

REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: September 14, 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	Absent
Pedro Soares	Present
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Present

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Watertown Fire District Employees Heather Edwards and Jessica Redondo, and 4 members of the public.

3. Public Commentary

John DiMaria, 319 Thomaston Road, Unit 30, requested an adjustment to his sewer fee due to a leaking toilet during the winter quarter.

Philip Huang, 89 Baldwin Street, requested an adjustment to his sewer fee due to a leaking hot water heater during the winter quarter.

Zachary Lessard, 35 McFingal Road, requested an adjustment to his sewer fee due to a leaking toilet during the winter quarter.

Nicos Michael, 599-601 Main Street, requested an adjustment to his bill. Nicos attended the August 10th meeting and has since repaired 7 leaking toilets, 1 hot water heater, and 1 shower head.

Mr. Ouellette spoke on behalf of Rosanne Coffey, 103 Highland Avenue, requesting a sewer fee adjustment due to a leaking toilet during the winter quarter.

Mr. Ouellette spoke on behalf of Russell Harrigan, 28 Edge Road, requesting a sewer fee adjustment due to a leaking toilet during the winter quarter.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4A – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 319 Thomaston Road Unit 30.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4B – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 89 Baldwin Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4C – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 35 McFingal Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4D – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 599-601 Main Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4E – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 103 Highland Avenue.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4F – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 28 Edge Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: By Mr. Nicolas Perugini and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the minutes from the Monday, August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion passes unanimously.

4A. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 319 Thomaston Road, Unit 30.

The Board reviewed the water consumption for 319 Thomaston Road, Unit 30 and discussed a sewer fee adjustment due to a leaking toilet during the winter quarter. The leak has been repaired and receipts for the repair have been provided.

MOTION: By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 319 Thomaston Road, Unit 30 from \$220.34 per month to \$75.14 per month effective with the 9/24/2026 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

4B. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 89 Baldwin Street.

The Board reviewed the water consumption for 89 Baldwin Street and discussed a sewer fee adjustment due to a leaking hot water heater during the winter quarter. The water heater has been repaired and receipts for the repair have been provided.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 89 Baldwin Street from \$245.01 per month to \$47.28 per month effective with the 8/24/2026 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

4C. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 35 McFingal Road.

The Board reviewed the water consumption for 35 McFingal Road and discussed a sewer fee adjustment due to a leaking toilet during the winter quarter. The leak has been repaired and receipts for the repair have been provided.

MOTION: By Mr. Nicolas Perugini and seconded by Pedro Soares to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 35 McFingal Road from \$122.03 per month to \$49.37 per month effective with the 9/24/2026 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

4D. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 599-601 Main Street.

The Board reviewed the water consumption for 599-601 Main Street and recommended the sewer fee remains unchanged at this time. Mr. Michael has more repairs to complete. We anticipate water consumption to go down further and will address after all repairs are complete.

4E. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 103 Highland Avenue.

The Board reviewed the water consumption for 103 Highland Avenue and discussed a sewer fee adjustment due to a toilet leak during the winter quarter. The leak has been repaired and receipts for the repair have been provided.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 103 Highland Avenue from \$288.75 per month to \$170.48 per month effective with the 9/24/2026 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

4F. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 28 Edge Road.

The Board reviewed the water consumption for 28 Edge Road and discussed a sewer fee adjustment due to a leaking toilet during the winter quarter. The leak has been repaired and receipts for the repair have been provided.

MOTION: By Mr. Nicolas Perugini and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve a

sewer fee adjustment for 28 Edge Road from \$98.51 per month to \$88.97 per month effective with the 9/24/2026 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Superintendent's Report

None

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:23 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Ouellette, Chairman