

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** April 13, 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
Anthony Martone	Absent
Robert Yerger	Present
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**

Assistant Superintendent Vincent Tanuis spoke on behalf of the owner of 36 North Street requesting an adjustment to their sewer fee.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4A – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 36 North Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to approve the minutes from the Monday, March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4A. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 36 North Street**

Assistant Superintendent Vincent Tanuis spoke on behalf of Anne Fitzgerald of 36 North Street. During December 2025 through February 2026 there were toilets leaking at the property causing consumption beyond what is typically used. The leaks have been repaired. The Board discussed and reviewed the usage at 36 North Street and agreed to adjust the sewer fee from \$213.75 per month to \$108.71 per month effective with the July 2026 bill.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve a sewer fee adjustment as presented for 36 North Street beginning with the July 2026 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

**5. Discussion of Water Rate increase effective July 1, 2026**

The Board reviewed and discussed a proposed rate increase for water effective with the July 2026 billing. No further action was taken.

**6. Discussion of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027**

The Board reviewed and discussed the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. No further action was taken.

**7. Contractor for Sewer Camera Inspections**

The Board reviewed a memo from Mr. Tanuis recommending American Rooter to perform sewer camera inspections at a cost of \$1/linear foot up to 27,300 linear feet. A bid was also received from Insituform at a cost of \$3/linear foot.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve American Rooter as the contractor for Watertown Fire District to perform sewer camera inspections at a cost of \$1/linear foot up to 27,300 linear feet.

In Favor: 4 Abstention: 1 (Steven Ouellette)

**8. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Michael Tanuis reported that flushing is underway.

**9. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:28 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman