

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** May 8, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** District Office  
24 DeForest Street  
Watertown, CT 06795

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**1. Call hearing to order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis and Heather Edwards, Watertown Fire District Treasurer Barbara Zulkeski, and one member of the public.

### **3. Public Hearing – Rates for Sewer & Water**

A discussion took place regarding the Watertown Fire District proposing a 10% water rate increase and a 10% sewer rate increase in order for the District to continue to maintain the high standards of the water & sewer systems, as well as to prepare for the settlement of the Waterbury Watertown lawsuit.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to open the discussion to the public.

Motion passes unanimously.

There were no comments from the public regarding the rate increase.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

### **4. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to close the Public Hearing.

Motion passes unanimously and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman