

ANNUAL MEETING

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

DATE: May 15, 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
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis, and Heather Edwards, and Watertown Fire District Treasurer Barbara Zulkeski. Also present were Watertown Fire District Auditor David Cappelletti and 17 members of the public.

2. Election of Meeting Moderator

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to elect Mr. James Lehner as Meeting Moderator.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passes unanimously.

3. Election of Meeting Secretary

MOTION: By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to elect Ms. Heather Edwards as Meeting Secretary.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Reading of Meeting Notice by Moderator, Mr. James Lehner

NOTICE AND WARNING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT

To the Watertown Fire District legal voters:

You are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** of an Annual Meeting to be held at the **WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE**, 24 DeForest Street, Watertown, Connecticut on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

1. To adopt a budget for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and make appropriations.
2. To elect two members to the District Commission.
3. To elect a Clerk for a one year term.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 4th day of May, 2023

Watertown Fire District Commission

Steve Ouellette, Chairman
James Lehner, Vice Chairman
Robert Yerger, Secretary
Anthony Martone, Clerk
Pedro Soares

Town Times – May 4, 2023 and May 11, 2023

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 4, 2023 I left a duplicate of the attached **WARNING** and **NOTICE** of the Annual Meeting of the Watertown Fire District with Anthony Martone, its District Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 4, 2023 I caused to be posted upon the public sign post of the Watertown Town Hall a written copy of said Annual Meeting **WARNING** and **NOTICE** by the District Commission.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on May 4, 2023 I caused copy of said **WARNING** and **NOTICE** to be published in the Town Times newspaper on May 4, 2023 and May 11, 2023, a newspaper having a substantial circulation within the Watertown Fire District.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all the above acts were done by at least five days before holding of said meeting on May 15, 2023.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 4th day of May, 2023

Michael C. Tanuis, Superintendent
Watertown Fire District

5. Adoption of District Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and make appropriations

Mr. James Lehner asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Budget.

No questions were asked, therefore a vote was taken to approve the Budget.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to pass a Water budget of \$1,467,000.00 and Sewer Budget of \$1,508,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

A vote was taken by the raising of hands to approve the Water and Sewer Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Election of District Commissioners (two positions – three year term)

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to nominate Mr. Steven Ouellette.

No other nominations were made, therefore nominations were closed.

A vote was taken by the raising of hands to elect Mr. Steven Ouellette as Fire District Commissioner.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to nominate Mr. Robert Yerger.

No other nominations were made, therefore nominations were closed.

A vote was taken by the raising of hands to elect Mr. Robert Yerger as Fire District Commissioner.

Motion passes unanimously.

7. Election of District Clerk for one year term

MOTION: By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to nominate Mr. Anthony Martone as District Clerk for a one year term.

No other nominations were made, therefore nominations were closed.

A vote was taken by the raising of hands to elect Mr. Anthony Martone as Clerk for a one year term.

Motion passes unanimously.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to adjourn the Annual Meeting of Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:08 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Ouellette, Chairman