

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** November 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	Absent
Pedro Soares	Absent
Anthony Martone	Absent
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Present

**1. Call meeting to order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

### **3. Public Commentary**

Cheryl Paternoster of 6 Mallory Road addressed the Board requesting a sewer fee adjustment. There was a toilet leaking for an extended period that they did not notice due to health issues. When the leak was discovered, they repaired it.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to add Agenda Item #4A – Discussion of a sewer fee adjustment for 6 Mallory Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Public Hearing.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Nicolas Perugini and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **4A. Discussion of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 6 Mallory Road**

The Board reviewed the usage history and discussed a sewer fee adjustment for 6 Mallory Road due to a toilet leak during the winter quarter.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to adjust the sewer fee for 6 Mallory Road from \$242.98 per month to \$229.27 per month effective

with the October 24, 2025 bill.

Motion passes unanimously

## **5. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Tanuis reported:

- Flushing will be done on Wednesday.
- The replacement of Well 2 is moving forward.
- Quote received from GMC of Watertown for a new vehicle.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to add Agenda Item #5A – Approval of New Vehicle.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **5A. Approval of New Vehicle**

The Board reviewed the quote from GMC of Watertown for the new vehicle.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to purchase a new vehicle from GMC of Watertown at a cost of \$40,753.80.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **6. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

## **7. Executive Session – Litigation Waterbury vs. Watertown**

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the Waterbury vs Watertown Lawsuit.

Motion passes unanimously.

Invited into Executive Session along with the board members were Michael Tanuis, Vincent Tanuis, Heather Edwards, and Leah Perugini.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to exit Executive Session.

Motion passes unanimously.

All those in Executive Session are now out and no votes were taken. Executive session ended at 7:40 p.m.

## **9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Nicolas Perugini and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:40 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman