



**WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
61 ECHO LAKE ROAD
WATERTOWN, CT 06795
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

1. Convene Regular Meeting

Chairman Richard Antonetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Richard Antonetti, Chairman
David Jannetty, V. Chairman
Carmine Verno, Secretary
Robert McCarthy
Richard Rossi

ABSENT:

ALTERNATES Brian Mays

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OTHERS PRESENT: Jared D'Andrea, Deputy Chief

3. Public Participation

Kimberly Pegini, 709 Bunker Hill Road spoke about traffic concerns with speeding vehicles on Bunker Hill Road near her home.

Al Mickel, 95 Woodvine Avenue spoke about the intersection off of Straits Turnpike and

Davis Street and asked for the painted white line for people to stop.

4. Minutes Approval
 - a. Regular Meeting – June 10, 2026

Motion: David Janetty seconded by Carmine Verno to accept meeting minutes of June 10, 2026.

Motion passes unanimously

5. Correspondence – none.

6. New Business – none.

7. Old Business
 - a. Mr. Greenwood's request for a "Stop" sign installed at the intersection of Belden and Trumbull Streets.
 - b. Update concerning the Department of Transportation evaluation of a passing zone located in the vicinity of 251 Litchfield Road.
 - c. Correspondence from Mr. Victor Torres regarding a request for a traffic study of Mt. Fair Drive and Vista Drive in Watertown.
 - d. Correspondence from Dr. William Zarillo regarding a request for the installation of stop signs for both northbound and southbound traffic on Lake Winnamaug at the interseason of Caruso Drive and Raspberry Lane.

Motion: David Janetty seconded by Carmine Verno to table items 7a, 7b, 7c and 7d until the next meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

8. Chairman's Report: Work will start to gather documents for the new Police/Community Center closer to November.

9. Chief's Report
 - a. June 2026– Monthly Department Activity Report
Jared D'Andrea, Deputy Chief, read the report:
 - 1) The Watertown Police Department has one recruit officer attending the police academy in New Haven, scheduled to graduate on July 30th.

- 2) A new recruit officer, Arnaldo Santos, is being sworn in on July 8th, and beginning the police academy at POST in Meriden on July 9th. The academy is expected to last about 6 months.
- 3) A Conditional offer has been given to another new entry applicant. Background investigation is underway. If all goes well, this recruit officer will be attending the Milford Police Academy, starting in late August.
- 4) Interviews are being conducted to select a new entry candidate to replace Master Sergeant Jay DeMarest who retired on June 2nd.
- 5) A promotional ceremony was held on July 1st where Lieutenant Jared D'Andrea was promoted to Deputy Chief, Sergeant Loren Angiolillo was promoted to lieutenant, Officer Mark Raimo Jr. was promoted to sergeant, and Officer Zachary Buesser was promoted to sergeant. All have started their duties in their new roles.
- 6) A new full-time dispatcher and three per diem dispatchers have been provided conditional offers of employment and are currently in the onboarding phase.
- 7) The Town of Watertown Radio Communications Upgrade Project continues as scheduled. Motorola is now reporting the fire department's portable radios should be delivered by the end of July.
- 8) Sgt. Christopher Donston and Officer Austin Keeney have been selected to receive an award from Mother's Against Drunk Driving for their efforts in DUI detection and apprehension. They will be honored at an award ceremony on Sept. 18th at Mohegan Sun.
- 9) The Western Chief's Region, of which Watertown is a participating Department, is in receipt of a new \$1M command vehicle which will be available to our use. The vehicle was funded through a grant from NHTSA.

The commission congratulated Jared D'Andrea as Deputy Chief and thanked him for his many years of service in the Police Department.

10. Adjournment

Motion: David Jannetty seconded by Richard Rossi to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Antonetti
Chairman