



MINUTES

**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012
REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

**WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
LECTURE ROOM
324 FRENCH STREET
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

PRESENT: Richard DiFederico
Katherine Duplissie
Richard Fusco
Joseph Polletta
Raymond Primini, Chairman
Louis Razza
MaryAnn Rosa, V. Chairman
Thomas Winn

ABSENT: David Demirs

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Primini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Susan King executed the roll call.

4. Recognition(s)

a. Former Town Council Members Elaine Adams, Paul Rinaldi and Linda Masayda

CITIZEN RECOGNITION
Honoring
ELAINE H. ADAMS

*In recognition of having served as a member of the Watertown Town Council
from November of 2001 through November of 2011 and for her significant
contributions and dedication
to the Town of Watertown and the Citizens of Watertown.*

Congratulations are hereby bestowed upon

Elaine H. Adams

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 17th day of January, 2012.

*Raymond J. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council*

*CITIZEN RECOGNITION
Honoring
LINDA A. MASAYDA*

*In recognition of having served as a member of the Watertown Town Council
from November of 2009 through November of 2011 and for her significant
contributions and dedication
to the Town of Watertown and the Citizens of Watertown.*

Congratulations are hereby bestowed upon

Linda A. Masayda

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 17th day of January, 2012.

*Raymond J. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council*

*CITIZEN RECOGNITION
Honoring
PAUL H. RINALDI*

*In recognition of having served as a member of the Watertown Town Council
from November of 1993 through November of 2011 and for his significant
contributions and dedication
to the Town of Watertown and the Citizens of Watertown.*

Congratulations are hereby bestowed upon

Paul H. Rinaldi

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 17th day of January, 2012.

*Raymond J. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council*

b. October Storm Workers and Volunteers

Raymond Primini due to the significant storms over the past year the members of the Town Council wanted to bring forth appreciation to all members of the town involved. Chairman Primini thanked the following people Emergency Service Coordinator - David Hardt, Fire Chief - Larry Black, Police Chief – John Gavallas, Public Works Director – Roy Cavanaugh and Park & Recreation Director – Lisa Carew. Mr. Primini also recognized citizens John & Mary Bavone for the meals prepared for the Senior Center.

Police Chief – John Gavallas thanked the entire Police Department and civilian staff for their support.

Emergency Service Coordinator - David Hardt – thanked all residents who volunteered, the Lions Club and Rotary Club for their support with the distribution of the

commodities and the Police Benevolent Association for their donation. Mr. Hardt gave a brief overview of the past storms and the services provided to the public. Mr. Hardt also thanked the Boy Scouts, Board of Education, all shelter staff and the senior bus driver.

Fire Chief – Larry Black – thanked the council for their recognition, thanked and commended fellow fire fighters for their support giving up their time from work and family. Mr. Black also thanked the Town Manager, Charles Frigon for his support and leadership.

Public Works Director – Roy Cavanaugh - expressed his appreciation for the dedication from all the members of the Public Works, Engineering Division, Highway Division and Solid Waste Division.

Park & Recreation Director – Lisa Carew – thanked the entire town and everyone that stepped up. Ms. Carew also thanked Father Cooney for his support.

Raymond Primini also recognized the Lions Club, Ray Ceniccola Facilities Manager, Catherine Dinesmore – Senior Director. Mr. Primini introduced the School Superintendent Dr. Gail Gilmore.

Dr. Gail Gilmore said it is a pleasure to represent the BOE this evening, it is an honor for the entire community of Watertown and Oakville to come together as a community and thanked all the people and organizations for their support.

Raymond Primini also thanked Richard Mazzamaro, Thomas Lambert, Raymond Nardella, and members of the Rotary Club.

Charles Frigon expressed how fortunate he is being a resident of Watertown and how proud he is in managing the town. Mr. Frigon thanked the department heads for all their work in these extreme circumstances. Mr. Frigon also commended the Police Department dispatchers for their professionalism due to high volume of calls due to the storms. Mr. Frigon was pleased with the work Ray Ceniccola, Mark Winzler and the entire Board of Education for their work done regarding the shelter. Mr. Frigon also thanked the people who manned the shelter, Lisa Cattaneo, Lisa Carew and department, and the number of volunteers. Mr. Frigon also thanked David Hardt on his remarkable performance preparing for the storm. Mr. Frigon thanked the Lions Club and the Rotary Club for their quick response with volunteers for the distribution of rations. He thanked all staff for their hard work and professionalism.

Recess 8:06 – 8:21

5. Public Participation

Al Mickel – 95 Woodvine Avenue

Mr. Mickel stated he will be going to the Torrington Area Health District and noted that they are one member short.

Gary Lafferty – 214 Belden St.

Mr. Lafferty thanked the Town Council for stepping up and showing appreciation for all the town employees and citizens.

Al Mickel – 95 Woodvine Avenue

Mr. Mickel said that the website needed to be updated such as the Town Charter and Ordinances.

Bill Donston – 105 Dunrobin Lane

Mr. Donston stated he is here as the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission. He is strongly in favor of continuing its management of the Crestbrook Golf Park. The mission of the park now is to advertise and promote it as a town park for all the citizens of Watertown with the swimming areas, tennis courts, pavilions and the pond area. There is a renewed effort with a new website, competitive prices, and a proposal for a family rates adding to the base for Crestbrook. The park commissions with its renewed enthusiasm is out to make Crestbrook Park a premier spot for people in Watertown and equal to Veterans Park with all facilities we have there, thank you.

6. Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – December 19, 2011

(Richard Fusco sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to accept the Regular Meeting minutes dated December 19, 2011.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

b. Public Hearing – December 19, 2011

(Richard Fusco sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to approve the Public Hearing minutes dated December 19, 2011.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

7. Chairman's Report

a Correspondence

- 1. Letter from Joseph McGrail, Chairman Watertown Economic Development Commission dated December 30, 2011 transmitting a year-end report pursuant to Town Charter.**
- 2. Letter from Park and Recreation Commission, dated January 5, 2012 regarding the gymnasium at the Watertown Municipal Center.**

8. Subcommittees

Public Works – Thomas Winn reported:

- Meeting with EDC & Representative Murphy at Town Annex regarding the storms Irene & Alfred to apply for grants & loans.
- Meeting at Heminway with FEMA along with local business and private home owners with discussions on programs offered for flood damage.
- Turkey Brook will have an engineering evaluation done.
- Steele Brook asked a consulting engineer to perform comprehensive and hydraulic evaluation from Marshalls to the Pin Shop.
- Heminway conversion on schedule

Citizens Communications – Mary Ann Rosa reported:

- Met earlier this evening and assigned various responsibilities to each council member to reach out to the community
- First meeting is Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Heminway School for 10:00 a.m. to talk with citizens.

Finance Committee – Richard Fusco reported:

- Setting up meeting for Tuesday, January 24, 2012 for 6:00 at Heminway with discussions regarding the comprehensive annual finance report, tax relief for farm buildings, Crestbrook Park.

9. Town Manager’s Report - none

10. New Business

a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions. - none

b. Consider approval of Crestbrook Park Golf Rates for 2012

(Thomas Winn sec. Richard DiFederico) I move to approve the Crestbrook Park Golf Rates for 2012 as recommended by the Watertown Recreation Commission.

Discussion:

Donald Stepanek – 75 Highland Avenue

Mr. Stepanek is a member of the Park & Recreation Commission. Mr. Stepanek stated due to the amount of rain fall this past year the golf course has not made money. Mr. Stepanek reviewed the charts passed out for past years showing when the fees were raised the number of members went down. The commission recommended to maintain the same fees with certain categories reduced. Mr. Stepanek reviewed the family fee and services.

Richard DiFederico asked about Military Fees.

Donald Stepanek they will look into it.

Richard DiFederico asked if the golf course is still not responsible for the pool.

Lisa Carew said it is broken up.

Richard DiFederico thanked them for doing a great job and looking at other golf courses.

Donald Stepanek Crestbrook Park is the jewel of Watertown and a wonderful golf course.

Katherine Duplissie asked about the restaurant.

Donald Stepanek there is a lease for two years with Mike Cavallo paying almost \$40,000 in revenue to the town.

Mary Ann Rosa I will make a motion that we postpone the rate schedule this evening to review it, I still have some questions.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) to postpone.

Motion passed unanimously

c. Consider a resolution accepting Lovley Drive into the Watertown Road System.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Watertown Planning and Zoning Commission at a regular meeting held on August 3, 2012 voted to recommend to the Town Council the acceptance of the following streets into the Town of Watertown's road system as described.

Lovley Drive – from the intersection with Middlebury Road, northeasterly then southeasterly a distance of 2,490 feet (0.47 miles) more or less, to the intersection of Kimberly Lane, being a 50 foot right-of-way and further being shown on a plan entitled Record Subdivision Map “Fox Crossings” Lovley Drive, Watertown, Connecticut prepared by Vincent N. Caterino, Jr. and on file in the Watertown Clerks office as Map #3196.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Watertown Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission that the above-described streets be incorporated into the Town of Watertown road system.

Dated at Watertown Connecticut, this 17th day of January, 2012

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

(Thomas Winn sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to approve the resolution accepting Lovley Drive into the Watertown Road System.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

- d. Consider authorizing a bid waiver oblique photometry (unobstructed views of all buildings) to be provided in connection with revaluation for an amount not to exceed \$21,000.**

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to authorize a bid waiver for oblique photometry in connection with revaluation for an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

Carolyn Nadeau

Ms. Nadeau said we are heading down the road towards reevaluation we need to do a deeper more thorough inspection since 2008. A new option has become available to the town as opposed to the knocking on doors we will send out data mailers to all properties and owners and will do oblique photometry which is a plane that takes 4 shots of each house and property with amazing resolution which is accepted by the State of Ct and the International Association of Assessors as being an acceptable process for the upcoming reevaluations. This process will save the town \$50 to \$60,000 by the time it is done. The company we are proposing to use is Pichtometry, it is the only company approved by the United States Geological Survey providing that level of accuracy.

Motion passed unanimously

(Thomas Winn sec. Richard Fusco) to amend the motion that this be provided by Pichtometry.

Motion passed unanimously

- e. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,499.50 for the reimbursement for installation of approximately 120 feet of sewer main along Route 6 per a sanitary sewer extension agreement with Alfonso Bernardi.**

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to authorize an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,499.50 for the reimbursement for installation of approximately 120 feet of sewer line along Route 6 per a sewer extension agreement with Alfonso Bernardi.

Paul Jessell – Town Attorney

Mr. Jessell stated that this dated back to 2004. We entered into a settlement suit in a 2008 agreement that we provided if the sewer was ever extended beyond Mr. Bernardi's property he would be paid an amount of money determined in 2008 and approved by the Water and Sewer Authority and are bound to pay it.

Richard Fusco why does it not come out of the Sewer Fund, the reason I say that is when they sell the water and collect the sewer fees that does not come to the town it goes to the Water and Sewer Authority.

Paul Jessell this project back in 2004 was determined to be mostly a general benefit project which is general fund expenditure.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. Consider an appropriation in the amount of \$1,038.50 for Fire Department Civil Preparedness line item Funds have been donated from the Police Benevolent Society for costs associated with the October, 2011 storm.**

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$1,038.50 from the General Fund for Fire Department Civil Preparedness line item Funds have been donated from the Police Benevolent Society for costs associated with the October, 2011 storm.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

- g. Consider an appropriation in the amount of \$2,152.15 for Police Overtime. Funds reimbursed from the Town of Winchester for a criminal investigation.**

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$2,152.15 from the General Fund for Police Overtime. Funds reimbursed from the Town of Winchester for a criminal investigation.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

- h. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2011-12 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: PARKS DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT: \$4,400 NO:1
FROM: 010-50435-036-0000 – Agricultural and Botanical
TO: 010-50552-036-2598 – 4 WD Pick-up F250
REASON: Down payment on new pickup truck.

GENERAL FUND: GENERAL FUND DEBT

AMOUNT: \$107,379 NO: 2
FROM: 12,375 - 010-50620-050-2229 – 2004 Bonds

1,422 – 010-50620-050-2297 – 4-1-10BAN
55,782 – 010-50620-050-2297 – 2005 Bonds – 8-1-05
20,250 – 010-50620-050-2263 – 2004 Bonds
17,550 – 010-50620-050-2226 – 2003 Bonds
TO: 010-50620-050-2579 – 2011 Bond Refinance
REASON: 2011 Bond Refinancing

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 17th day of January 2012.

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

- i. Consider a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$1,977 from the General Fund for Tax Refunds.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, taxpayers have applied for Tax Refunds pursuant to Section 12-129, Refund of Excess Payments: and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommended that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129; and

WHEREAS, in order to refund taxpayers who have been approved for their refunds, monies must be appropriated into the budget line item to expend the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council appropriates \$1,977 to lien item 010-50341-043-0102 from the General Fund.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 17th day of January, 2012.

Raymond Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

(Thomas Winn sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$1,977 from the General Fund for tax refunds.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

j. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Taxpayers have made application for the property tax refunds in accordance with Section 12-129 Refund of Excess Payment: and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Town Council approves the following tax refunds:

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| 3,723 | PRETTIS JENNIE M AND
CAMMILLETTI JANE M
148 HUNGERFORD AVE
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1711
REASON FOR REFUND: DUPLICATE PAYMENT | AMOUNT OF REFUND: 4.32
TYPE: M |
| 3,736 | L AND S TRANSPORT LLC

6 MAINSTRUCK CIR
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1209
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED. | AMOUNT OF REFUND: 138.75
TYPE: M |
| 3,864 | CAB EAST LLC
C/O THOMSON PROP TAX
PO BOX 105704
ATLANTA GA 30348 5704
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED | AMOUNT OF REFUND: 307.33
TYPE: M |
| 3,865 | CAB EAST LLC 1
C/O THOMSON PROP TAX
PO BOX 105704
ATLANTA GA 30348 5704
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED | AMOUNT OF REFUND: 290.03
TYPE: M |
| 3,913 | MODEEN JOSEPH A

17 KASSON RD
BETHLEHM CT 06751 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED | AMOUNT OF REFUND: 208.19
TYPE: M |
| 3,943 | CHASE AUTO FINANCE CORP | AMOUNT OF REFUND: 22.90 |

	JP MORGAN ATTN D MUNK OH1-1086	TYPE: M
	PO BOX 901098	
	FORT WORTH TX 76101 2098	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,943	CHASE AUTO FINANCE CORP 1	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 193.49
	JP MORGAN ATTN D MUNK OH1-1086	TYPE: M
	PO BOX 901098	
	FORT WORTH TX 76101 2098	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,946	MULLEN RICHARD	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 21.48
		TYPE: M
	173 EDWARD AVE	
	WATERTOWN CT 06795 2924	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,947	RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 121.38
		TYPE: M
	99 MURPHY RD	
	HARTFORD CT 06114 2104	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,949	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 458.05
	REFUND DEPT	TYPE: M
	PO BOX 105386	
	ATLANTA GA 30348 5386	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,951	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP 1	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 146.94
		TYPE: M
	19001 SO WESTERN AVE EF20	
	TORRANCE CA 90509 0000	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,952	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP 2	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 59.84
	REFUND DEPT	TYPE: M
	19001 SO WESTERN AVE EF20	
	TORRANCE CA 90509 0000	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,954	VIGNALI BERNARD G	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 3.83
		TYPE: Y
	405 NEILL DR	
	WATERTOWN CT 06795 0000	
	REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.	

TOTAL FOR ALL REFUNDS:

1,976.53

Dated at Watertown, CT this 17 day of January, 2012.

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman

(Thomas Winn sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to approve the resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

11. Executive Session

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to enter into executive session for the sale of real property as indicated on the Town Council agenda, as well as, settlement of a Code Red vs. Town of Watertown along with Charles Frigon, Frank Nardelli, Don Orsini, Atty. Paul Jessell and the Town Council members present at roll call.

Motion passed unanimously

a. Sale of Real Property

- 1. 0 Artillery Road, Map 119-Block 17B-Lot 1**
- 2. 0 Flintlock Road, Map 119-Block 17B-Lot 13**
- 3. 0 Echo Lake Road, Map 113-Block 43-Lot 12B**
- 4. 0 Van Orman Street Map 133-Block 210-Lot 5**
- 5. 0 Mohawk Drive, Map 118A-Block 9-Lot 1D**
- 6. 0 Iroquois Road, Map 118-Block 9-Lot 9**
- 7. 0 Wilson Drive, Map 79-Block 35-Lot 102**

b. Pending Litigation - Code Red vs. Town of Watertown

12. Continued New Business

- a. Consider authorizing the acceptance of bids as well as authorizing the Town Manager to execute real estate agreements for the sale of town property as follows:**

- 1. 0 Artillery Road, Map 119-Block 17B-Lot 1**
- 2. 0 Flintlock Road, Map 119-Block 17B-Lot 13**
- 3. 0 Echo Lake Road, Map 113-Block 43-Lot 12B**
- 4. 0 Van Orman Street Map 133-Block 210-Lot 5**
- 5. 0 Mohawk Drive, Map 118A-Block 9-Lot 1D**
- 6. 0 Iroquois Road, Map 118-Block 9-Lot 9**

7. 0 Wilson Drive, Map 79-Block 35-Lot 102

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to authorize the acceptance of a bid in the amount of \$75,000 for the purchase of 0 Flintlock Road, Map 119-Block 17B- Lot 13 pending a perk test by the perspective buyer as well as authorize the Town Manager to execute real estate agreements for the sale of the property.

Discussion: none

Motion passes

b. Consider authorizing a settlement agreement with Code Red.

(Thomas Winn sec. Richard DiFederico) I move to authorize a settlement agreement with Code Red for \$5,000.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

13. Adjournment.

Motion: (Mary Ann Rosa sec. Thomas Winn) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at time 9:25 p.m.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk