

REGULAR MEETING

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

DATE: December 9, 2024
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
Anthony Martone	Absent
Pedro Soares	Present
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Absent

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, and Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis, Heather Edwards, and Alyssa Bradley, Watertown Fire District Treasurer Barbara Zulkeski, and several members of the public.

3. Public Commentary

Catherine Dinino of 39 Hamilton Lane requested an adjustment to her sewer fee because she had an outdoor pipe leaking during March 2024 and it caused her sewer fee to be higher than her normal consumption.

Fahri Hoxha of 237 Porter Street requested an adjustment to his water bill because he had a leaking toilet in September 2024 and the water consumption from the leak caused his bill to be approximately \$500.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4A -Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 39 Hamilton Lane.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4B – Discussion of a Water Bill Adjustment for 237 Porter Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

4A. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 39 Hamilton Lane

Catherine Dinino of 39 Hamilton Lane had an outdoor pipe leaking during the winter quarter of 2024 causing the sewer average to increase beyond the normal consumption. The Board discussed and reviewed Catherine's usage and agreed to adjust the sewer fee from \$207.16 to \$25.20 a month beginning with the 11/25/24 bill.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjust the sewer charge for 39 Hamilton Lane from \$207.16 to \$25.20 per month beginning with the 11/25/24 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

4B. Discussion of a Water Bill Adjustment for 237 Porter Street

Fahri Hoxha of 237 Porter Street requested an adjustment to his water bill because he had a leaking toilet in September 2024 and the water consumption from the leak caused his bill to be approximately \$500. The Board discussed Mr. Hoxha's request and determined that no action would be taken.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger leave the water bill for 237 Porter Street unchanged.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Approval of Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025

The Board reviewed and approved the Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Approval of Storage Building

The Board reviewed a memo from Mr. Tanuis recommending White Tail Construction as the contractor to build the storage building at 127 Bethlehem Road.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve White Tail Construction as the contractor to build the storage building at 127 Bethlehem Road.

7. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Tanuis reported that:

- Watertown Fire District is in the process of getting the permits for the storage building at 127 Bethlehem Road.
- A Fire District Operator has resigned, and a new Operator is in training.

8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Ouellette had nothing to report.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:18 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Ouellette, Chairman