

REGULAR MEETING

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

DATE: September 13, 2021
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: District Office
24 DeForest Street
Watertown, CT 06795

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steve Ouellette, Chairman	Present
James Lehner	Present
Anthony Martone	Absent
Robert Yerger	Present
Pedro Soares	Present
Josh Makarewicz, Alternate	Present
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Ouellette, Lehner, Yerger, Soares and Alternate Commissioner Makarewicz. Commissioners Martone and Alternate Commissioners Minicucci and Crane were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis and Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis, Ashley Monte, and Heather Edwards.

3. Public Commentary

Zachary Lessard of 35 McFingal Road attended the meeting to request a reduction in his sewer bill. He explained that he had a tenant residing at the property from December to

April and the tenant's son was staying with her while his house was being renovated. He will not be staying with her again.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add item **4a** to the agenda to discuss the request made by Mr. Lessard regarding 35 McFingal Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add item **4b** to the agenda to discuss a billing dispute made by the First Congregational Church regarding 40 DeForest Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the minutes from the Monday, August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion passes unanimously.

4a. Discussion of 35 McFingal Road

After a brief discussion it was decided that Mr. Lessard's sewer bill would be adjusted going forward to be based on 2,142 gallons/month until it is recalculated in July 2022.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to adjust Mr. Lessard's sewer charge from \$34.22 to \$20.99 per month.

Motion passes unanimously.

4b. Discussion of 40 DeForest Street

The First Congregational Church was vacant but there was a toilet running during the December 2020 – January 2021 timeframe. The leak has been repaired. After a brief discussion it was decided that the First Congregational Church's sewer bill would be adjusted going forward to be based on 10,137 gallons/month until it is recalculated in July 2022.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjust the First Congregational Church's sewer charge from \$142.95 to \$99.34 per month.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Tanuis reported that:

- Dam inspections have been completed and there are no problems.
- Relining is done.
- Flushing will begin at the end of the month.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:22 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Ouellette, Chairman