would like to return to the other topic, just to indicate that I know that it is not necessary to make these appointments tonight. In my experience in politics in this town, I don't know of any instance where appointments have been made in December following the election, since the positions aren't vacant until the end of January which leads me to believe that this was not something that just happened out of thin air so I would like to ask the Chairman if any legal opinion was solicited or received about making these appointments for Democrats at this time.

**Mr. Primini:** I'll refer it to the Attorney through the Town Manager.

**Ms. Wick:** No, I would like to know if there has been any approach to the Town Attorney about appointing these Democrats, since there are no Democrats on the Board. Were there any questions to the Town Attorney up to this point.

**Mr. Primini:** I'll refer that to the Town Manager.

**Ms. Wick:** Okay, can I ask the Town Manager?

**Mr. Frigon:** No, I have not sought the advice of the Town Attorney.

**Ms. Wick:** Have any of the Town Committees sought the advice of the Town Attorney?

**Mr. Primini:** I don't know.

**Ms. Wick:** So you haven't at all, as a member of the Council, the Council has not. I would request that you might want to seek an opinion of the Town Attorney. It certainly seems to me that at this point the Democratic Party is no different from the Green Party, the Unaffiliated people, it is not a party that has any elected members on this legislative body and therefore one has to question how they deserve minority representation since they did not receive minority status as a result of the election and I go back to the point that I made, to see this happen in December says to me that somebody is trying to pull a fast one. Thank you.

Mr. Primini, Chairman, Closed Public Participation at 8:15 p.m.

## **6. Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting – December 7, 2009

MOTION: (Mr. Fusco, sec. Ms. Rosa) to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 7, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Special Town Meeting – December 7, 2009

MOTION: (Mr. Fusco, sec. Ms. Rosa) to Approve the Special Town Meeting Minutes dated December 7, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

## **7. Chairman's Report**

A. Correspondence

**Mr. Primini:** I have no correspondence.

B. Nomination to the Council of Government Regional Planning Commission

**Mr. Primini:** I'd like to make the nomination as a Town Council Chairman's appointment to the Council of Government Regional Planning Commission, I'd like to appoint Rosalie Loughran, 319 Thomaston Road, Watertown, CT.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** I have to ask a question, I'm assuming the Chairman's Report would be the place to ask, I'm going to read a section of the Town Charter "Section 401, Town Attorney. The Town Manager shall, within 15 days after the municipal election, submit in writing to the Council the names and qualifications and proposed fee schedule for retainers (inaudible) attorneys (inaudible) qualified to fulfill the duties of the Town Attorney. The Council shall, by vote of not less than 5 members, at a meeting to be held not later than 30 days after the 1987 municipal election, appoint a Town Attorney and shall set his term of office and compensation. " It goes on and on, but basically the question I wanted to ask is why wasn't this procedure followed?

**Mr. Primini:** The reason for that is he's not a new attorney, it's a reappointment of the attorney.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** I never voted on it.

**Mr. Primini:** He's the existing attorney, we looked into that from the town attorney.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** It says after each municipal election. The Town Manager is supposed to solicit between 3 and 5 proposals, have it presented to the Council and the Council votes on it. What do you mean he just keeps on going? I don't understand that.

**Mr. Primini:** We are not appointing a new attorney, we're keeping the existing attorney.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** And that's what the Charter says?

**Mr. Primini:** Yes. I believe it says that. We can get an interpretation from the Town Attorney if you want.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** Of course he's going to give you that interpretation. That's a no brainer.

**Mr. Primini:** That's what we received from the Town Attorney himself.

**Mr. Rinaldi:** Oh Lord, okay.

## **8. Subcommittee Reports**

### **A. Public Works Subcommittee**

**Mr. Winn:** We had our first meeting as a new subcommittee last week. We went over the budget for next year and one thing that we've talked about and it will be in continuous discussion is making a capital improvement budget and hopefully Roy can find something in there so we can start saving some money for capital improvements for all these trucks and equipment.

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There is also a contract that (inaudible) landfill monitoring and well supply we're talking about that and I think we will be postponed that until next month. The salt and sand for this year, our budget is a little bit short right now because of the small snowfalls that we've had so hopefully we won't have too many more snowfalls so we won't expend any more money out of our snow budget.

**B. Finance Subcommittee**

**Mr. Fusco:** I am contacting the members of the subcommittee so we can find a good night to meet so it doesn't interfere with anything that they're doing so I will let you know and let the subcommittee members, when we get together, I'll let you know when we're going to have our first meeting.

**Mr. Primini:** Will you be meeting monthly?

**Mr. Fusco:** Monthly, possibly twice a month.

**9. Town Manager's Report**

**Mr. Frigon:** No report.

**10. New Business**

**A. Consider Appointments to Board and Commissions**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to reappoint Loretta Lambert, 28 Cottage Place, Oakville to the Commission on Aging.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

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MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to reappoint Kathy Goulet, 49 Farmdale Road, Watertown to the Commission on Aging.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Margaret Durkee, 417 Hamilton Avenue, Watertown to the Commission on Aging.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Jean Murray, 319 Thomaston Road, Watertown to the Commission on Aging.

Discussion: **Mr. Rinaldi:** We are naming people, but what commission?

**Ms. Rosa:** I said to the Commission on Aging.

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

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**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Denise Russ, 135 Porter Street, Watertown to the Building Code of Appeals.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Brian Benoit, 179 Whispering Hill Road, Watertown to the Conservation Commission.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**Ms. Adams:** Reappoint Brian Benoit?

**Ms. Rosa:** Appoint.

**Ms. Adams:** Do you have a term to expire?

**Ms. Rosa:** The same as the other commission members.

**Ms. Adams:** Is that a Republican or a Democrat?

**Ms. Rosa:** That's a Republican.

**Ms. Adams:** I have a question. How many (inaudible) Mary Ann, the Conservation Commission. The way I read this there should be 2 Republican seats and 2 Independent Party seats.

**Ms. Rosa:** I have a total of 4 seats.

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**Ms. Adams:** (Inaudible) appointments?

**Ms. Rosa:** Yes.

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Joseph Polletta, 262 Tucker Avenue Extension, Oakville, to the Conservation Commission.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Donato Orsini, 115 Sand Bank Road, Watertown to the Conservation Commission.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Thomas Murphy, 179 Gilbert Lane, Watertown to the Conservation Commission.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Todd Robinson, 375 Linkfield Road, Watertown to the Conservation Commission as an Alternate.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to appoint Richard Sarandrea, 22 Emile Avenue, Oakville to the Conservation Commission as an Alternate.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Reappoint Robert Colangelo, 612 Middlebury Road, Watertown as a Constable.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

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**Ms. Adams:** I Just think it's really too bad that this is . . . .

**Mr. Primini:** You are out of order, Ms. Adams.

**Ms. Adams:** Thank you.

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Michael Brown, 348 Lovely Drive, Watertown as a Constable.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Alfred Sprano, 245 Deer Run, Watertown as a Constable.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Heather Irwin, 103 Cutler Street, Watertown as a Constable.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

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MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Patricia Kropp, 81 Highland Avenue, Watertown to the Watertown Historic District Commission, to fill the seat of Norman Stephen who moved out of State.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Robert McCarthy, 48 Hamilton Avenue, Watertown to the Watertown Historic District Commission.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Reappoint Nancy Kinsella, 28 The Green, Watertown to the Watertown Historic District Commission as an Alternate.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

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MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Richard Kershaw, 14 Woodbury Road, Watertown to the Watertown Historic District Commission as an Alternate.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I make a motion to Reappoint Gary Martin, 271 Bella Vista Drive, Watertown to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Richard Rossi, 239 Charter Oak Drive, Watertown to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

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**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Marie Genovese, 24 Lockwood Drive, Watertown to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an Alternate.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Ken Demirs, 312 Oak Drive, Watertown to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an Alternate.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint James Blais, 1180 Guernseytown Road, Watertown to the Police Commission to replace Mark Tedesco.

**Discussion:** **Ms. Adams:** He resigned?

**Ms. Rosa:** Changed parties.

**Ms. Adams:** Doesn't matter.

**Ms. Rosa:** Our appointment.

**Ms. Adams:** Can we discuss this? We can't have any discussion on anything?

**Mr. Primini:** No.

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In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Reappoint John  
Chipko, 56 Mount Fair Drive, Watertown to the Public Buildings  
Committee.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Reappoint Thomas  
Walsh, 88 Longview Avenue, Watertown to the Public Buildings  
Committee.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint David  
Demirs, 45 Philips Drive, Oakville to the Public Buildings  
Committee.

Discussion: None

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In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Ronald Russo, 22 Scott Avenue, Watertown to the Watertown Housing Authority.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Nancy Maton, 32 Porter Street, Watertown to the Watertown Library Board of Trustees.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Chris Dupont, 48 North Street, Watertown to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Discussion: None

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In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Enrico Sarandrea, 21 Emile Avenue, Oakville to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Eric Markiewicz, 16 Seminole Road, Watertown to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate.

Discussion: **Ms. Adams:** Can we have discussion on that? I have a problem with somebody who the Town is suing, putting them on a board or commission. Just a thought.

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Robert Porter, 71 Cherry Avenue, Watertown to the Board of Tax Assessment Appeals, to replace Trish Kropp who resigned.

Discussion: **Ms. Adams:** Do we have a copy of this resignation?

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**Ms. Rosa:** I don't have it with me, but I can certainly get it for you.

**Ms. Adams:** (Inaudible) sure.

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Jack Walton,  
38 Philips Drive, Oakville to the Economic Development  
Commission.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Suzanne  
Church, 602 Linkfield Road, Watertown to the Economic  
Development Commission.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa,  
Mr. Winn

Opposed: Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

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**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Ronald Russo, 22 Scott Avenue, Watertown to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Kenneth LaRosa, 129 Tucker Avenue, Oakville to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Michael Garassino, 66 Flintlock Road, Watertown to the Water and Sewer Authority.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

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**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Michael Vernovai, 71 Dalton Street, Oakville to the Water and Sewer Authority.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Kevin Killeen, 430 Northfield Road, Watertown to the Scholarship Fund Board of Directors.

**Discussion:** **Ms. Adams:** Isn't that a Board of Education appointment? (Inaudible?)

**Ms. Rosa:** Not to my knowledge.

**Ms. Adams:** (Inaudible.)

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

**Abstained:** None

**MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to Appoint Janice Pond, 1045 Thomaston Road, Watertown to the Scholarship Fund Board of Directors.

**Discussion:** None

**In Favor:** Mr. DiFederico, Ms. Duplissie, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Primini, Ms. Rosa, Mr. Winn

**Opposed:** Ms. Adams, Ms. Masayda, Mr. Rinaldi

Abstained: None

MOTION CARRIED (6-3-0)

B. Consider Authorizing an Agreement with the CSEA Local 760 and the Town for the Temporary Employment of an Interim Senior Center Director

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Ms. Duplissie) I make a motion to authorize an agreement with the CSEA Local 760 and the Town for the Temporary Employment of an Interim Senior Center Director.

Discussion: **Mr. Fusco:** Darryle is retiring, correct?

**Mr. Frigon:** Yes.

**Mr. Fusco:** There is a procedure that we follow for a person to become (inaudible) Union rules that we have to advertise it within the Union and then if we can't get anybody it goes to the outside?

**Mr. Frigon:** Yes, for a permanent position.

**Mr. Fusco:** So we are looking for a permanent position here to cover for Darryle when she's leaving?

**Mr. Frigon:** No.

**Mr. Fusco:** What is it we're looking for then?

**Mr. Frigon:** We are looking for a temporary interim director to fill the void until we hire a permanent director which will then be advertised both within the Union and the local newspaper. (Tape #1, Side B ended – may have missed some.)

**Mr. Fusco:** So we're just going to take somebody and put them in this position temporarily?

**Mr. Frigon:** No.

**Mr. Fusco:** Okay, what are we doing?

**Mr. Frigon:** We are going to look for a qualified individual who we believe to hold the professional ability to be able to manage the department during the interim until we hire a full time person.

**Mr. Fusco:** Is Darryle going to come in and help (inaudible)?

**Mr. Frigon:** I don't know that (inaudible).

**Mr. Fusco:** But if she does come back, and we do have a part time person working there besides Darryle?

**Mr. Frigon:** Not in that capacity.

**Mr. Fusco:** No, but she works at the senior center.

**Mr. Frigon:** There is a part time person working at the senior center as a dispatcher.

**Mr. Fusco:** What I would like to do, bring this back to our Finance Subcommittee, let us review it so that there is a possibility that we could save some money in this position before we start hiring any outside help. I would ask that we Table this until the Finance Committee can review this. I'll sit down with Chuck and we'll go over this but I think we'll be able to save some money if we do not put a part time position in there until we review it.

**Mr. Frigon:** It's not a part time position.

**Mr. Fusco:** What you are asking for is a part time position.

**Mr. Frigon:** No, it's a full time position, full time interim temporary position. As of tomorrow there will be nobody supervising that department and I'm willing for somebody to go in and supervise and manage the senior center to manage the many activities that they offer, to manage the meals on wheels, to manage all of those functions that a director of a senior center would typically manage.

**Mr. Fusco:** You just told me that there was a part time person there.

**Mr. Frigon:** I told you there was a part time dispatcher there.

**Mr. Fusco:** But isn't there anybody else there that helps Darryle out part time?

**Mr. Frigon:** There may be volunteers there that help her.

**Mr. Fusco:** Isn't there, not a part time person that works there to help her with Darryle?

**Mr. Frigon:** To my knowledge there is Darryle and a part time dispatcher.

**Mr. Fusco:** Okay, well I still believe that if we go ahead and do this, I think we're leaving ourselves open for grievances.

**Mr. Frigon:** The Union signed off on it.

**Mr. Fusco:** Okay, but I still think we're going to have grievances and those are going to cost us money. I still think our Finance Committee should be looking into this and I'll come back with a full report for everybody. Thank you.

**Ms. Rosa:** He tabled it but we don't have a second yet. You made a motion to Table.

**Mr. Fusco:** I didn't make a motion to Table. I said I would like to bring this so that we can review it before it goes any further. Just check it out, not stopping anything.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Fusco, sec. No One) to Table this so the Finance Committee can review it and then come back with a cost savings solution.

**MOTION FAILED – NO SECOND**

**Ms. Adams:** My understanding is that we're just looking for somebody in there on a temporary basis to get the senior center, to keep it going until such a time that a full time is hired, but I have a sense that what Rich Fusco is looking for is maybe to do full time, instead of part time, (inaudible) but my understanding is that Darryle is leaving any day now, her retirement was pretty recently so there wasn't really time to plan a successor, that's the sense I have, that she decided this was it, she was done, she needed to go, whatever.

**Mr. Frigon:** Perhaps I can offer some clarity, Darryle belongs to CSEA, the White Collar Union. During those negotiations some time ago we anticipated that this job may or may not come open, but should it come open this, as well as two other positions within the Town were what we termed or called red lined, and we agreed at that time of the contract signing that if any one of these 3 jobs, this is one of those, if it became open during the term of this contract, we can renegotiate that position. Right now Mr. Fusco is entirely correct, we are not, I am not prepared to commit to any level of commitment, permanent staffing of that position. We have a lot of options available to us. We have agreed that we would explore the options at the time of contract signing. This is the time to do that. This is the time to sit down and understand very clearly what level of commitment we could both afford and that we are responsible for.

This position is being, has been agreed to by the Union, I don't know that, it's a temporary position, that's correct and this temporary position is to hold us over until we do decide, explore and determine what level of commitment we are going to provide to that position in the future. So those discussions will be happening I'm certain within the next couple of weeks because it's something we need to move on and move on rather soon.

**Mr. Fusco:** Did you come up with a price that you're going to pay the temporary person?

**Mr. Frigon:** \$18.00 an hour, we're paying about \$32.00 right now.

**Mr. Fusco:** I thought minimum wage was what? \$16.00?

**Mr. Frigon:** No, there is no minimum wage set for that position. I felt that along with Lisa Carew, the Director of that division that would be a reasonable price to pay for a professional individual who can come in and manage that department.

**Mr. DiFederico:** What will we be paying the temporary?

**Mr. Frigon:** \$18.00 per hour.

**Mr. DiFederico:** And what you're saying here, I just want to know, is that if we didn't put her there, would the meals on wheels keep going on? Would that all stop?

**Mr. Frigon:** No, I don't know if something or anything would necessarily stop, volunteers may or may not step into that position. Meals on Wheels we would certainly make sure that that happens. This is not to suggest that tomorrow is the doom of the Senior Center. What I'm suggesting is that we put somebody in there to fill the position to ensure that we provide responsible services, one that we have been providing for decades now to our seniors and we don't leave that position void for an undetermined amount of time.

**Ms. Rosa:** I'm going to support the Town Manager's position. I think with the head of the Department leaving tomorrow it needs some measure of oversight and someone that's supposed to check what's going on, makes sure it flows smoothly and report back to him. I will rely on his and Frank's expertise to be sure that we're functioning in that capacity and in an economically efficient way until the new person is appointed, knowing that we're going to have to pay unemployment if we let that person go, so it's not a clear savings if you just dismiss them, and I think a lot of this discussion is personnel discussion which really shouldn't be done here. I just don't feel it's appropriate.

**Mr. Fusco:** If you're going to hire a temporary person, does that person know what to do in that department when Darryle is not there anymore? You're taking a temporary person and putting them in a position which is a pretty complicated position and there is nobody there to help her or him. This is what I'm worried about.

**Mr. Frigon:** I understand and it's (inaudible) complicated, it is complicated, okay, but it's not so complicated that if we have the right person in that position that they couldn't manage along with all of our help in that position. We're not hiring a senior center director, (inaudible) we don't have a senior center director at our disposal. But we're hiring somebody that I believe to be extremely capable and that would be able to go in there and manage the department as professionally as one might expect or ask.

**Mr. Fusco:** Without Darryle?

**Mr. Frigon:** Yes, we don't have Darryle anymore.

**Mr. Fusco:** No more. Darryle won't be there anymore.

**Mr. Frigon:** She will come in on per diem. She has offered that.

**Mr. Fusco:** I asked that.

**Mr. Frigon:** Right, she would do that.

**Mr. Fusco:** So then we're going to have Darryle . . .

**Mr. Frigon:** No, Darryle's not, we haven't offered Darryle that.

**Mr. Fusco:** She's coming in?

**Mr. Frigon:** No, I said she is willing to come in if this didn't work. She's not scheduled to come in.

**Ms. Adams:** I have no problem with this. I want to see somebody in the center position as soon as Darryle leaves who is going to be accountable to I guess the Director of Recreation and the Town Manager to make sure things get done and we don't have problems there.

MOTION CARRIED (8-1-0)

- C. Consider a Charge to the Finance Subcommittee with the Review of the Town's Communications Needs (including Fire, Police, and Public Works) (Postponed from 12/07/09)

**MOTION:** (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Winn) I make a motion to Charge the Finance Subcommittee with the Review of the Town's Communications Needs, a report to include Police, Fire and Public Works, department communication needs shall be provided to the Town Council at the Tuesday, February 16, 2010 meeting.

**Discussion:** **Ms. Rosa:** Who came up with the February 16<sup>th</sup> date?

**Mr. Frigon:** I have an immediate concern with the communications in the Town of Watertown. If we can meet that date, that would be wonderful. I would have included in the packet, however I have not received any official notification yet, although I know it to be true that Congressman Murphy was successful in obtaining \$300,000 for us, for the Town of Watertown towards this endeavor. The sooner the Finance Committee meets and understands the need and understands the resources, if we can't make this date that's fine, but I wanted to establish some target there and certainly there is some urgency in there in that we need to understand where we are going to be taking over the next several years, our communications in the Town of Watertown and this is an exploration.

**Mr. Primini:** We are hoping that the Finance Subcommittee is going to review this and what the best way is of going about this, since we have the \$300,000 grant, can this be done through the budget over the next several years. (Inaudible) or do we have to go forward with another (inaudible). Obviously this year is going to be a tough year for the budget so we're looking for the advice fro the subcommittee.

**Ms. Adams:** Part of the reason we postponed was because we thought January 16<sup>th</sup> would have been too soon for Finance to get together. I think this is an important issue that we need to investigate, pursue, and now we have the bonus of \$300,000 from Congressman Murphy which we haven't had.

**Mr. Primini:** Is this something that can be done through where a section at a time, \$300,000 to make it through the police communications section, (inaudible).

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. Consider Acceptance of Property Donation Identified as Map 118A, Block 4, Lot 3, on Cherokee Drive by Nancy Clement. 8-24 Approval was obtained by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their Special Meeting held on December 16, 2009

MOTION: (Ms. Rosa, sec. Mr. Fusco) I make a motion to accept property donation identified as Map 118A, Block 4, Lot 3 on Cherokee Drive by Nancy Clement.

Discussion: **Mr. Primini:** Chuck, can you explain this?

**Mr. Frigon:** This is a parcel that borders Lake Winnemaug Association and Hamilton Avenue. This property was received by Nancy Clement through probate and she is wanting to donate it to the Town of Watertown. I feel that it's a reasonable taking by the Town as it does provide a buffer between our now closed landfill and residential.

**Mr. Primini:** These are basically small lots?

**Mr. Frigon:** These are very small lots.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

## **11. Public Participation**

### **Judy Wick, Northfield Road, Watertown, CT 06795**

**Ms. Wick:** I just wanted to say that now I know what the new Republican Party is, the new Republican Party is a party that has no qualms about making a (inaudible) bargain to push through whatever it ants. If you don't know what that means, I suggest you look it up.

**George Valaitis, Linkfield Road, Watertown, CT 06795**

**Mr. Valaitis:** (Inaudible) and actually I wasn't born in this country and I always wondered how the Eastern European countries got under the communism. Today you people have demonstrated to me how the communism works. They have it on the books, the laws, but the government have prepared statements, they don't follow that, they do whatever they like and to prove that this is what it is, I don't see any reporter from Waterbury or from the Town Times to report this historical meeting in Watertown (inaudible). Thank you.

Mr. Primini, Chairman, Closed Public Participation at 8:54 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Mr. Winn, sec. Mr. DiFederico) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**Discussion:** None

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman  
Watertown Town Council

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