



**SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT COMMITTEE
WATERTOWN, CT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026
WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.
61 ECHO LAKE RD.
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Chairman Robert Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Chairman Robert Porter led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call
Robert Porter, Chairman
Anthony Ciriello
Jeffrey Franson
Tadd Johnson
Jeffrey Desmarais
Brian Mays
Thomas Walsh

Lisa Fekete, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Mary Ann Rosa, Town Council
Luigi Velardi, BOE Facilities

Absent: Mark Guerrero, Jeffrey Desmarais, Jim Lehner, Donna Ford

4. Minutes.

- a. Special Meeting – May 27, 2026

Motion: Jeffrey Franson seconded by Thomas Walsh: to accept the May 27, 2026 meeting minutes as presented.

Aye: 6 Porter, Ciriello, Franson, Johnson, Walsh, Fekete

Nay : 0

Abstain : 2 Rosa, Mays

Motion passes

5. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on project invoices to be authorized.

	Vendor	Invoice Number	Dates	Amount Due
1.	Colliers Project Leaders	0001182291	05/31/2026	\$1,715.59
2.	Tucker Mechanical	Application #001	06/30/2026	\$203,585.00

1. Chairman Robert Porter stated the information is in the packet.

Motion: Jeffrey Franson seconded by Thomas Walsh: to pay Colliers Project Leaders, Invoice #0001182291 dated 5/31/2026 in the amount of \$1,715.59.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Jeffrey Franson asked do we have a certificate for payment signed and completed?

Chairman Robert Porter answered yes.

Anthony Ciriello stated that the contractor included detailed backup arriving for the \$203 thousand and change with materials and cost with no mark up. In my opinion the invoice is comparable and reasonable, we don't always get this level of detail and I appreciate that, and I wanted to note that.

Brian Mays stated I noticed that period two is up to June 30th but it was signed on June 11th, is that assuming that all the equipment was available at that time?

Chairman Robert Porter added he is asking about storing the materials here?

Brian Mohyde, Tucker Mechanical answered so that is how the month runs, we have to be in by a certain date for your meeting, it is just how the month carries.

Luigi Velardi added Colliers and Scott Finch verified all the receipts. For Tucker Mechanical we did the first storing place on our loading docks, where no projects were going in the preschool area, it was full. It put him in a bad shape of storing his stuff there until Monday to get moving.

Brian Mohyde, Tucker Mechanical added that is why we have given that backup to store materials off site, it's insured.

Motion: Jeffrey Franson seconded by Anthony Ciriello: to pay Tucker Mechanical, Application #001 dated 6/30/2026 in the amount of \$203,585.00.

Motion passed unanimously

6. Update from Colliers regarding John Trumbull Primary School HVAC Project.

Luigi Velardo stated we set the meeting for a quick update to review the first application of payment. The placements of the ac units will be discussed at the meeting next week they request that myself and Chairman Porter be available for the meeting. The meeting will be via zoom; they are going to send us details.

Anthony Ciriello included in the summary provided by Colliers for the record there is a lot of good stuff here that the materials are going to be in storage.

Brian Mohyde, Tucker Mechanical stated if you had any questions on what the proposed changes are? Once we have walked the site; it is more in depth when you do the design. We found what would be a better option to re-locate the outdoor condenser units. It would reduce piping for efficiency for a better long-term product. It would be a wash; there would not be any extra cost to you.

Anthony Ciriello asked the question whether they are doing a sign off for approval for relocating the units?

Brian Mohyde, Tucker Mechanical answered they are still reviewing, they still have the check they are still going through the permit review. Usually, it doesn't matter with them so whatever they change they are looking to put one of the units on the roof, they will provide the data and update you the permit.

Jeffrey Franson stated you had guys working tonight, any surprises so far?

Brian Mohyde, Tucker Mechanical answered no we didn't have as many as we were planning on with the schedule.

7. Old Business

Mary Ann Rosa asked about any damage from the storm?

Lisa Fekete stated we never thought the kids were getting back in here on Monday, Luigi and his crew worked miracles.

Luigi Velardi stated that Friday I got a call at about 7:30 in the preschool area the entire ceiling from two of the bathrooms and then into one of the classrooms blew out. I rushed there thinking it was a pipe or something. We found out the storm roof drain got clogged with a tub that is there filled up and flowed in through a vent, it could not handle all the water. I get there and there is two inches to three inches of water, good thing my staff acted quick got everything out of there. They cleaned the water and did the rugs over, striped the floors and wiped the walls and had Tri-Star there, an electrician and a plumber to try to get ready for school on Monday. I am in the process now of getting all the receipts that I had, to get some of the money back from the insurance. We lost six trees in the parking lot.

Anthony Ciriello asked was that drain installed as part of the roof project?

Luigi Velardi answered I am digging into that now. I put a call into Garland, Hibbard and Rosa recommended to check that drain, they checked the drain and the drain was fine. My guys were just up there that Thursday cleaned out the drains and looking into the gutters keeping maintenance on that roof due to warranties. But what I noticed is that the other two on the other side had a spill way and this one does not. They are coming out and it wasn't there before. We are looking into adding a scupper so it doesn't happen again. We may make one more change order on that; and possibly get paid for that. I can give you updates at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Brian Mays: to adjourn meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted

Robert Porter, Chairman
Watertown Public Buildings Committee