



WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
61 ECHO LAKE ROAD, WATERTOWN, CT**

Thursday, July 16, 2026

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Melanie Flaherty, Chair

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Melanie Flaherty, Chair
Alan Mickel, Vice Chair
Wilbur Hughes
Cynthia Blanchard
Sally Kuslis
Amy Quinnan
Andrea Corcoran
Tracy Dasilva

ABSENT: Debra Desena

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Ganem, Director of Parks, Recreation, Senior, and
Social Services

III. Public Participation – none

IV. Correspondence –

- Informational flyer about dental clinic co-sponsored by WCAAA
- Letter from Leslie Melanson

V. Approval of Minutes:

June 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

Motion by Amy Quinnan, seconded by Tracy Dasilva to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026, meeting.

Correction: Tracy Dasilva was an excused absence.

*Motion passed with Aye: 5 Mickel, Hughes, Blanchard, Kuskis, Quinnan Nay: 0
Abstention: 2 Dasilva and Flaherty. Motion passes.*

VI. Reports

A. Chairman – no report

B. Parks & Recreation Director

Michael Ganem:

- Yielded his time to the commission

C. Senior Center Coordinator/Municipal Services

Laura Garay:

Provided a written report (attached to the packet)

VII. Old Business- the commission discussed the draft of “A Proposal for Senior Affordability Programs”

Motion by Melanie Flaherty to create a subcommittee to research the needs of Watertown Seniors and helping to keep Watertown seniors in their homes. Seconded by Tracy Dasilva. Motion fails.

Motion by Sally Kuslis, seconded by Wilbur Hughes, to create a subcommittee to:

- 1) Create a mission statement*
- 2) Investigate the needs of Watertown seniors and cross-reference those needs against*
- 3) available services and programs*
- 4) That the sub-committee will report their findings to the whole commission*

The motion passed unanimously.

Interested in serving in this capacity are *Wilbur Hughes, Amy Quinnan, Sally Kuslis, and Cindy Blanchard*

Motion by Al Mickel, seconded by Wilbur Hughes, to approve the aforementioned names to serve on the sub-committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Adjournment -

Motion: Alan Mickel, seconded by Wilbur Hughes to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:29 P.M.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Flaherty, Chair
Watertown Commission on Aging

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk