

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** March 9, 2026  
**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	Absent

**1. Call meeting to order**

Meeting 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 Crane, Perugini, and Minicucci were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis, Heather Edwards, and Leah Perugini, and 3 members of the public.

### **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. Robert Yerger to approve the minutes from the Monday, February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **5. Discussion of Draft Budget for FY 2026-2027**

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft budget for FY 2026-2027. No action was taken.

### **6. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Tanuis reported that:

- Hydrant flushing will begin at the end of the month.
- Water main break on Greenwood Street has been repaired.
- Budget line item, "Use of Sewers" needs to be increased for Fiscal Year 2026

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to add Agenda item #6A - Increase in Budget Line Item "Use of Sewers".

Motion passes unanimously.

**6A. Increase in Budget Line Item “Use of Sewers”**

The board discussed an increase in “Use of Sewers” budget line item from \$840,000 to \$1,500,000 for Fiscal Year 2026.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjust “Use of Sewers” budget line item from \$840,000 to \$1,500,000 for FY2026.

Motion passes unanimously.

**7. Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Robert Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:15 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman