

REGULAR MEETING

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

DATE: February 10, 2025
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
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Present

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, and Alternate Commissioner Perugini. Commissioner Martone and Alternate Commissioners Crane and Minicucci were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

3. Public Commentary

There was no public commentary.

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. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of Auditor

Mr. Tanuis recommended Clermont & Associates, LLC to continue to do the financial auditing for the Watertown Fire District for the next five (5) years. The board reviewed the fee schedule and approved Clermont & Associates, LLC to do the financial auditing for Watertown Fire District for this timeframe.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve Clermont & Associates, LLC to do the financial auditing for Watertown Fire District for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Contractor for Office Generator

Mr. Tanuis presented the board with information regarding the installation of an emergency generator at the Watertown Fire District office. Two quotes have been obtained, and the cost will be approximately \$35,000 for the purchase and installation of the generator.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the installation of an emergency generator at the Watertown Fire District office at a cost of \$35,000.

Motion passes unanimously.

7. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Tanuis reported a quote had been obtained from Tighe & Bond to perform an I/I study to evaluate the Watertown Fire District sewer system and identify sources of water infiltration at a cost of \$91,500. The last I/I study was performed in 2007. The study is not a budgeted item for the current fiscal year and would need to be approved to be paid out of the sewer cash surplus.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item 7a – Discussion of I/I Proposal from Tighe & Bond.

7a. Discussion of I/I Proposal from Tighe & Bond

The board discussed a proposal from Tighe & Bond to perform an I/I study to evaluate the Watertown Fire District sewer system at a cost of \$91,500. The board agreed that the study should be done.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve Tighe & Bond to perform an I/I study at a cost of \$91,500.

8. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:20 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Ouellette, Chairman