REGULAR MEETING **WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT**
DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: June 8, 2026
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: District Office
24 DeForest Street
Watertown, CT 06795

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steven Ouellette, Chairman	Present
James Lehner	Absent
Robert Yerger	Present
Pedro Soares	Present
Anthony Martone	Absent
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Absent

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis and Heather Edwards, and 2 members of the public.

3. Public Commentary

Brian Romo-Leroux, 51 Hamilton Lane, requested an adjustment to his sewer fee. Brian purchased the home in September 2025 and had a leak during his first quarter in the house.

Scott Wilson, 117 Middlebury Road, is requesting a billing adjustment. His mother owned the home and passed away in 2019. The water was shut off due to non-payment at that time. The meter was never removed so the billing continued. He would like the bill adjusted to the balance on the account at the time his mother passed.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item 4A – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 51 Hamilton Lane.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item 4B – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Billing Adjustment for 117 Middlebury Road.

Motion passes unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the minutes from the Monday, May 11, 2026 Public Hearing.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the minutes from the Monday, May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the minutes from the Monday, May 18, 2026 Annual Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

4A. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 51 Hamilton Lane

The Board reviewed the water consumption at 51 Hamilton Lane and discussed a sewer fee adjustment due to the water heater leak. The leak has been repaired, and water consumption has gone down.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjust the sewer fee for 51 Hamilton Lane from $401.94 per month to $131.51 per month effective with the July 2026 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

4B. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Billing Adjustment for 117 Middlebury Road

Mr. Wilson explained to the Board the chain of events that occurred since 2019 regarding his inheritance of 117 Middlebury Road from his mother. The Board reviewed the billing history and after a brief discussion decided they would like to review the request further and revisit it at the next meeting.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add the request for the billing adjustment for 117 Middlebury Road to the agenda for the July 13, 2026 meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Appointment of District Chairman

Mr. Robert Yerger nominated Steven Ouellette as District Chairman.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to appoint Steven Ouellette as District Chairman.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Appointment of District Vice Chairman

Mr. Steven Ouellette nominated James Lehner as Vice Chairman.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to appoint James Lehner as District Vice Chairman.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passes unanimously.

7. Appointment of District Secretary

Mr. Steven Ouellette nominated Robert Yerger as District Secretary.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to appoint Robert Yerger as District Secretary.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passes unanimously.

8. Appointment of 2 Alternate Commission Members

Mr. Steven Ouellette nominated Carl Minicucci as Alternate Commissioner for a three (3) year term.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to appoint Carl Minicucci as Alternate Commission Member for a three (3) year term.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Steven Ouellette nominated Nicolas Perugini as Alternate Commissioner for a three (3) year term.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to appoint Nicolas Perugini as Alternate Commission Member for a three (3) year term.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passes unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Contractor for Water Main Relining

The Board reviewed a memo from Mr. Tanuis recommending Insituform Technologies LLC as the company to reline approximately 1,092 LF of 6" water main on Bowers Street at a cost of $129,778.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve Insituform Technologies LLC to reline approximately 1,092 LF of 6" water main on Bowers Street at a cost of $129,778.

Motion passes unanimously.

10. Discussion and Possible Approval of Contractors for the Replacement of Well 4

The Board reviewed a memo from Mr. Tanuis recommending S.B. Church as the company to replace Well No. 4 at a cost of $191,450. Work will be done as per Watertown Fire District Specifications.

Mr. Tanuis recommends Tighe & Bond to provide engineering services for the replacement of Well No. 4 at a cost of $39,800.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve S.B. Church as the company to replace Well No. 4 at a cost of $191,450.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve Tighe & Bond to provide engineering services for the replacement of Well No. 4 at a cost of $39,800.

Motion passes unanimously.

11. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Tanuis had nothing to report.

12. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:46 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steven Ouellette, Chairman