

MAY 28, 2024



Watertown City Council

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 149 MAIN STREET**

MINUTES

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
- B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
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- E. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
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1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors John M. Airasian, Caroline Bays, Lisa J. Feltner, John G. Gannon, Nicole Gardner, Emily Izzo, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were George Proakis City Manager, Mark Reich, City Attorney, and Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

James Mello – Warren Street – Thanked Watertown’s Veteran Agent, Partick George, as well as all those who assisted in an enjoyable Memorial Day Parade and weekend activities.

Councilor Piccirilli read the following email submitted by Jamie Burke – Pine Street:

Councilors,

My name is Jamie Burke, and I live at 18 Pine Street. I’m writing today in regard to the Council’s consideration of the amendments to the Traffic Commission.

I’m disappointed to see that the Committee on Public Safety removed the amendment, as proposed by City Manager Proakis, to add a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to the Traffic Commission. While the proposed change still attempts to include more road users on the Traffic Commission, I would argue that the inclusion of “motorists” in the amendment is an unnecessary addition and, in fact, undermines the original intent of City Manager Proakis’ initial proposal.

It’s evident that motorists are already the primary, and I’d argue, the sole road users represented on and by the Traffic Commission. This imbalance is clearly reflected in road designs and rules throughout Watertown, and City Manager Proakis’ proposal offered an opportunity to address this ongoing issue.

I understand that this change to the amendment is due in part to the perception that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is a “special interest group” and, therefore, its members are not representative of or working on behalf of the broader community.

I’m the chair of the Bike-Ped committee, and first, I’d like to say that if I were able to be there in person tonight to deliver these comments, you’d likely notice that I’m a very pregnant person! I’m lucky enough to have been able to continue both biking and walking as my primary modes of transit throughout my pregnancy.

I draw attention to this to illustrate that biking and walking aren’t solely hobbies of “healthy, young” people. People of many different abilities and ages, in many different conditions, rely on alternative forms of transit to get around Watertown and our surrounding communities.

I also make this point to try and encourage my fellow residents and City Councilors not to imagine bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users as a mysterious “other”—we’re your neighbors, community members, and constituents. Pregnant or not, I deserve the same reasonable expectation of safety that motorists take for granted as they travel. So do the rest of our neighbors who choose to bike, walk, and take transit in Watertown. It’s been proven that roads that are designed for people first—meaning our most vulnerable road users, rather than solely for vehicles—are safer for everyone, including drivers. So, insofar

as the Bike-Ped Committee advocates for people-first road design and rules, with the consideration of the most vulnerable road users made a priority, we advocate for everyone who uses a road or sidewalk in our city.

The Bike-Ped Committee also works both directly with the city and engages with the public across a number of initiatives, which are too numerous to list here. I'd also like to highlight that if anyone is interested in what the Bike-Ped committee is up to, our meetings are open to the public, and we've been pleased in the past to have City Councilors attend our meetings.

Lastly, with this change to the amendment, I also hope that any Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee members who remain interested in the Traffic Commission role in their capacity as private citizens aren't unfairly removed from consideration for this position due to this change—unfair, again, because these are your constituents and neighbors who volunteer their time to make the city better for everyone. Denying them the opportunity to continue to do so as a member of the Traffic Commission would be another unfortunate outcome of the city's unwillingness to embrace this needed change.

Best,

Jamie Burke

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes from City Council Meeting May 14, 2024

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the minutes from City Council Meeting May 14, 2024 and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Sideris remarked on the successful Memorial Day Parade. He thanked the community for their participation as well contributions from Patrick George, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the DPW. He also announced that the date of the next Watertown Square Meeting has been changed from June 12 to June 13.

President Sideris then asked for Item 9A to be moved up in the agenda and addressed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to have 9A be heard and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

Item 9A: HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers for the Watertown Housing Authority

Veteran's Service Officer Patrick George remarked that this effort is the product of many different entities including the VA, Human Services, Police Department, and the Housing Authority.

Director of Resident Services for the Watertown Housing Authority Olivia Fields stated that the VASH vouchers come from the VA and have been distributed between the VA here, in Jamaica Plain and Brockton. Out of the 10 vouchers available, 6 individuals have been processed and will be leasing on the South Shore, but the hope is that individuals in Watertown will now be able to take advantage of the opportunity.

Councilor Feltner asked if there is more information available.

Olivia Fields replied that information about the program, how to apply etc., is available on their website.

Councilor Gardner asked for clarification that there are only 4 remaining vouchers, and that 6 have been allocated to different communities.

Olivia Fields replied that while 6 have been processed, any individual can lease within the catchment area of the program which includes Watertown, and that they are hopeful that some individuals will now lease in Watertown as well.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Pleasant Street to install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #16/78 to the property line. This work is necessary to provide electric service to 20 Seyon Street/10-30 Manley Way. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

Eversource Representative – Hannah – presented the petition for the grant of location.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the grant of location and Councilor Feltner seconded.

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provide electric service to Watertown High School at 50 Columbia Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.

Eversource Representative – Hannah - presented the petition for the grant of location. She stated that it was to provide temporary service for the construction of the new high school.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the grant of location and Council Feltner seconded.

Councilor Feltner asked for clarity on whether this conduit is just for temporary service and not the final design for new service.

Hannah responded that this is for temporary service, but was unsure of the final design plans for permanent service. She offered to find and provide that information for the Council.

Councilor Feltner stated that she wasn't against the petition, but wants to be aware if the location will be disturbed more than once for electrical service.

Hannah responded that she didn't believe the location would have to be dug up again, but would be able to provide more information.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote

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Eversource Representative – Hannah - presented the petition for the grant of location.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the grant of location and Council Feltner seconded.

Councilor Feltner asked if it would be possible to have an underground meter control box, and noted that that sidewalk isn't particularly wide. She then asked for clarity on what kind of box it was, the size, and insight from MRWA.

President Sideris replied that Eversource isn't here to answer questions for the MWRA, and are just responsible for the conduit servicing the box.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

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Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the grant of location and Councilor Feltner seconded.

President Sideris asked if the MWRA should be present for the presentation of the petitions.

City Attorney Reich replied that it would have been useful if MRWA was present, but Eversource is acting as the petitioner.

President Sideris replied that Eversource is asking for permission to supply conduit, and he is concerned that MWRA is adding meter boxes in city sidewalks but not actually asking for the right to do so. He asked for City Manager Proakis to follow up with the DPW on the matter.

The motion unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- E. Public Hearing and Vote on an Ordinance to Modify the Hours of Operation of City Buildings

City Manager Proakis presented the Ordinance, and explained that it would change building hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 to 5:00, Tuesday from 8:30 to 7:00, and Fridays 8:30 to 12:30. This is a result from extensive discussions with staff and unions, analysis on foot traffic on Friday afternoons, and common practices in adjoining communities. He continued to say that there the only examples of busy Friday's have been ones in which excise taxes are due, which can be changed, and a few property tax due date over the course of the next few years, which will be addressed.

Angeline Kounelis – 55 Keenan Street – Remarked that when picking dates regarding real estate taxes being due; that they should be pushed to a later date than the first of the month, as opposed to an earlier date in respect to individual's budgets.

Steve Adonisio – 140 Fayette Street – Disclosed that he is a former employee of Watertown, and that he is grateful to see this coming into form as it will go a long way to improve staff morale.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the Ordinance and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Feltner asked how to communicate with staff if people are working different

schedules.

City Manager Proakis replied that the services available for the offices in the corresponding buildings will be available for the duration of when the buildings are open. There may be specific individuals that aren't available at any given time for reasons of sick leave, vacation etc., but the services should be available while the buildings are open. He continued to say that the Inspectional Services team runs an hour earlier due to a large amount of people seeking early morning building permits. He then stated that each department will have hours posted on the website.

Councilor Feltner asked to confirm that there are still Saturday Inspectional Services for code enforcement.

City Manager Proakis replied that that service doesn't exist currently. There was a time when the administration was trying to fill that position, but it could not find any viable employment for that role.

Councilor Palomba asked for clarification on Section C which includes the building Inspector's Office located in the Administration Building will be open an hour earlier but close at 5:00 PM, and how that will correspond to the new hours in the Administration Building.

Deputy Manager Monea replied that it was her understanding that that office would start an hour earlier and end an hour earlier, and that it's located in the Parker Annex.

Councilor Palomba replied that that's fine, but that needs to be corrected and clarified, and that there should be a full court press to get the information out to the public so that there is no confusion.

Deputy Manager Monea responded that the Communications Team is working to ensure that information is out on many facets.

Councilor Palomba stated that there needs to be an amendment to fix the error in the proposed ordinance.

City Manager Proakis replied that they had made an adjustment on the Building Inspectional Offices, but that change was not relayed to KP Law upon them writing the ordinance. He continued to remark that they should change Section C to read that the Building Inspectional hours, located at the Parker Annex, are 7:30 to 4 Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 7:30 to 6 on Tuesday, and 7:30 to 11:30 on Friday.

City Attorney Reich commented that he believes that it was difficult to find language to specifically encompass hours of operation for this specific office in a building which has other offices working different hours. He suggested language to authorize the City Manager to establish that offices specific hours.

President Sideris replied that he didn't believe there should be room for discretion, and that if the purpose of the ordinance is to change hours, then it should explicitly state the appropriate hours.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to amend Section C to read that the building Inspector's Office, located within the Parker Annex, shall continue to be open for the transaction business beginning at 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, and 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Friday and Councilor Feltner seconded.

City Attorney Reich replied that the while the office in question is currently located in the Parker Annex, but could move at some point, and asked if the ordinance should be tied to office location if it should change.

President Sideris expressed concern that the Ordinance is getting muddled, and suggested that it should be tabled for the next meeting to be brought forth with better clarity.

Councilor Piccirilli made said motion and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that it affects the anticipated work schedule for city employees.

President Sideris responded that it is currently confusing, and that the City Attorney is raising other questions regarding multiple departments in multiple buildings.

Councilor Bays echoed the concern raised by Councilor Piccirilli, and suggested to take out the language that specifies the location of offices.

City Attorney remarked that he brought up the issue with respect to the reference, but that he also believes that taking out reference to location will avoid confusion.

Councilor Piccirilli withdrew the amendment motion he previously made, and Councilor Feltner withdrew her second to that motion.

Councilor Piccirilli made a new motion to amend the Ordinance to change Section C to read that the Building Inspector's Office shall continue to be open for the transaction business beginning at 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, and 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Friday and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Feltner remarked that the legal ad didn't mention location but only the change in hours, and agreed that it seemed fair for the employees to move ahead tonight.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the amended Ordinance to modify hours of operation and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gifts of Funds in the Amount totaling \$900.00 from Doug Orifice, Arsenal Financial, Arsenal Yards, and Watertown Savings Bank to offset expenditures related to 2024 June Pride Events

City Manager Proakis thanked the individuals for their generous gifts for the Watertown Pride events.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the gift of funds and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Personnel and Committee on Public Safety Report regarding its meeting on May 7, 2024 - Airasian, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the City Council that the proposed amendment to the Traffic Commission ordinance be brought forward for a first reading with the following changes:

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2. Delete §70.02 (G)
3. Change §70.02 (H) to (G) and reword as “One resident representative of City business/industry appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council for a two-year term.

Councilor Airasian presented the report.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the action item and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Feltner remarked that F could just be four residents of the city representing a broad range which would include city industry. She continued to say that she doesn't consider these groups to be special interests, otherwise business would also be special interests, and expressed a desire to consider pools such as disabilities. She concluded by remarking that she agrees that all appointees be confirmed by the Council and that she appreciates the work done by the Committee.

Councilor Palomba voiced disagreement with the action item as it stands. He agreed with Councilor Feltner in that he thinks the group should be considered four residents and not

have the business industry singled out, and that he actually supports the idea of having one of the residents be from the Bike and Ped Committee. He continued to remark that the Bike and Ped Committee is extremely detail oriented and that they work well with the rest of the departments. He believes that they represent more than just bicyclists, but pedestrians as well, and that that voice needs to be heard. He asked that if the Residents Advisory Committee didn't recommend a member from Bike Ped, that the City Manager may have an opportunity to do so.

City Manager Proakis replied that the RAC is advisory, and that he need not accept their advice if he disagrees.

Councilor Bays voiced that she felt the recommendations felt uneven, and believes that there should be a representative from the Bike and Ped Committee as part of the Traffic Commission because those groups are using the roads more and more as traffic grows. She added that she believes it to be a safety issue in terms of sharing the roads.

Councilor Gannon echoed the concerns for a need of a member of the Bike and Ped Committee to be on the Commission as it is a safety issue. He stated that the City is making large investments to right wrongs of road designs in the past, and that bicyclists and pedestrians should have a strong input on future decision. He suggested that this would be an appropriate topic to go back to committee on the issue to have further discussions and exit with a better vision.

Councilor Feltner asked if the City Engineer is going to be committed to attending the Traffic Commission meetings as well as the Superintendent.

Councilor Piccirilli replied that that is not going to be changed.

Councilor Gannon moved to make an amendment to have a designated member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to be a part of the Commission whether that means to add an additional (5th) member, or that individual be a part of the proposed (4) amount.

Councilor Palomba made a motion that one of the four resident members be a part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

President Sideris asked if that means leaving the business representative out.

Councilor Palomba replied, yes.

City Manager Proakis attempted to clarify the different attachments/versions of the proposed ordinance – Attachment B which included a Bike Ped member, and Attachment E which included three general residents and one business representative.

Councilor Palomba made a motion to approve the Attachment B version of the proposed ordinance and Councilor Bays seconded.

Councilor Gannon withdrew his previous non seconded motion to support Councilor Palomba's motion.

Councilor Piccirilli remarked that the Bike Ped Committee is an anomaly to the rest of the members, and that having a member of one of the appointed bodies to have a designated

right to be selected on an additional body is highly unusual. He stated that, with regard to Attachment B, the issue is that this person will be given a seat on a body to pass laws without Council oversight. He suggested that, if there were to be a member of the Bike and Ped Committee on the Traffic Commission, that it be appointed by the Council, or that the four members of the Commission represent a range of users without having a mandatory member from any group. He concluded that he would not support the motion to approve Attachment B.

Attorney Reich stated that he doesn't believe there to be an issue with a person serving on two committees as these positions are uncompensated ones. He stated that this issue is a policy issue and not one of ethics.

Councilor Airasian remarked that the Bike and Ped Committee has made a tremendous impact in the community, but that they are in fact a special interest group, and to mandate that one sit on the Traffic Commission sets a bad precedent. He continued to state that Transportation Planner sits in their meetings and works with the Department of Development and Planning, whose director sits on the Traffic Commission, which serves as a direct line to express concerns and implement input. He concluded by saying that this particular commission can and will grow, but that he can't support putting a member of the Bike and Ped Committee on the Traffic Commission.

Councilor Izzo agreed with Councilor Airasian. She stated that the proposed ordinance will still include opportunities for everyone to voice opinions on traffic issues, and that the proposed three members of the public could in fact be pedestrians or avid bikers. It doesn't exclude those demographics, but there shouldn't be an automatic seat for someone from that specific group.

Councilor Gardner stated that she doesn't understand why the Bike and Ped Committee is being considered as an advocacy group as they are appointed by the City Manager and a City Board/Committee. She voiced the need to support the opinions of people who travel outside of cars as they are the group that is most at risk. She agreed with Councilor Feltner's suggestions of having four people appointed that have gone through the RAC/City Manager approval process, which would include people of all groups be it business or bicyclists. She concluded by saying that the way the proposed ordinance is written now is unbalanced and she would not support it.

President Sideris stated that he agrees with the notion that the Traffic Commission should be made of four members of the public at large, and that it should not have an automatic seat for bicyclists or business members as there are many other demographics whose opinions could be deemed equally important: blind, disabled, students, etc. He voiced support for having the members go through an RAC and City Manager with Council Confirmation to attempt to make sure all groups are represented.

Councilor Piccirilli echoed that notion, and stated that he could support that, but would not support going back to the original proposal due to fatal flaws.

Councilor Palomba withdrew his motion and Councilor Bays withdrew her second.

Councilor Feltner moved to make a friendly amendment to the Attachment E proposal; delete Section G under 70.02, and have Section F say "four residents of the City representing a broad range of road users including pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists,

motorists, and commercial users appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council for staggered terms of two years each”. Councilor Palomba seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to have a first reading of the proposed amended Traffic Commission Ordinance and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- B. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on May 2, 2024 - Palomba, Chair

Councilor Palomba presented the report.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

9. COMMUNITCATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers for the Watertown Housing Authority

**** See above

- B. Recreation Director Search

City Manager Proakis announced that Peter Centola has officially retired after spending 15 years as Recreation Director, which is in addition to many more years as a teacher and coach. He congratulated Mr. Centola for achieving many amazing accomplishments for Watertown and the Recreation Department alike, and recognized that this will be no small transition. He then stated that the search to fill that position must begin immediately, and asked for a referral to a Council Committee to begin the search.

President Sideris asked for a motion to refer this issue to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Councilor Piccirilli made the motion and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

City Manager Proakis thanked the Council, the Veteran’s Service Officer, the VFW, and all those who participated in a remarkable Memorial Day Weekend. He then announced

the upcoming Watertown Pride events which include the Pride Parade and Topsy Tea Party. He reminded the public of his upcoming zoning presentation, the upcoming Watertown Square Meetings, and the launching of the 311 service. The 311 service will connect the public with a live representative who can answer informational questions, process nonemergency requests, or direct you to the appropriate department.

10. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

Councilor Gardner requested an update on the ARPA allocations, particularly with City allocations, and suggested future updates as well.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba announced the 45th annual meeting and potluck dinner for the Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice, and the Environment Committee, of which he has proudly been serving for 30 years.

Councilor Feltner expressed thanks to the Watertown Savings Bank for their generous participation in the Memorial Day Weekend celebrations.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

Joan Gumbleton – 32 Falmouth Road – Remarked on the previous Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting, specifically regarding the parking meter revenue in contrast to free EV chargers. She stated that it is an unfair burden to tax payers and that adding more spots will only increase the problem. She concluded by asking for a better response to the issues raised in Public Forum from the Council.

13. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion was adopted unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by a vote of ___ for, ___ against, ___ present on June 11, 2024.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

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List of Documents

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3. Grant of Location – Eversource – Bellevue Rd – Item 6C
4. Grant of Location – Eversource – Mount Auburn Street – Item 6D
5. Hours of Operation Ordinance – Item 6E
6. Gift of Funds – Item 7A
7. Committee on Public Safety Report – Item 8A
8. Committee on Climate and Energy Report – Item 8B

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- B. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on May 2, 2024 - Palomba, Chair
9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
- A. HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers for the Watertown Housing Authority
 - B. Recreation Director Search
10. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
12. PUBLIC FORUM

13. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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District D Councilor

CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve the minutes from City Council Meeting May 14, 2024

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to move up and address Item 9A

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve a Grant of Location from Eversource in Pleasant Street to install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #16/78 to the property line. This work is necessary to provide electric service to 20 Seyon Street/10-30 Manley Way. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.



Watertown City Council

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6470

RESOLUTION # 60

2024 – R - 60

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location in Pleasant Street to install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #16/78 to the property line. Said Grant of Location shall be subject to the following recommendations and conditions.

Standard Conditions

1. During construction, uninterrupted pedestrian access (or temporary pedestrian facilities) shall be provided at all times or an appropriate alternative path provided.
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3. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant, and their Contractor, to ensure that and City-Owned and or private utilities, if located within the limits of work should be properly marked and protected during construction activities.

The City of Watertown is not a member of Dig Safe and must be notified separately.

4. The proposed scope of work requires a DPW Street Opening Permit through the Watertown DPW prior to the start of construction.
5. All disturbances to curbing, grass strips, sidewalks, walkways, and roadway surfaces shall be repaired in kind to the satisfaction of the City of Watertown DPW. If any existing sidewalk is proposed to be removed and replaced in full width, the restoration must be completed in accordance with all current ADA, MAAB and City of Watertown standards.
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7. All material stockpiled on roadways and/or roadway shoulders shall be protected with erosion control devices such as silt fence or straw wattles. It will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to remove any sediment that enters the City drainage system as a result of the proposed work.
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9. Public shade trees within and adjacent to the proposed work zone must be protected. The Contractor shall install individual tree protection on any public shade tree that may be impacted and the Contractor shall not stockpile material or equipment within the drip zone of a public shade tree.
10. Contractor shall coordinate with City Health Department on rodent control requirements.

11. An as-built survey shall be performed upon completion of the work and provided to the Department of Public Works.

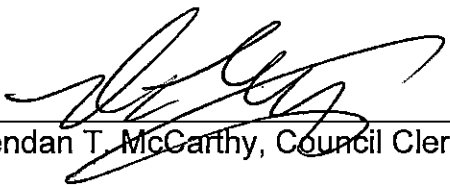
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the petitioner shall deposit sufficient cash surety as determined by the Superintendent of Public Works to be held in escrow until the Superintendent of Public Works is satisfied with the condition of repair and restoration of the street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said petition is forwarded to the City Clerk for processing.

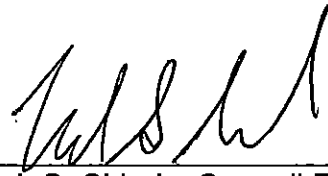


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on May 28, 2024.



Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – EVERSOURCE

**Grant of Location: Pleasant Street
WO # 6619366**

May 14, 2024

Dear Abutters:

The City Council of the City of Watertown will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, 149 Main St., Watertown, MA along with remote opportunities for participation with public access provided as follows:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television):
<http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
- B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online:
<https://watertownma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- C. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
- D. Public may also comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

On a petition from Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations:

Pleasant Street – Install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #16/78 to the property line.

This work is necessary to provide electric service to 20 Seyon Street/10-30 Manley Way. Upon completion of our review, we are submitting the following recommendations and conditions for consideration by the City Council should the Grant of Location be approved for this application. A photo of the location of the proposed work is presented attached to this document.

Standard Conditions

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Please feel free to contact Joanne Callender at 781-314-5054 for any technical questions you may have.

Your participation is not necessary, if you choose not to object to the above petition.

Sincerely,

Watertown City Council

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CITY OF WATERTOWN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
124 ORCHARD STREET
WATERTOWN MA 02472

Gregory M. St. Louis, PE
Superintendent of Public Works

(P) 617-972-6420
(F) 617-972-6402

TYPE: Grant of Location
DATE: April 29, 2024
APPLICANT: Eversource
WORK ORDER: WO# 6619366
LOCATION: Pleasant Street

The City of Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations:

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View of Utility Pole #16/78 from Pleasant Street facing the property at 10-30 Manley Way.



View of Utility Pole #16/78 and associated sidewalk facing east.



180 Calvary Street
Waltham, Ma 02453

December 1, 2022

City Council
City Hall
44 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

RE: Pleasant Street
Watertown, MA
W.O. 66-366

Dear Members of the Council:

The enclosed petition and plan are being presented by the NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for the purpose of obtaining a warrant of location to install approximately 6 feet of conduit in Pleasant Street.

The reason for this work is to provide service to 20 Seyon Street, Waltham.

If you have any further questions, please contact Joanne Callender at 781-344-5053. Our prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Schifone

Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights and Permits

RMS/C
Attachments

**PETITION OF NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR
LOCATION FOR CONDUITS
AND MANHOLES**

To the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents **NSTAR ELECTRIC Company d/b/a Eversource Energy** a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that, after due notice and hearing as provided by law, the council may by Order grant to your petitioner permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes to be located, substantially as shown on the plan made by **T. Thibault, dated December 9, 2022,** and filed herewith, under the following public way or ways of said City:

**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Pleasant Street - Northerly from pole 16/78, approximately 950 feet east of
Seyon Street, install approximately 6 feet of conduit.**

WO# 6619366

BY *Richard M. Schifone*
Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights & Permits

Dated this 9 day of December 2022

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____ 2022

ORDER FOR LOCATION FOR CONDUITS AND MANHOLES
City of WATERTOWN

WHEREAS, **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** has petitioned for permission to construct a line for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power under the public way or ways of the City thereafter specified, and notice has been given and a hearing held on said petition as provided by law.

It is ORDERED that **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** be and hereby is granted permission to construct and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein under the following public way or ways of said City:

Pleasant Street - Northerly from pole 16/78, approximately 950 feet east of Seyon Street, install approximately 6 feet of conduit.

WO# 6619366

All construction work under this Order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Conduits and manholes shall be located as shown on the plan made by **T. Thibault, dated December 9, 2022**, on the file with said petition.
2. Said company shall comply with the requirements of existing by-laws and such as may hereafter be adopted governing the construction and maintenance of conduits and manholes.
3. All work shall be done to the satisfaction of the city council or such officer or officers as it may appoint to supervise the work.

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City Council
the City of
WATERTOWN

CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted after due notice and a public hearing as prescribed by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, to wit:-after written notice of the time and place of the hearing mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing by the council to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way or ways upon, along or across which the line is to be constructed under said Order, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, and a public hearing held on the _____ day of _____ 2022 at _____ in said City.

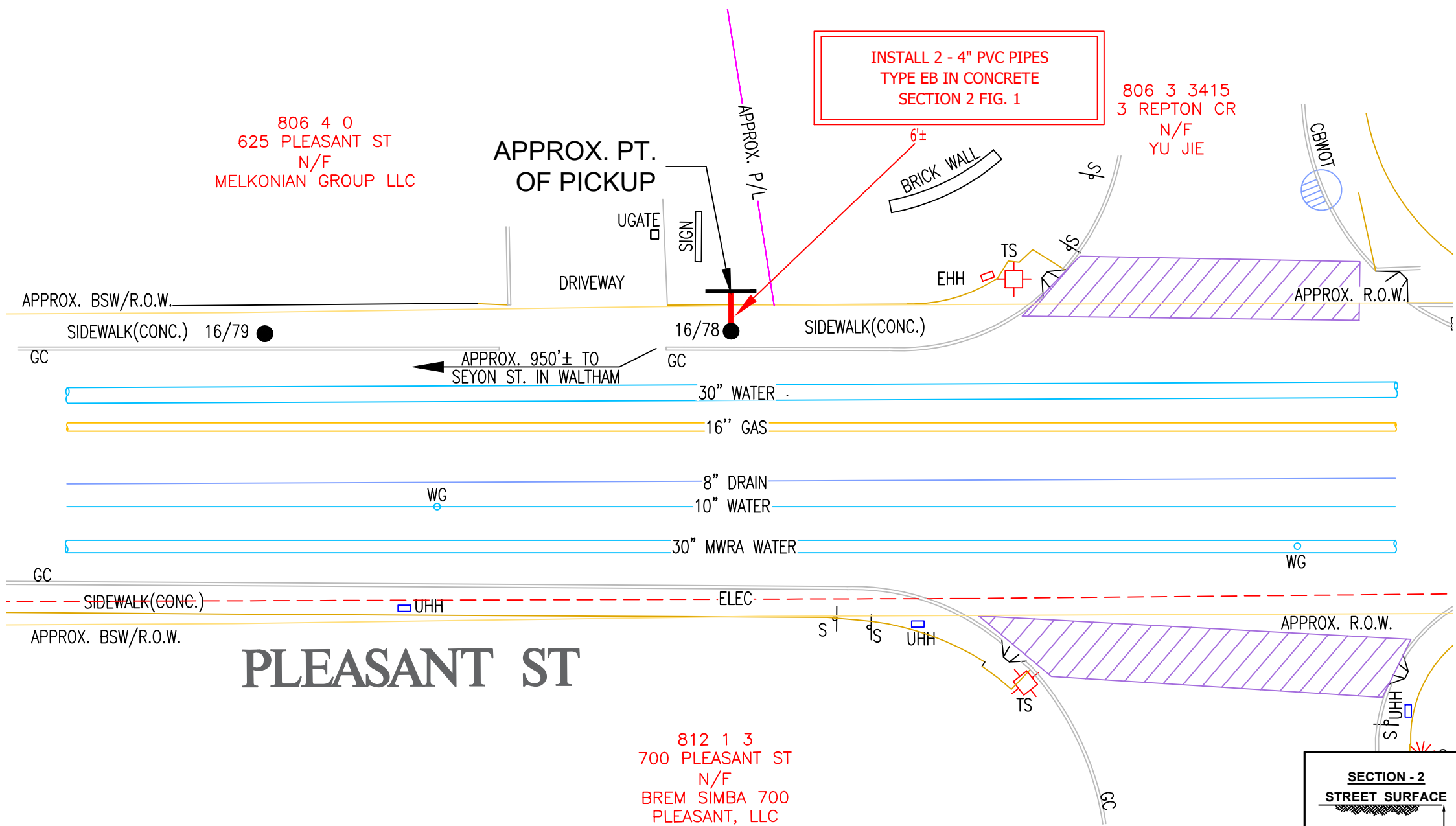
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City Council
the City of
WATERTOWN

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Order of the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts, duly adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2022 and recorded with the records of location Orders of said Town, Book _____, Page _____ and of the certificate of notice of hearing thereon required by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter.Ed.) and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, as the same appear of record.

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts



PLEASANT ST

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700 PLEASANT ST
N/F
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PLEASANT, LLC

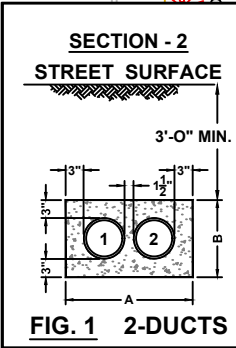
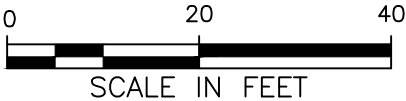


FIG	4" Ducts		5" Ducts		6" Ducts	
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1	16 1/2"	10 1/2"	18 1/2"	11 1/2"	21"	12 1/2"
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MASS. LAW
REQUIRES 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE TO UTILITY COMPANIES
BEFORE DIGGING BY ANYONE. CALL DIG-SAFE 1-888-344-7233

C#	326-22
Ward #	
Work Order #	6619366
Surveyed by:	GR/SJ
Research by:	GR
Plotted by:	GR
Proposed Structures:	GR
Approved:	T THIBAUT
P#	

NSTAR EVERSOURCE
ELECTRIC
d/b/a
1165 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125

Plan of	#20 SEYON ST
	WATERTOWN
Showing	PROPOSED CONDUIT LOCATION
Scale	1"=20'
Date	DECEMBER 9, 2022
SHEET	1 of 1

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve a Grant of Location from Eversource in Barnard Avenue to install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #31/4 to the property line of 50 Columbia Street, and install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #31/5 to the property line of 50 Columbia Street. This work is necessary to provide electric service to Watertown High School at 50 Columbia Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.



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RESOLUTION # 61

2024 – R - 61

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location in Barnard Avenue to install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #31/4 to the property line of 50 Columbia Street, and to install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #31/5 to the property line of 50 Columbia Street. Said Grant of Location shall be subject to the following recommendations and conditions.

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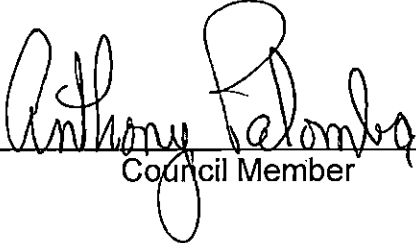
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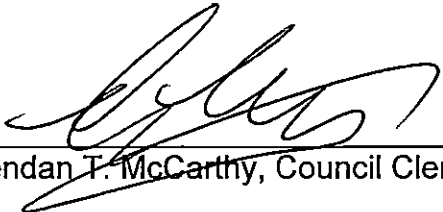
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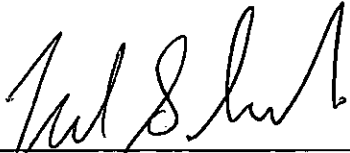


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – EVERSOURCE

**Grant of Location: Barnard Avenue
WO # 14052803**

May 14, 2024

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On a petition from Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations:

Barnard Avenue – Install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #31/4 to the property line of 50 Columbia Street.

Barnard Avenue – Install and maintain approximately 6 linear feet of conduit from pole #31/5 to the property line of 50 Columbia Street.

This work is necessary to provide electric service to Watertown High School at 50 Columbia Street. Upon completion of our review, we are submitting the following recommendations and conditions for consideration by the City Council should the Grant of Location be approved for this application. A photo of the location of the proposed work is presented attached to this document.

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WATERTOWN MA 02472

Gregory M. St. Louis, PE
Superintendent of Public Works

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(F) 617-972-6402

TYPE: Grant of Location
DATE: April 29, 2024
APPLICANT: Eversource
WORK ORDER: WO#14052803
LOCATION: Barnard Avenue

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View of UP#31/4 facing 50 Columbia Street where conduit is proposed to be installed.



View of UP#31/5 facing 50 Columbia Street where conduit is proposed to be installed.



View of Barnard Avenue from UP#31/4 facing north.



View of Barnard Avenue from UP#31/5 facing south.



180 Calvary Street
Waltham, Ma 02453

March 14, 2024

City Council
City Hall
141 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

RE: Columbia Street
Watertown, MA
W.O. 14052103

Dear Members of the Council:

The enclosed petition and plan are being presented by the NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for the purpose of obtaining a warrant of location to install approximately 12 feet of conduit in Barnard Avenue.

The reason for this work is to provide temporary service for the construction at Watertown High School.

If you have any further questions, please contact Joanne Callender at 781-344-5054. Our prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Schifone

Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights and Permits

RMS/C
Attachments

**PETITION OF NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR
LOCATION FOR CONDUITS
AND MANHOLES**

To the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents **NSTAR ELECTRIC Company d/b/a Eversource Energy** a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that, after due notice and hearing as provided by law, the council may by Order grant to your petitioner permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes to be located, substantially as shown on the plan made by **K. Rice, dated January 12, 2024**, and filed herewith, under the following public way or ways of said City:

**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Barnard Avenue -

Westerly from pole 31/4, approximately 180 feet south of Columbia Street, install approximately 6 feet of conduit.

Westerly from pole 31/5, approximately 120 feet south of Columbia Street, install approximately 6 feet of conduit.

WO#14052803

BY *Richard M. Schifone*
Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
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Dated this 14th day of March 2024

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____ 2024

ORDER FOR LOCATION FOR CONDUITS AND MANHOLES
City of WATERTOWN

WHEREAS, **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** has petitioned for permission to construct a line for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power under the public way or ways of the City thereafter specified, and notice has been given and a hearing held on said petition as provided by law.

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WO#14052803

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3. All work shall be done to the satisfaction of the city council or such officer or officers as it may appoint to supervise the work.

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2		City Council
3		the City of
4		WATERTOWN
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CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted after due notice and a public hearing as prescribed by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, to wit: after written notice of the time and place of the hearing mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing by the council to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way or ways upon, along or across which the line is to be constructed under said Order, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, and a public hearing held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 at _____ in said City.

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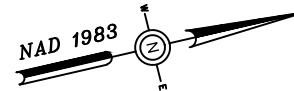
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Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts

31/3?



1101 1 0
50 COLUMBIA ST
WATERTOWN
N/F
WATERTOWN, TOWN OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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EOP

31/4?

EOP

31/5?

CONC SIDEWALK

GRANITE CURB

BARNARD AVE

APPROX. 120'±
TO COLUMBIA ST

CUSTOMER TO INSTALL
1-5" PVC PIPES
TYPE EB IN CONCRETE
SECTION 1 FIG. 1 TOT = 12'±

EOP

LANDSCAPE AREA

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SECTION - 1

STREET SURFACEAPPROX. DEPTH
2'-6"

SECTION OF PROPOSED LINE

1-IRON PIPE OR
1-PVC CONDUIT (SCH.40)
OR 1-FIBRE DUCT

FIGURE - 1

1102 5 1
17 19 BROADWAY
WATERTOWN
N/F
LOPEZ JAMES A TRUSTEE

1102 6Y 0
31 BROADWAY
WATERTOWN
N/F
REEVES JAMES
EISNER ET

1102 1X 0
14 COLUMBIA ST
WATERTOWN
N/F
NASCIMENTO NIA M

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MASS. LAW

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C#

Ward #

Work Order # 14052803

Surveyed by: N/A

Research by: GR

Plotted by: LM

Proposed Structures: LM

Approved: K RICE

P#

NSTAR
ELECTRIC
d/b/a

1165 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125

Plan of COLUMBIA ST.
WATERTOWN

Showing PROPOSED CUSTOMER CONDUIT LOCATION

Scale 1"=20' Date JANUARY 12, 2024

SHEET 1 of 1

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve a Grant of Location from Eversource in Bellevue Road to install and maintain approximately 15 linear feet of conduit from pole #12/11 to a new MWRA meter control box. This work is necessary to provide electric service to a MWRA meter control box. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application



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RESOLUTION # 62

2024 – R - 62

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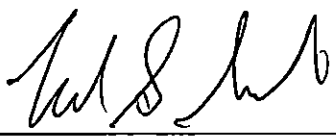
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CITY OF WATERTOWN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
124 ORCHARD STREET
WATERTOWN MA 02472

Gregory M. St. Louis, PE
Superintendent of Public Works

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TYPE: Grant of Location
DATE: April 29, 2024
APPLICANT: Eversource
WORK ORDER: WO# 15630860
LOCATION: Bellevue Road

The City of Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location for the following installations:

- **Bellevue Road – Install and maintain approximately 15 linear feet of conduit from pole #12/11 to a new MWRA meter control box.**

This work is necessary to provide electric service to a MWRA meter control box. Upon completion of our review, we are submitting the following recommendations and conditions for consideration by the City Council should the Grant of Location be approved for this application. A photo of the location of the proposed work is presented attached to this document.

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View of utility pole #12/11 and work areap on the corner of Bellevue Road and Common Street facing north.



View of utility pole #12/11 on the corner of Bellevue Road and Common Street facing north.



180 Calvary Street
Waltham, Ma 02453

February 13, 2024

City Council
City Hall
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

RE: Bellevue Road
Watertown, MA
W.O.# 15630860

Dear Members of the Council:

The enclosed petition and plan are being presented by the NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for the purpose of obtaining a Grant of Location to install approximately 15 feet of conduit in Bellevue Road.

The reason for this work is to provide service for a MWRA meter control box.

If you have any further questions, please contact Joanne Callender at 781-314-5054. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Schifone

Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights and Permits

RMS/HC
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**PETITION OF NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR
LOCATION FOR CONDUITS
AND MANHOLES**

To the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents **NSTAR ELECTRIC Company d/b/a Eversource Energy** a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that, after due notice and hearing as provided by law, the council may by Order grant to your petitioner permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes to be located, substantially as shown on the plan made by **K. Rice, dated February 6, 2024**, and filed herewith, under the following public way or ways of said City:

**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Bellevue Road - Northwesternly from pole 12/11, at the intersection of
Bellevue Road and Common Street, install
approximately 15 feet of conduit.**

WO#15630860

BY *Richard M. Schifone*
Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights & Permits

Dated this 13 day of February 2024

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____ 2024

ORDER FOR LOCATION FOR CONDUITS AND MANHOLES
City of WATERTOWN

WHEREAS, **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** has petitioned for permission to construct a line for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power under the public way or ways of the City thereafter specified, and notice has been given and a hearing held on said petition as provided by law.

It is ORDERED that **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** be and hereby is granted permission to construct and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein under the following public way or ways of said City:

Bellevue Road - Northwesterly from pole 12/11, at the intersection of Bellevue Road and Common Street, install approximately 15 feet of conduit.

WO#15630860

All construction work under this Order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Conduits and manholes shall be located as shown on the plan made by **K. Rice, dated February 6, 2024,** on the file with said petition.
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4	_____	WATERTOWN
5	_____	

CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted after due notice and a public hearing as prescribed by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, to wit:-after written notice of the time and place of the hearing mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing by the council to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way or ways upon, along or across which the line is to be constructed under said Order, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, and a public hearing held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 at _____ in said City.

1	_____	
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3	_____	the City of
4	_____	WATERTOWN
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Order of the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts, duly adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and recorded with the records of location Orders of said Town, Book _____, Page _____ and of the certificate of notice of hearing thereon required by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter.Ed.) and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, as the same appear of record.

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts

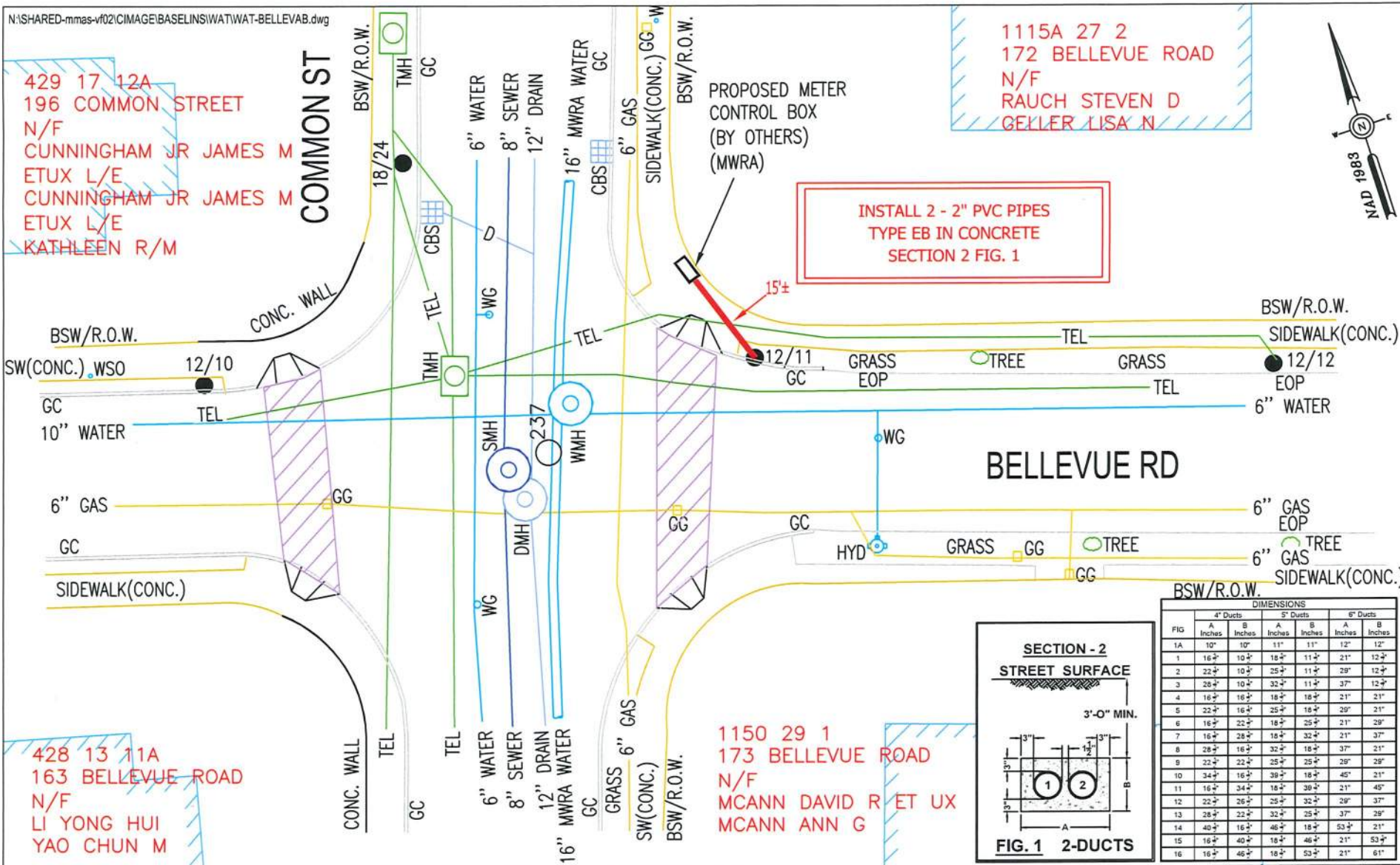


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3	28"	10"	32"	11"	37"	12"
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MASS. LAW

REQUIRES 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE TO UTILITY COMPANIES BEFORE DIGGING BY ANYONE. CALL DIG-SAFE 1-888-344-7233

C# 38-24
Ward #
Work Order # 15630860
Surveyed by: SJ/GR
Research by: GR
Plotted by: SJ
Proposed Structures: SJ
Approved: K. RICE
P#

NSTAR EVERSOURCE ELECTRIC d/b/a 1165 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125	
Plan of BELLEVUE ROAD @ COMMON STREET	
WATERTOWN	
Showing PROPOSED CONDUIT LOCATION	
Scale 1"=20'	Date FEBRUARY 6, 2024
SHEET 1 of 1	

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X (VIA ZOOM) </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X (VIA ZOOM) </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to approve a Grant of Location from Eversource in Mount Auburn Street to install and maintain approximately 55 linear feet of conduit from manhole MH13490 at the intersection of Irving Street and Mount Auburn Street to a new MWRA meter pedestal. This work is necessary to provide electric service to an MWRA pedestal in front of 111 Mount Auburn Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application.



Watertown City Council

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6470

RESOLUTION # 63

2024 – R - 63

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location in Mount Auburn Street to install and maintain approximately 55 linear feet of conduit from manhole MH13490 at the intersection of Irving Street and Mount Auburn Street to a new MWRA meter pedestal. Said Grant of Location shall be subject to the following recommendations and conditions.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the petitioner shall deposit sufficient cash surety as determined by the Superintendent of Public Works to be held in escrow until the Superintendent of Public Works is satisfied with the condition of repair and restoration of the street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said petition is forwarded to the City Clerk for processing.



Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, and 0 present on May 28, 2024.



Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – EVERSOURCE

Grant of Location: Mount Auburn Street

WO # 15665886

May 14, 2024

Dear Abutters:

The City Council of the City of Watertown will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, 149 Main St., Watertown, MA along with remote opportunities for participation with public access provided as follows:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television):
<http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>
- B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online:
<https://watertownma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- C. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
- D. Public may also comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

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Please feel free to contact Joanne Callender at 781-314-5054 for any technical questions you may have.

Your participation is not necessary, if you choose not to object to the above petition.

Sincerely,

Watertown City Council

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View of MH13490 and the intersection of Irving Street and Mount Auburn Street facing northeast where new conduit is proposed to be installed.



View of approximate location of the MWRA meter pedestal facing 111 Mount Auburn Street where service is proposed.



View of the intersection of Irving Street and Mount Auburn Street from the approximate location of the MWRA meter pedestal facing southwest.



180 Calvary Street
Waltham, Ma 02453

March 14, 2024

City Council
City Hall
141 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

RE: Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, MA
W.O. 1566516

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**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Mount Auburn Street - Easterly from manhole MH13490, at the intersection of Irving Street and Mount Auburn Street, install approximately 55 feet of conduit.

WO#15665886

BY *Richard M. Schifone*
Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights & Permits

Dated this 14th day of March 2024

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____ 2024

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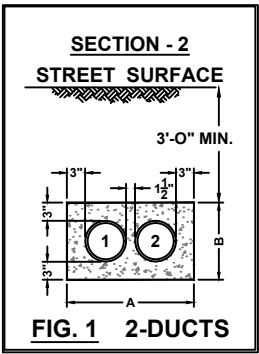
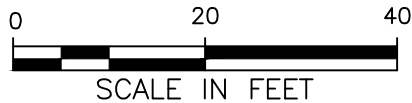
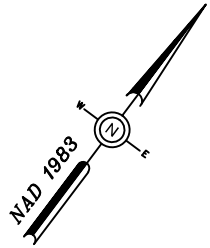
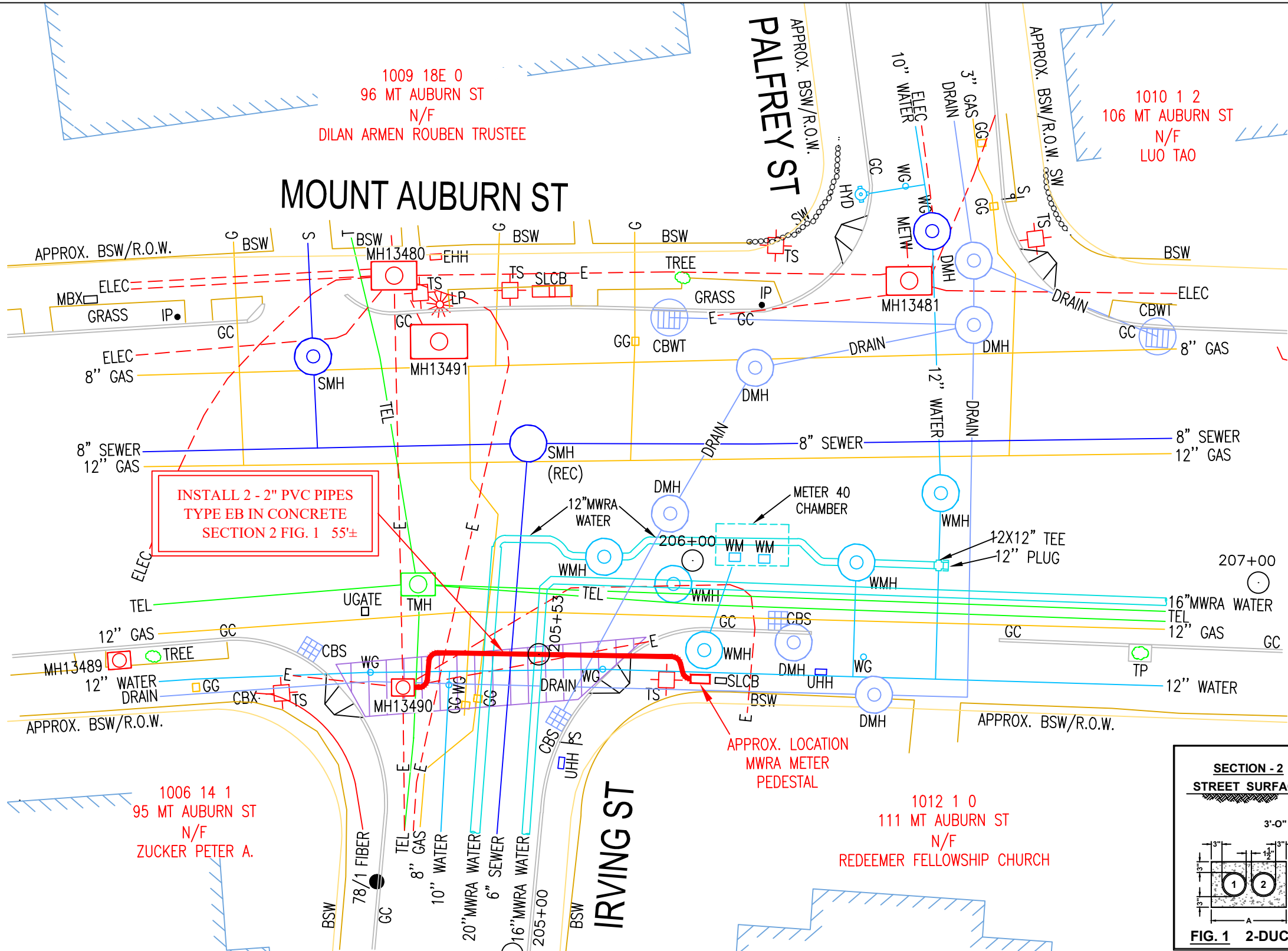


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MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

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Motion to amend the Hours of Operation Ordinance to change Section C to read that the Building Inspector's Office shall continue to be open for the transaction business beginning at 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, and 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Friday

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Motion to approve the Amended Hours of Operation Ordinance



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ORDINANCE # 64

2024-O- 64

AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY HOURS OF OPERATION OF CITY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 30, § 30.03 of the City of Watertown Code of Ordinances addresses the hours of operation for all offices in the Administration Building; and,

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WHEREAS, the City Manager seeks to standardize operating hours for the Administration Building and as well as the City-owned Parker Annex and Senior Center buildings for the benefit of both City personnel and the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that Chapter 30, § 30.03 of the City of Watertown Code of Ordinances is amended by deleting the language contained in this section in its entirety and replacing it with the following language:

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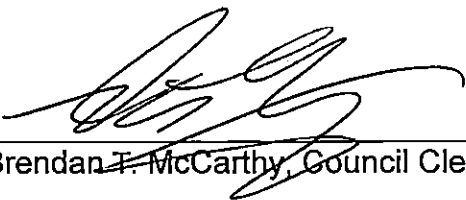
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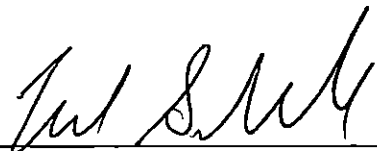
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Council Member

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: May 6, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Hours of Operation of City Buildings

As a follow up to an item that I introduced during the Communications from the City Manager at the March 12, 2024 City Council Meeting regarding City Hall, Parker Annex and Senior Center modified hours of operation, attached please find a draft ordinance for your review.

The Committee on Personnel and City Organization met on Thursday, April 18th regarding the above mentioned matter. At that meeting, the Committee voted to recommend the City Council approve the proposed change to a year round short Friday / extended Tuesday schedule for employees in City Hall, Parker Annex, and the Senior Center.

If the Honorable City Council adopts the Committee on Personnel and City Organization recommendation, I respectfully request a First Reading on Proposed Ordinance to Modify Hours of Operation of City Buildings be placed on the May 14, 2024 City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and favorable action on this matter.

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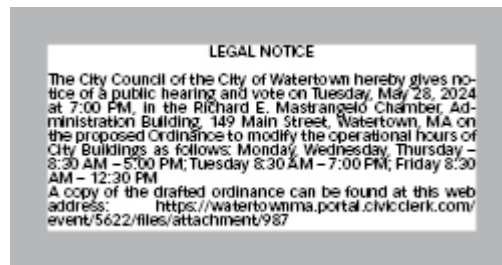
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Motion to approve the Acceptance of Gifts of Funds in the Amount totaling \$900.00 from Doug Orifice, Arsenal Financial, Arsenal Yards, and Watertown Savings Bank to offset expenditures related to 2024 June Pride Events



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RESOLUTION # 65

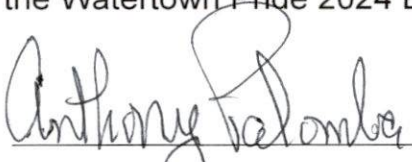
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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GIFTS OF FUNDS

WHEREAS: From time to time, this community is the beneficiary of a gift donated towards improving the quality and spirit of its inhabitants' lives; and

WHEREAS: Generous donations from Doug Orifice, Arsenal Financial, Arsenal Yards and Watertown Savings Bank, totaling \$900.00 to offset expenditures related to the Watertown Pride 2024 event on June 2nd Loud Proud Island-Bound Parade and Festival at Saltonstall Park and on June 23rd Topsy Tea Party at the Commander's Mansion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of Watertown, hereby accepts and appropriates, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, monetary gifts totaling \$900.00 received to offset expenditures related to the Watertown Pride 2024 Events.


Council Member

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: May 23, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Approval and Acceptance of Gifts of Funds and Expenditures

I am pleased to inform you that we received generous donations totaling \$900.00 to offset expenditures related to the Watertown Pride 2024 events that take place in June 2024. The Watertown Pride events lineup includes the June 2nd Loud Proud Island-Bound Parade and Festival at Saltonstall Park and on June 23rd Tipsy Tea Party at the Commander's Mansion.

The donations are as follows:

- Doug Orifice, Arsenal Financial \$200.00
- Arsenal Yards \$500.00
- Watertown Savings Bank \$200.00

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, any expenditure of gifts of funds needs the approval and acceptance of the City Manager and City Council.

I respectfully request the attached Resolution approving these gifts of funds and expenditures be placed on the May 28, 2024, City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and action on this matter.

Resolution #

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Resolution approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds

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Motion to accept the Committee on Public Safety Report from May 7, 2024

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to Delete section G under 70.02 and have Section F read “four residents of the City representing a broad range of road users including pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists, motorists, and commercial users appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council for staggered terms of two years each” on the Proposed Ordinance

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Motion to have a First Reading on the Amended Proposed Ordinance of the Traffic Commission



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Report of the Committee on Public Safety Meeting Date: May 7, 2024

The Committee convened on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber as a hybrid meeting with remote participation by zoom. Present were John Airasian, chair; Emily Izzo, vice chair; and Vincent Piccirilli, secretary, and City Manager George Proakis. Also present were Dennis Holland, Dean Martino, Fire Chief Ryan Nicholson, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee member Thomas Floros. Present by zoom were Angie Kounelis, Josh Rosmarin, and Elodia Thomas.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed amendment to the Traffic Commission Ordinance (current ordinance is attachment A, proposed amendment is attachment B).

Mr. Proakis discussed the amendment that he proposed, with a presentation explaining the four key changes (attachment C):

1. Allows the Commission to select their chair, instead of the Police Chief being specified by ordinance.
2. Provides administrative flexibility for the Commission's administrative support system, instead of the Commission appointing its own secretary.
3. Adds two more resident members to the Commission, for a total of 4.
4. Assigns one of the new positions to be a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

Key points of the discussion that followed:

- a. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee is an anomaly in that they are appointed by the Manager, but not confirmed by the City Council, providing no Council oversight.
- b. The Traffic Commission votes to implement traffic laws, subject to approval by the Manager, so under this proposed amendment, a Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee member would become a voting member of a body that implements laws, without confirmation of the City Council.
- c. KP Law and the Department of Community Development and Planning helped draft the proposed amendment, without considering that this new Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee member under §70.02 (G) should be confirmed by the City Council.

Next the chair opened public comments:

- Dean Martino did not support having a Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee member added, saying they are a special interest group, and leave it to experts on traffic.
- Dennis Holland did not support having a Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee member added, saying they are a special interest group, and said leave the Traffic Commission as is.
- Thomas Floros submitted an email, which has the full text of his comments, and asked that the proposed amendment be approved, to help improve road safety for all users.

- Angie Kounelis submitted an email, which has the full text of her comments. She does not support adding a member of an advocacy group to the Traffic Commission.
- Josh Rosmarin spoke in favor of adding a Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee member, saying it's in line with our Comprehensive Plan, and our Vision Zero goal.
- Elodia Thomas spoke against the change. She said the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee can weigh in on traffic changes through the Transportation Planner who is their liaison. In addition, she said they only represent bicycle issues, not pedestrian issues.
- Dean Martino spoke about the growing concerns with electric scooters, and can they be regulated.

Councilor Piccirilli read emails that were received (attachment D):

- Hannah Rakoff was for the proposed amendment.
- Jamie Burke was for the proposed amendment.
- Angie Kounelis was against the proposed amendment.
- Linda Scott was against the proposed amendment (received after comments closed, not read).

After the public comments were closed, the Committee discussed the four elements of the proposed amendment.

1. §70.04(A) Selection of Chair: It is rare to have an ordinance specify the chair, and under state law public bodies can select their own chair. In most cities the DPW Superintendent is the chair. The Committee unanimously agreed that this change made sense as proposed.
2. §70.04(B) & (C) Administrative Support: The current ordinance has the Commission select its own secretary. The Committee unanimously agreed that this change made sense as proposed.
3. §70.02 (F), (G), (H) Increasing the number of resident members to 4: Councilor Piccirilli said this was consistent with our Complete Streets policy, and the discussion has been going on a long time about increasing resident representation on the Commission. Councilor Airasian said the Commission was working well as is, but understands the city is growing and has no issue adding additional residents. Councilor Izzo said having more residents would allow having a broader range of interests represented on the Commission. The Committee unanimously agreed that it made sense to increase it to four residents, but the composition needs to be discussed with the next change.
4. §70.02 (G) Designate one member to be a member of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee:
 - Councilor Piccirilli was uncomfortable with the way this was worded, and suggested that (G) be reworded to be appointed by the Manager and confirmed by the City Council, or alternatively, (F), (G) and (H) be collapsed into one paragraph that appoints 4 residents that represent all road users – pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, and commercial users.
 - Councilor Izzo prefers to leave (H) as is, delete (G), and change (F) to appoint 3 residents with a range of interests about traffic issues.
 - Councilor Airasian agreed with Councilor Izzo's proposal, and prefers not to have a Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee member called out in the ordinance, and to keep (H) the business representative.
 - The Committee concurred with Councilor Izzo's and Airasian's approach.
 - Mr. Proakis stated that if these changes were made, there is nothing that would prevent a member of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee from applying for a position on the Traffic Commission, however the Residents Advisory Committee would make a recommendation if they thought it was appropriate to be appointed. He will check with KP Law to confirm proposed changes are acceptable.

- ➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Izzo, to recommend to the City Council that the proposed amendment to the Traffic Commission ordinance be brought forward for a first reading with the following changes:
1. Change §70.02 (F) to “Three residents of the City, representing a broad range of road users including pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists and motorists, appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council for staggered terms of two years each.”
 2. Delete §70.02 (G)
 3. Change §70.02 (H) to (G) and reword as “One resident representative of City business/industry appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council for a two-year term.
- Voted 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Note: The proposed amendment to the Traffic Commission Ordinance as amended by the Committee was reviewed by KP Law and is attachment E.

Report prepared by Vincent Piccirilli

Attachments:

- A. Current Traffic Commission Ordinance Chapter 70 May 24, 2011
- B. Proposed Traffic Commission Ordinance Amendment January 23, 2024
- C. Proakis Traffic Commission Presentation
- D. Emails from the public
- E. Proposed amendment to the Traffic Commission Ordinance as amended

Chapter 70**TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

§ 70.01.	Established.	§ 70.05.	Duties and responsibilities.
§ 70.02.	Membership.	§ 70.06.	Procedures.
§ 70.03.	Compensation.	§ 70.07.	Meetings.
§ 70.04.	Officers.		

§ 70.01. Established. [1982 Code, Ch. XI, § 1; amended Ord. 15, passed 3-13-2001]

A City Traffic Commission is hereby established.

§ 70.02. Membership. [1982 Code, Ch. XI, § 2; amended Ord. 15, passed 3-13-2001 ; amended Ord. O-2011-26, passed 5-24-2011]

The Traffic Commission shall be composed of members as follows:

- (A) Chief of the Police Department.
- (B) Chief of the Fire Department.
- (C) Superintendent of Public Works.
- (D) City Engineer.
- (E) Director of Community Development and Planning or his or her designee.
- (F) Two citizens at large both of whom shall be residents of the City, and one a representative of City industry. These members are appointed by the City Manager and approved by the City Council for staggered terms of two years each.

§ 70.03. Compensation. [1982 Code, Ch. XI, § 3; amended Ord. 15, passed 3-13-2001]

The members of the Traffic Commission shall receive no compensation for their service as commissioners, but all expenses incurred shall be paid by the City out of an appropriation for those services.

§ 70.04. Officers. [1982 Code, Ch. XI, §§ 4 — 5; amended Ord. 15, passed 3-13-2001]

- (A) Chairperson. The Chief of Police shall act as the Chairperson of the Traffic Commission.
- (B) Secretary. The Traffic Commission shall designate a Secretary. The Secretary shall arrange meetings, supply records, obtain data, prepare reports and attend to the other duties as shall be decided by the Traffic Commission.

§ 70.05. Duties and responsibilities. [1982 Code, Ch. XI, § 6; amended Ord. 15, passed 3-13-2001 ;

amended Ord. O-2011-26, passed 5-24-2011]

The Traffic Commission shall suggest and advise the City Manager in ways and means to regulate traffic in the City with a view towards reducing accidents, relieving traffic congestion and increasing safety for cars and alternative modes of transportation. The Commission shall study and make recommendations on road design projects and any proposed addition or deletion of crosswalks, stop signs, traffic signals, signage, parking meters, or parking spaces; and on any proposed traffic calming measures or traffic directional changes.

§ 70.06. Procedures. [1982 Code, Ch. XI, § 7; amended Ord. 15, passed 3-13-2001]

All traffic rules and orders, complaints or suggestions relative to traffic conditions in the City shall first be submitted through the Secretary of the Traffic Commission to that Commission for study and recommendations before being acted on by the City Manager.

§ 70.07. Meetings. [Amended Ord. 15, passed 3-13-2001]

The Traffic Commission shall meet periodically as needed. When an agenda item for a meeting of the Traffic Commission is brought forward by a City resident or directly concerns a City resident, the Traffic Commission shall make every effort to meet after 6:00 p.m. when it deems appropriate due to the nature of the issue or upon request by the petitioners or citizens.

CITY LETTERHEAD

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

ORDINANCE #

2024 – O –

WHEREAS, the City seeks to further define and clarify the membership, leadership, and responsibilities of the Traffic Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of City of Watertown that Title VII, Chapter 70, §§70.02, 70.04, and 70.05 of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, relative to the membership, officers and duties and responsibilities of the Traffic Commission, are hereby amended by deleting said §§70.02, 70.04, and 70.05 in their entirety and replacing those sections with the language as follows:

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- (B) The Chief of the Fire Department or their designee;
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- (D) The City Engineer;
- (E) The Director of the Department of Community Development & Planning or their designee;
- (F) Two residents of the City, appointed by the City Manager and approved by the City Council for staggered terms of two years each;
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§ 70.04 Officers.

- (A) *Chair*. The Traffic Commission shall select one of its members to serve as the chair of the Commission.
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- (C) *Police Liaison*. The Police Chief shall designate a staff person to serve as a liaison to the Commission in a non-voting capacity. The staff liaison shall provide recommendations to the Commission based upon best practices in community policing.

§ 70.05. Duties and Responsibilities.

The Traffic Commission shall suggest and advise the City Manager in ways and means to regulate traffic in the City with a view towards implementing the City's comprehensive plan and complete streets strategies, reducing crashes, addressing traffic congestion, and increasing safety for motor vehicle drivers and passengers, pedestrians, bicyclists and users of alternative modes of transportation. The Commission shall study and make recommendations on road design projects and any proposed addition or deletion of crosswalks, stop signs, traffic signals, signage, parking meters or parking spaces, as well as on any proposed traffic calming measures or traffic directional changes.

Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Ordinance was adopted by a vote of ____ for and ____ against on _____, 2024.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

Brendan McCarthy, Council Clerk



City of Watertown Traffic Commission Ordinance: Introduction May 7, 2024

Traffic Commission Ordinance

The proposed ordinance contemplates four different changes to the composition of the Traffic Commission.

While the four items work together, each of them has their own individual benefits.

A word about the Administrative Code

A few items to note:

- At the start of this fiscal year, the Honorable City Council committed funds in the City Manager's budget to undertake a permanent, organized Administrative Code
- The Administrative Code sits between the City Charter and the other ordinances, and establishes how city government is organized
- This will include all city boards and commissions put in one organized location in our city ordinance, making it easier to understand the purpose of the board, membership, appointment process, etc.

A few items to note . . .

- I advanced the Traffic Commission ordinance to the City Council ahead of the Administrative Code, as there is more substance to this change, and it deserves separate conversations
- This proposal originated from my own efforts to align the Traffic Commission with our operational priorities and the comprehensive plan
- The information in this presentation is intended to supplement the proposed ordinance, providing more perspective on this strategy

Traffic Commission Ordinance: Four Items

- Allows the Commission to select their chair
- Provides administrative flexibility the Commission's administrative support system
- Adds two more members to the Commission
- Assigns one of the new positions to be a liaison from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Selection of the Chair

- The proposal allows the police chief to serve on the Commission without requiring that they chair the Commission
- The chief position is a very busy position with many responsibilities
- Boards and Commissions can often benefit from a change in chair on occasion
- Public members cannot currently serve as chair, but this would allow them to do so

Flexibility in Administrative Support

- Currently, a sergeant in the police department works to both staff the Commission and provide technical recommendations
- The proposal allows for flexibility to split these roles, while specifically ensuring that police department's technical recommendations are provided to the Commission

Addition of Two Members

Current Membership:

- Police Chief
- Fire Chief
- Assistant City Manager for CDP
- DPW Superintendent
- City Engineer
- Business representative
- Resident representative

Addition of Two Members

- Currently, the Traffic Commission is unique in that a supermajority of the members are appointed in their roles as City employees
- Two members of the public currently serve on the Commission. Both are appointed by the City Manager, and one is specified as a representative of the business community
- More voices from the public will ensure that a higher proportion of the members of the Commission are Watertown residents.

Ped/Bike Representative to the Commission

- As proposed, one of the two new members would be a representative from the Bike/Ped Committee, chosen by the Committee from amongst their membership
- This position would serve to further represent the perspective of vulnerable road users in Watertown
- This strategy is consistent with the implementation of a substantial portion of the Comprehensive Plan that focuses on implementation of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

Comprehensive Plan

- 4A: “Implement the mobility-related plans including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan”
- 4B: “Adopt multimodal policy goals and metrics, including for specific street types”
- 4C: “Develop a Vision Zero policy at the municipal level”
- 4J: “Prioritize and implement pedestrian and bicycle network improvements.”
- 4K: “Improve safety and comfort levels for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially in the squares and along major corridors”

Traffic Commission Ordinance: Four Items

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Thank You

Comment for Public Safety Committee meeting tonight, May 7

hannah.rakoff@yahoo.com <hannah.rakoff@yahoo.com>

Tue 5/7/2024 6:04 AM

To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilor Piccirilli (Vinnie),

I strongly support the proposed amendment to the ordinance governing the Traffic Commission. It is time to bring more voices, as well as representation of more modes of travel, onto this important commission. Allowing the Commission to elect its own chair also correctly represents the fact that not only is traffic not solely a police matter, but the police chief's time should not necessarily be required to be spent on that administrative task.

I urge the committee to advance this ordinance to the full Council for final vote.

Hannah Rakoff
87 Spruce Street

Resident in favor of Amendment to Traffic Commission Ordinance

Jamie Burke <jmeburke@gmail.com>

Tue 5/7/2024 5:41 PM

To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors Piccirilli, Izzo, and Airasian,

I'm Jamie Burke, and I live at 18 Pine St in Watertown. I'm the current chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, but I'm writing today as a resident to express my support for the amendments to the Traffic Commission Ordinance--specifically, the change to add a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to the Traffic Commission.

All too often, I think people try to make a distinction between those on bikes, drivers, and pedestrians—but the truth is that there isn't one. No matter our mode of transit, we're all people who want to get to where we're going safely. Roads and rules that are designed with all of us in mind make all of us safer, too. Adding a member of the Bike-Ped Committee to the Traffic Commission can help bring the expertise of someone who is well-versed in multi-modal transit issues to the Commission and help ensure that road design and enforcement make our streets safer for everyone.

I also believe that this change is essential to both reaching the City's recent commitment to Vision Zero in the latest Comprehensive Plan, as well as its Climate goals to reduce car dependence in Watertown. Moving this amendment forward will be a major step in demonstrating the City's true commitment to those goals and will show that Watertown is a city that prioritizes the safety and needs of all of its residents equally.

Best,
Jamie Burke

Traffic Commission Ordinance

Angeline Kounelis <akounelis12@gmail.com>

Mon 5/6/2024 8:01 PM

To: John Airasian <jairasian@watertown-ma.gov>; Izzo, Emily <eizzo@watertown-ma.gov>; Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>
Cc: City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

 2 attachments (227 KB)

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Dear Committee on Public Safety:

Attn: City Councilors John M. Airasian, Chair; Emily Izzo, Vice Chair; and Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Sec.

RE: Tuesday, 05/07/2024 Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Discussion - Amendment to the Traffic Commission Ordinance

Herein, I reiterate my statement, with attachments, as read into the record at the First Public Forum of the 01/23/2024 City Council Meeting. On 01/22/2024, my opinions were also discussed with Councilor Caroline Bays.

I offer additional comments and emphasis as follows:

1. Membership of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is comprised of like-minded individuals in joint efforts to support bicyclists. I see no commitment to protect me, as an elder pedestrian, by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

Members

Nine members; appointed by City Manager

"The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee works to promote non-motorized transportation in Watertown. The primary activities of the Committee are advocacy for the interests of bicyclists and pedestrians in road construction projects; sponsorship and organization of special bicycling events; advocacy for improved bicycle parking facilities; promotion of commuting alternatives; and providing relevant materials, both online and printed, for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists."

2. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee already has a great deal of "influence". Make note of the fact that the Committee has a Staff Liaison within the DCDP; overseen by Steve Magoon, who currently serves on the Traffic Commission

Staff Liaison

Zeke Mermell, Transportation Planner, Community Development and Planning

3. At the 02/05/2024 Bike/Ped Committee Meeting, Zeke Mermell stated that City Mgr. George Proakis sent a "memo" to the Bike/Ped Committee to suggest a voting position at the Traffic Commission table.

To view the discussion, as recorded by WCA-TV, advance to the -28:14 to -18:12 hour markers in the link, as follows:

<http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/2998?site=3>

4. Excerpts of statements by Mr. Mermell at the 02/05/2024 meeting, used to recruit a member to serve, are as follows:

- a. "Advocate for issues that you care about"
- b. "A voice and voting member...at such a table that makes major decisions"
- c. "City initiative...big priority"
- d. "Link to [Bike/Ped] Comm."
- e. "Votes to pick [Traffic Commission] Chair"

I do not support the appointment of any member, of an advocacy Committee, to serve on a Board or Commission, that impacts my quality of life and safety. Requirements for candidates to serve on regulatory Boards and Commissions have been based on their expertise; not those of a special interest group. The proposed Ordinance is precedent waiting to happen.

In my opinion: the cart was placed before the horse. The Administrative Branch wrote an Ordinance, and contacted the Bike/Ped Committee, as a fast track for an imminent vote. Where was the transparency and open public process?

Best,

Angie

Angeline Maria B. Kounelis
Retired District A, East End, City Councilor
Landline: 617-926-2352
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Sent from my Smartphone - Apologies for brevity and/or typos

From: **Angeline Kounelis** <akounelis12@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 22, 2024, 8:00 PM
Subject: Re: Traffic Commission Ordinance
To: Bays, Caroline <cbays@watertown-ma.gov>
Cc: City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>, Proakis, George <gproakis@watertown-ma.gov>, citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>

Hi Caroline,

Thank you for your followup. Always good to be challenged. Had there been an open, public process; all queries would have been discussed.

I do not support the appointment of any member, of an advocacy Committee, to serve on a Board or Commission that impacts my quality of life and safety. Whether it be: The Traffic Commission; Board of Health; ZBA; Planning Board; etc.; etc.

When a pedestrian steps off of a curb, they should not be placed in harms way to be severely injured by a speeding bicyclist; as almost happened to me in Cambridge. All within the new protected bike lanes that must be traversed by pedestrians to access the street; and vice versa, the sidewalk.

Membership of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is comprised of like- minded individuals in joint efforts to support bicyclists. I see no commitment to protect me, as an elder pedestrian, by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

You may recall that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee lobbied the DCR for the closing of Little Greenough Blvd. to motorists. All with a total disregard for access to the parking area by the elderly and folks with disabilities who needed to drive to the site; for their own passive recreation.

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As a resident of this City; I reserve the right to offer opinion. Thank you.

Best,

Angie

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On Mon, Jan 22, 2024, 5:51 PM Bays, Caroline <cbays@watertown-ma.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your email, Angie. I am slightly confused, though by what you mean by membership organization. The members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is appointed by the city manager and is an official city committee. - Caroline

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Angeline Kounelis** <akounelis12@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jan 22, 2024, 4:30 PM

Subject: Traffic Commission Ordinance

To: <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>, Proakis, George <gproakis@watertown-ma.gov>, citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>

FIRST PUBLIC FORUM SUBMISSION FOR 01/23/24

Greetings:

Review of Motions, Ordinances, Orders and Resolutions, for the City Council Meeting on 01/23/2024, has caused me concern. Specifically, Agenda Item: 8B Amendment to the Traffic Commission Ordinance.

In my opinion: Giving a weighted vote to a special interest group, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, to serve on the Traffic Commission, sets precedent for all Boards and Commissions. Except for the Licensing Board, requirements for candidates to serve on regulatory Boards and Commissions have been based on their expertise; not a particular cause or policy.

By virtue of the fact that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is a *membership organization*, their advocacy compromises the unbiased decisions of the Traffic Commission. It is already within the inherent purview of the Traffic Commission to increase public safety on roadways for everyone.

Where was the open, public process to review and discuss the Ordinance? As presented: there is no "draft" proposal. Only a fast track for an imminent vote.

Also to note: Currently, the Traffic Commission is comprised of seven members, as follows:

Members

Seven members: two citizens-at-large (one representing city industry), appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council; Chief of Police; Chief of Fire; Superintendent of DPW; City Engineer; Director Community Development and Planning

Kindly review items F., G. and H., within the presented Ordinance. Is the Traffic Commission proposed to increase to nine members? Or, should G. and H. be bullet points under F.? Why is the Bicycle and Pedestrian member (G) not approved by the City Council? Who submitted the Ordinance without prior City Council Committee deliberation and public input?

(F) Two residents of the City, appointed by the City Manager and approved by the City Council

for staggered terms of two years each;

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a two-year term; and

(H) One representative of City business/industry appointed by the City Manager and approved

by the City Council for a two-year term.

Residents of Watertown should not be thrust by the wayside. Where is the transparency? We do pay attention. Thank you.

Best,

Angie

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Bike Ped

Linda Scott <liscott33@gmail.com>

Tue 5/7/2024 7:05 PM

To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello All,

I apologize for being so late to the party!

I just have a few comments:

1. It took eight years to get a response on the Highland Avenue children's crosswalk issue. I saw no one from "Bike Ped" helping out with this.
2. I see no one from bike/ped working on the Hosmer issue.
3. The Bike/ped meetings that I have attended have had nothing to do with pedestrians...maybe a "bow" to them on occasion.
4. I hope that this committee will give special attention to these matters.

Thank You!

Linda Scott
55 Olcott

Traffic Commission Ordinance - Public Comment

Thomas Floros <tmfloros@gmail.com>

Tue 5/7/2024 9:05 AM

To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>

Hi Vinny,

I am writing to express my support for the traffic commission ordinance in Watertown. As a resident who frequently drives, bikes, and walks throughout our community, I believe that the proposed changes will enhance safety and address the duties and responsibilities of the Traffic Commission effectively.

Here are my key points:

- Chair Selection: Allowing the Traffic Commission to select its chair is a positive step that can alleviate some responsibility from the Police Chief, potentially making it easier for them.
- Bike & Pedestrian Representation: Including a member from the Bike & Pedestrian committee on the Traffic Commission is crucial. Their perspective will contribute to Watertown's Comprehensive Plan, especially as we focus on Complete Streets strategies and safety improvements.
- Safety First: Our utmost responsibility should be improving safety for all road users—drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike. By diversifying the perspectives on the Traffic Commission, we can better address safety concerns of all.

I encourage the Public Safety Sub-Committee to consider these points as they deliberate on the ordinance. Let's work together to create a safer community and more efficient transportation system for Watertown.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Tom

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Thomas Floros
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2024 – O –

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Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Ordinance was adopted by a vote of ____ for and ____ against on _____, 2024.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

Brendan McCarthy, Council Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to accept the Committee on Climate and Energy Report from May 2, 2024



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Climate and Energy Meeting May 2, 2024

The Climate and Energy committee convened on May 2, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber as a hybrid meeting with remote participation via zoom. The purpose of the meeting was to get an update on the implementation of actions regarding the Climate Action Plan. Also on the agenda was a discussion of a Tree Ordinance. Present were Tony Palomba, chair; Caroline Bays, vice chair; and John Airasian, secretary. Other Councilors and Staff present in the room were Councilor Vincent Piccirilli; Sylas Fyler, Energy Manager; Laurel Schwab, Sustainability Program Manager; Mike Micieli, Tree Warden; Doug Newton, Policy Analyst; Katie Swan, Environmental Planner. A list of other attendees in person and online is listed as Attachment A.

Laurel and Sylas began with the presentation and listed as Attachment B. Continued progress is being made with the CAP. A new Sustainability Team within the Department of Community Development and Planning has been created. There is also ongoing collaboration with Sustainable Middlesex. Being involved in this allows staff to seek and give advice on sustainability programs and policies throughout Middlesex County. Staff continues to work on electric vehicle charging infrastructure as well as transition of the city's fleet from gas/hybrid to electric.

Staff is working on applying for Climate Leader Community designation which is a new version of the Green Communities program and will be of benefit when applying for grants. The Miyawaki forest project is continuing as planned. There is also a plan to plant 360 trees in 2024 (180 per season) with a priority given to areas at risk for urban heat impacts. The recent Recycle Audit found that about 10% of each route had recycling contamination. A new cardboard compactor at the recycling center has decreased the need for trucks hauling from 4/week to 2 times per month. Looking ahead, the city is launching an EV charging infrastructure and fleet transition study, launching a comprehensive "sustainable procurement policy" with relevant City departments, looking to introduce BERDO, Recycling Ordinance and a Tree Ordinance.

There was one email from Deb Peterson and is under Attachment D

Tree Ordinance Discussion

Next, a presentation was made by Mike Micieli regarding a tree ordinance. The full presentation is listed on these minutes as Attachment C.

A tree ordinance works to regulate the removal of trees from public and private property as well as educate the public and preserve trees with removal being the last resort. Some things that are considered when writing a tree ordinance are DBH (diameter at breast size), setting a fee structure, exemptions for property size among others. Some aspects of a tree ordinance are already in place such as, The Stormwater Management and Erosion Control ordinance triggers a site plan review process, survey of site conditions and trees with DBH of 6", landscaping plans on construction details given to the city, city maintains publicly owned shade trees as well as maintaining and pruning young trees. Following the presentation, there were some comments which can be seen on the WCA-TV broadcast here.

<http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/3159?site=3>

Councilor Palomba mentioned that there will be a meeting around every 6 months to continue with updates to the CAP unless there were other pressing matters. Councilor Bays Made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilor Airasian. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Attachment A

List of In Room Meeting Attendees other than already listed.

Deborah Peterson

Roy Dobbs

Lise Paul

Ernesta Krackiewicz

Attendees online

Bron Sutherland

Libby Shaw

Steve Steadman

Donald MacDonald

Susan Falkoff

Brian Hebeisen

Cabell Eames

Mike Albano

Josh Rosmarin

Deb's iphone

Jessica Grimsby

Amanda Peacock

Attachment B

CAP Presentation

Attachment C
Tree Ordinance Discussion

Attachment D – Deb Peterson email

I want to commend the City for all it is doing to reach our climate goals and look forward to the report at the upcoming meeting of the C&E Committee. I do find the report by the City (see example from August review attached) of its actions limits the scope of review and would like to see a discussion about how to get at items and emerging opportunities that may not be in the plan.

I have 4 items I would like to see covered. Perhaps there could be a conversation about how to incorporate these items in the review. What do you think is the best way to intro this idea to the Committee.

The 4 items I am particularly interested in raising in the area of transportation are:

1. Vision Zero 9 25 mi/hr speed limits – which are in B8ke Ped Plan, Comprehensive Plan and C&E Plan
2. Climate Leader Status This is a state designation that makes us eligible for grants. We are close to eligibility but need a formal policy to buy electric vehicles where possible to qualify.
3. Update the TDM Ordinance. Requirements need to be brought in line with our climate goals. It is a powerful tool for getting cars off the road that applies to all new development and delay would mean missed opportunities.
4. Incorporate bus priority lanes and other features in the Arsenal Street Reconstruction. A recent [report](#) by Transit Matters regarding the 70 bus states that MBTA is interested in pursuing bus priority and other infrastructure along Arsenal Street.

“However, other key corridors, such as Arsenal St. in Watertown, could use bus priority such as bus lanes and TSP. The MBTA also identified Arsenal St. and Western Ave. as areas that could use infrastructure upgrades in their Bus Priority Vision report highlighting the need for these corridors to see improvements.”

In addition to these four items, I know there are other actions the City is taking that may not be included in their report. In a recent meeting about parking requirements in Lexington, we heard about reduced parking requirements negotiated by the City on recent developments. Reducing parking minimums has been one of the underpinning items we have been advocating for and I think these meetings are an opportunity for the City to share this and other actions that is taking. Among these would also be an application for pilot microtransit and ARPA funding for a transportation plan that we see as moving our climate goals further. It would be great to incorporate updates on these initiatives as part of the City report. What is the best way to incorporate a broader scope for your review.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Anthony Palomba,
Chair

Caroline Bays,
Vice Chair

John M. Airasian,
Secretary



Laurel Schwab

Sustainability Manager

Silas Fyler

Energy Manager

Michael Micieli

Forestry Supervisor



Watertown City Council Subcommittee Meeting, May 2, 2024

Resilient Watertown Climate & Energy Plan:
Implementation Update

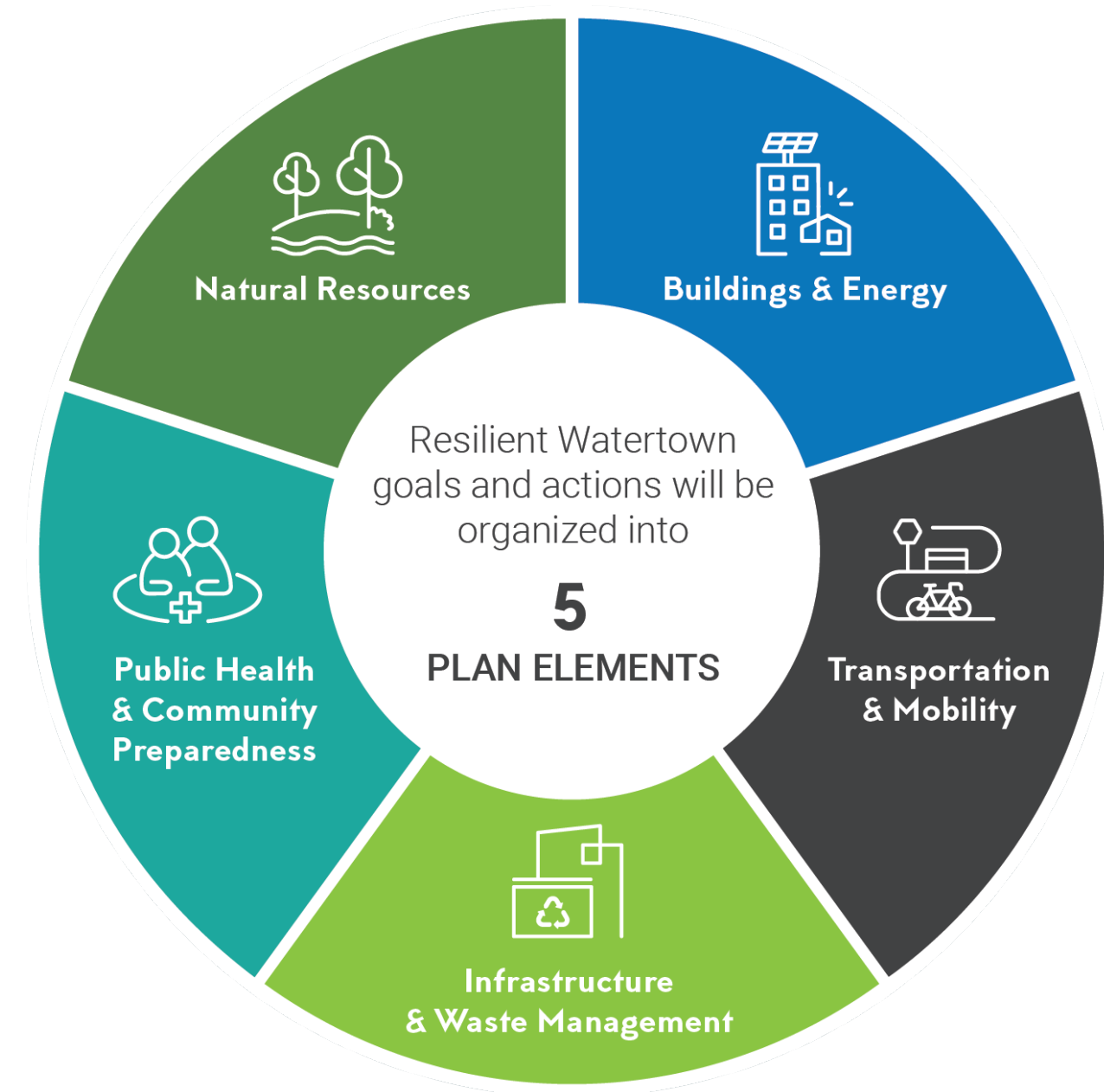


Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Strategy and Action Updates as of May 2024
3. Next Steps
4. Tree Ordinances: General Overview



Plan Elements and Organization



- Each Plan Element follows the structure:
 - Goal: what we want to accomplish; broad statement
 - Strategy: How we will accomplish it as a general approach
 - Action: *Specific activity that will be undertaken*
 - Action
 - Etc.
- Each Plan Element has quantifiable metrics for tracking our progress
- For every Action we identify a lead entity, cost magnitude, timeframe, and contribution to mitigation, resilience, or both
- 45 of 62 Actions are currently underway or complete.



Tracking Our Progress

- Staff will be working to gather updated data for our plan metrics over the next 6 months
- Some data sources are only released periodically (Census, for example) but we will do our best to get a sense of how we are doing
- By January 2025 we will be halfway to the 5-year implementation mark, when the plan will go undergo a substantial re-evaluation to update actions and targets according to new trends, technologies, and issues

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25	Buildings and Energy					
26	Metric	Unit	Baseline Year	Baseline	2030 Target	2050 Target
27	Percent of income spent on energy for household within 0% to 30% of AMI	%	2018	16	8	2
28	Enrollment in Watertown Electricity Choice	%	2019	82	82	100
29	Enrollment in Watertown Electricity Choice (100% renewable option)	%	2019	3	3	100
30	Potential solar capacity	Number of rooftops	2019	3209	4256	6700
31	Installed solar capacity	kW	2021	4521	33600	112000
32	Estimated total solar electricity	MWh	2021	5360	38400	128000
33	Commercial energy use intensity (EUI). For buildings > 5,000 sf	MMBtu/sq. ft.	2023			
34	Number of gas/oil heated residential properties	Number of gas/oil Res	2019	9625	5775	0
35	Number of gas/oil heated commercial properties	Number of gas/oil Com	2019	521	312	0
36						
37						
38	Transportation and Mobility					
39	Metric	Unit	Baseline Year	Baseline	2030 Target	2050 Target
40	Residents who use sustainable mode (bike, walk, transit) to travel to work	%	2013-2017	2	5	6
41	Roads rated at a 4 or 5 stress level	# of miles	2018	6.9	3.5	0
42	Total electric vehicles	%	2020	7	54	100
43	Population within a 1/2 mile radius of a public EV charging station	%	2021	23	100	100
44	Number of publicly accessible EV charging stations	#	2021	17	575	1050
45						
46	Natural Resources					
47	Metric	Unit	Baseline Year	Baseline	2030 Target	2050 Target
48	Open space per person	acres/1,000 people	2020	3.25	5	10
49	Tree canopy coverage	%	2016	21	23	27
50	Impervious surfaces	%	2016	57	55	50
51	Public Trees in Good Health	%	2018	84	90	100
52	Public Trees Sites Occupied	%	2018	49	75	100
53	Area (sf) of school gardens and community gardens	sf	2021	20350	24000	30000
54						

Snapshot of metric tracking spreadsheet staff will utilize



Cross-Cutting Strategy Updates

- CC1: Add capacity and resources to the Energy Manager's Office, DPW Forestry Division, and DCDP in order to successfully implement the plan
 - *Creation of new Sustainability Team within DCDP*
 - *Hiring for a full-time Energy Advocate*
- CC2: Create an overarching Resilient Watertown Outreach and Education Campaign
 - *See next slide*
- CC4: Collaborate regionally with other communities and entities
 - *New collaboration with Sustainable Middlesex to both seek and give advice on sustainability policies/programs that municipalities around the county are working on*
 - *Ongoing: Resilient Mystic Collaborative; Charles River Climate Compact; MAPC Metro Mayors Coalition; Multi-town gas leaks working group; statewide Building Electrification Accelerator; Charles River Chamber Environmental Committee; Zero Carbon MA*
- CC6: Encourage and require sustainable, climate-resilient development patterns
 - *Watertown Square Plan process (wrapping up) will serve as a pilot for these changes; zoning update to be completed by end of 2024*



Outreach & Education Updates

- CC2: Create an overarching Resilient Watertown Outreach & Education Campaign (Actions BE1.3, BE3.2, TM1.3, NR2.2, NR3.1, NR3.2, NR4.3, IW1.2, PH1.1, PH3.3)

New since January:

- *WE3C Outreach Working Group focusing on transitioning Resilient Watertown website onto City Website for enhanced flexibility of content and better searchability*
- *Tabling at Farmers Market the fourth week of every month for the 2024 season*
- *Created publicly available pollinator garden map and giving free yard signs to residents who elect to be placed on the map (as well as Life-Friendly Garden Tour hosts)*

Other items still ongoing:

- Resilient Watertown newsletter currently sending informational emails every other month
- Re-pledged the Mayor's Monarch Pledge for 2024
- Installing pollinator garden signage and informational tags on newly planted street trees
- Arts and Culture tie-ins with "Edible Watertown" programming
- Coordinating with WE3C, Stormwater, Bike/Ped, and Solid Waste Advisory Committees, Live Well Watertown, Hatch Makerspace, Watertown Pollinator Pathways, Trees for Watertown, etc.

Buildings & Energy Updates



- BE 2.1: Adopt the state's net-zero energy standard as soon as permissible 
- BE 2.2: enact fees for residential gas hookups to promote electrification
 - Municipal Policy Analyst conducted research about ongoing state pilot program; waiting for results
- BE 3.3: Incentivize the transition to heat pumps
 - Staff met with sustainability managers in Arlington, Lexington, and Belmont to learn about their experiences launching heat pump campaigns and utilizing Energy Coaches
- BE 4.1: Enact a Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance with a reporting requirement
 - WE3C voted to support draft bill at their March meeting; submittal to Council forthcoming
- BE 4.3: Upgrade major existing municipal facilities to achieve net zero energy performance
 - Launching a utility-sponsored deep energy study through National Grid for Parker Annex and City Library
 - Staff is working on applying for Climate Leader Community designation from DOER (new version of Green Communities program). This will require an initial plan on how the city municipal and school system will achieve net neutrality by 2050. For buildings this will be Zero Over Time approach (ZOT) policy and for vehicles this will be Zero Emission Vehicle First (ZEV) policy

Transportation & Mobility Updates

- TM 1.1: Install well-shaded bike/ped-only infrastructure, especially in densely developed areas and areas of high traffic volume
 - Watertown Square Area Plan – Public Meetings & Forum on 2/29/24 & 4/4/24, the culmination of the public engagement process plus design team iterating conceptual designs. Updates/refinements to sidewalk-level cycle tracks, ped/bike paths, and connecting sections along Community Path with low stress, high quality bike/ped facilities
 - Galen St bike/ped facilities nearly complete- sidewalks reconstructed, Bluebikes station pad poured, ped signal push button improvements
 - Procurement/pending installation of Bluebikes stations, including at 99 Coolidge Ave, 66 Galen St & Arsenal on the Charles
 - Safe Streets for All grant discussions for various bike/ped-only improvements and mitigations on roadways
 - More coordination relaunched (not yet at implementation) of crosswalk & ped/bike improvements at Main & Whites
 - Coolidge Ave bike/ped path under construction: ped/bike markings being painted, wayfinding signs getting installed, crossings/conflict study
 - Progress on disbursement of Community Connections grant for Watertown/Newton/Arlington Bluebikes stations
- TM 1.2: Collaborate regionally to increase and improve pathways for bikes and pedestrians
 - Continued coordination with MBTA on incorporating bike/ped infrastructure within their projects along Arsenal, Pleasant, and in the Squares
 - Discussions with Boston Region MPO, CTPS & MassDOT on a regional Vision Zero Action Plan participation
- TM 1.3: Increase use of transit, bike, and pedestrian travel through outreach, incentives, and policy changes
 - Bicycle parking zoning regulations (ordinance) and guidelines being written
 - Mt Auburn St complete street public outreach kickoff
 - Bike-Ped Committee events: Get Out Your Bike, YardArt bike ride, and other education & outreach to foster community
 - Expansion of transit options including carshare, carpool/vanpool, and shuttles in coordination with TMA and new development projects
 - Expansion of bikeshare stations in progress for 2024 season
 - Discussion of local potential Vision Zero-related mitigations
- TM 1.5: Implement bus prioritization projects
 - Watertown & MBTA discussing Watertown Square Area Plan mitigations, including potential queue jumps, transit signal priority & bus lanes
- TM 1.6: Develop an integrated, publicly accessible electric transit system that connects to MBTA
 - Preparing to launch study on City-supported local transit, including microtransit
 - Pleasant St Shuttle EV fleet – continued progress on sustainable funding and increased ridership on electric shuttles
 - Submitted (as sub) for a congestion relief grant that includes new Bluebikes stations (including potential electrified station)

Transportation & Mobility Updates

- TM 2.1: Develop and implement an EV Roadmap for Watertown
 - Drafting RFP for EV charging infrastructure and City fleet transition study
- TM 2.2: Transition all City-owned, leased, and contracted vehicles to electric, including school bus, garbage truck, and maintenance fleets
 - DPB was awarded a voucher from the Federal Department of Energy for \$76,220 to help purchase two electric vans, with one already delivered. Two fleet EV charging stations were installed at Parker Annex for these vehicles (not open to public)
 - Developing an internal Zero Emission Vehicle First (ZEV) policy (mentioned earlier) as part of Climate Leader Communities process for DOER

Natural Resources Updates

- NR 1.1: Incorporate pocket parks into neighborhoods lacking green space
 - [Developing an RFP for a pocket park study](#); DPW has done an initial investigation of “paper streets” as potential sites
- NR 1.2: Promote biodiversity improvements to existing and new parks and open space
 - [Considering contract for an invasive species management plan as well as a specialty landscaping bid for pollinator gardens, rain gardens etc](#)
 - [Miyawaki Forest project is continuing](#); installed Yard Art at the site for duration of April 2024 and held “Community Info Party” on April 30th; will be conducting additional outreach and volunteer recruitment through summer . Planting is planned for Fall 2024. See image of artwork below.
- NR 1.3: Acquire more open space, where possible, and create more open space on private property
 - [Walker Pond: City Council has approved CPA funding](#); Ecological assessment to start summer 2024
- NR 1.4: Establish and protect natural habitat corridors along water bodies, trails, and easement areas
 - [WCG group is again focused on removing invasive plant species along Watertown-Cambridge Greenway in 2024](#); they are now part of DCR’s volunteer stewardship program with a formal agreement
- NR 2.1: Establish an enforceable tree ordinance
 - [Draft phase \(more information later\)](#)
- NR 2.3: Increase tree plantings and prioritize plantings in areas at risk for urban heat impacts
 - [Planning to plant 360 trees in 2024 \(180 per season\)](#)
- NR 3.2: Utilize school gardens and community gardens as nature-based landscaping demonstration sites
 - [ACR Garden Intern program for middle school students continuing for summer ‘24](#)
- NR 4.1: Expand and accelerate existing Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) policies and management programs for public projects
 - [Staff submitted an MVP Action Grant proposal for Phase 2 of the Community Greening Program, which aims to add green infrastructure on neighborhood streets in areas most vulnerable to climate impacts \(heat and flooding\). Awards are announced July/August](#)
- NR 4.3: Enhance incentives and ongoing education related to individual actions such as rain barrels, planting strips, and de-paving private residential properties
 - [Watertown Pollinator Pathways is encouraging residents to populate their planting strips via a new brochure](#)



Infrastructure & Waste Updates



- IW 1.2: Design and implement an education and outreach campaign focused on reducing waste
 - Recycle Audit found opportunities for improvement; findings available on City website. Observation found that about 10% of each route contains recycling contamination.
 - New recycling informational stickers available at the DPW—staff will put these on bins through the next few months
- IW 1.3: Create convenient and free organics recycling program 
 - Enrollment still around 3,000
- IW 1.4: Establish an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing policy (EPP) that focuses on reducing consumption within municipal government
 - Municipal Policy Analyst conducting research; will be part of larger “sustainable procurement policy”
- IW 1.5: Investigate opportunities to pursue a circular economy in Watertown or within the Metro
 - New cardboard compactor at the recycle center—already decreasing our need for trucks hauling it from 4 haulers per week to 2x a month! Saving on gas and transportation
 - Recycle and Solid Waste Committee is working on a letter to the Manager in support of moving the recycling ordinance forward to council
- IW 2.1: Require all major new and upgraded infrastructure to incorporate resilient design guidelines
 - Staff conducting initial research on policy updates required and whether technical assistance is needed

Public Health & Community Preparedness Updates



- PH 2.1: Complete and climate change and health vulnerability assessment
 - Staff was awarded a technical assistance grant from MAPC and held kickoff meeting in April 2024. MAPC public health staff will help us identify populations most vulnerable to health impacts of climate change, identify barriers or gaps in resources, and recommend policy changes to address those barriers/gaps. Anticipating a 1-year timeline.
- PH 2.2: Mitigate existing and prevent new urban heat islands in Watertown
 - Staff submitted an MVP Action Grant proposal for Phase 2 of the Community Greening Program (mentioned earlier)
 - Staff is participating in MAPC Cool Roofs Advisory Group to promote adoption of cool roofs within the MMC region by developing resources and identifying suitable locations on municipal buildings
- PH 2.3: Continue to enhance access to local food for those who are food insecure
 - Community Wellness PM is working with MAPC to establish a food access working group and reduce barriers to utilizing Farmer's Market SNAP Match and free produce bags in the off-season
- PH 3.2: Require all commercial building owners to rebroadcast and post Watertown Alert announcements to occupants in both English and Spanish
 - City developing translation policy
- PH 3.4: Enhance emergency preparedness information on City website 
- PH 4.2: Enhance the existing Live Well Watertown coalition and its programs to incorporate neighborhood connections to nature and to each other
 - Live Well Watertown has added a "Community Connect" initiative that supports efforts to encourage the development of neighborhood groups to intentionally connect people for practical and social/community building purposes



Looking Forward

- Launch EV charging infrastructure and fleet transition study
- Launch comprehensive “sustainable procurement policy” effort with relevant City departments
- Introduce BERDO, Recycling Ordinance, and Tree Ordinance legislation to Council
- Notice of MVP Action Grant awards in July/August



City of Watertown

Tree Ordinance Discussion



What is a tree ordinance?

- A tree ordinance works to regulate the removal of trees from public and private property
- It can establish replacement minimums or in-lieu fees for tree removal.
- A tree ordinance can set a DBH threshold for minimum size requirements of trees to be included.
- They can establish fines for non-compliance.
- They can set thresholds for impacted properties and create exemptions.
- Looks to educate the public and preserve trees with removal as a last resort.

What is considered when writing a tree ordinance?

- DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) threshold. What size trees are to be included? Smaller size requirement will encompass more trees while larger size requirement may encompass less trees but could still protect mature trees.
- Regulating private tree removal while avoiding property rights violations.
- Setting an appropriate fee structure.
- Any exemptions made for trees that are dead, in poor condition or require emergency removal.
- Exemptions that can be made based on property size to not over-burden small property owners.

What is already covered?

- The Stormwater Management and Erosion Control ordinance triggers a site plan review process for proposed construction. The site plan review process dictates what surveys are to be provided by applicants. Trees are included in the site plan review process through these surveys.
- An existing conditions survey is conducted that encompasses current site conditions as well as any trees on the property over 6"DBH.
- This survey will then be used to denote what trees over 6"DBH are proposed for removal or are to be protected.

What is already covered?

- Landscaping plans are submitted as part of the construction details given to the city. These plans outline all pertinent landscaping including tree planting.
- There is currently no replanting requirement for private tree removal. There is a requirement for replacement of public trees. (If removed)
- Special conditions are implemented for large scale commercial properties. These special conditions are made at the discretion of the planning board.

What is already covered?

- The City of Watertown forestry department is currently responsible for maintaining all publicly owned shade trees.
- The forestry department plants new trees throughout the city on public property and rights-of-way.
- They maintain existing and young trees through pruning. They also remove poor condition or dead trees.
- Any tree that is removed is automatically replaced during the next available planting season.

Benefits provided by trees.

- Trees help reduce the heat island effect through shading and evapotranspiration which helps lead to cooler overall temperatures versus areas lacking in tree canopy.
- Homes shaded by trees tend to have lower overall cooling costs in the summer.
- Trees assist in reducing stormwater runoff and help combat soil erosion.
- Homes that have mature trees often have higher home values than those that don't.
- Trees provide necessary habitat for insects and birds.

Why is Watertown proposing a tree ordinance?

- Private trees assist in providing carbon sequestration, helping to lower greenhouse gasses and assist in the fight against climate change.
- Private trees help beautify neighborhoods and improve the appearance of the city.
- Many surrounding communities have tree ordinances regulating the removal of private trees. Those communities are Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Newton, Somerville and others across Massachusetts.
- It is outlined in the Climate and Energy Plan – “Action NR2.1: Establish an enforceable tree ordinance focused on preservation, diversification, and equitable distribution of tree canopy on public and private property.”

Questions?

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CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAROLINE BAYS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LISA J. FELTNER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JOHN G. GANNON	<u> X (VIA ZOOM) </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X (VIA ZOOM) </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EMILY IZZO	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion to refer the Recreation Director Search to the Committee on Parks and Recreation

FYI

This email is being sent for informational purposes only. Please do not respond to all in order to avoid any concern with the Open Meeting Law.

From: Jamie Burke <jmeburke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:27 AM
To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>
Subject: Resident comments on proposed Traffic Commission amendment

Hi Councilor Piccirilli,

Hope you're well! Sending along comments ahead of tonight's City Council meeting, pasted below.

Thanks for your consideration.

Best,

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Councilors,

My name is Jamie Burke, and I live at 18 Pine Street. I'm writing today in regard to the Council's consideration of the amendments to the Traffic Commission.

I'm disappointed to see that the Committee on Public Safety removed the amendment, as proposed by City Manager Proakis, to add a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to the Traffic Commission. While the proposed change still attempts to include more road users on the Traffic Commission, I would argue that the inclusion of "motorists" in the amendment is an unnecessary addition and, in fact, undermines the original intent of City Manager Proakis' initial proposal.

It's evident that motorists are already the primary, and I'd argue, the sole road users represented on and by the Traffic Commission. This imbalance is clearly reflected in road designs and rules throughout Watertown, and City Manager Proakis' proposal offered an opportunity to address this ongoing issue.

I understand that this change to the amendment is due in part to the perception that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is a "special interest group" and, therefore, its members are not representative of or working on behalf of the broader community.

I'm the chair of the Bike-Ped committee, and first, I'd like to say that if I were able to be there in person tonight to deliver these comments, you'd likely notice that I'm a very

pregnant person! I'm lucky enough to have been able to continue both biking and walking as my primary modes of transit throughout my pregnancy.

I draw attention to this to illustrate that biking and walking aren't solely hobbies of "healthy, young" people. People of many different abilities and ages, in many different conditions, rely on alternative forms of transit to get around Watertown and our surrounding communities.

I also make this point to try and encourage my fellow residents and City Councilors not to imagine bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users as a mysterious "other"—we're your neighbors, community members, and constituents. Pregnant or not, I deserve the same reasonable expectation of safety that motorists take for granted as they travel. So do the rest of our neighbors who choose to bike, walk, and take transit in Watertown. It's been proven that roads that are designed for people first—meaning our most vulnerable road users, rather than solely for vehicles—are safer for everyone, including drivers. So, insofar as the Bike-Ped Committee advocates for people-first road design and rules, with the consideration of the most vulnerable road users made a priority, we advocate for everyone who uses a road or sidewalk in our city.

The Bike-Ped Committee also works both directly with the city and engages with the public across a number of initiatives, which are too numerous to list here. I'd also like to highlight that if anyone is interested in what the Bike-Ped committee is up to, our meetings are open to the public, and we've been pleased in the past to have City Councilors attend our meetings.

Lastly, with this change to the amendment, I also hope that any Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee members who remain interested in the Traffic Commission role in their capacity as private citizens aren't unfairly removed from consideration for this position due to this change—unfair, again, because these are your constituents and neighbors who volunteer their time to make the city better for everyone. Denying them the opportunity to continue to do so as a member of the Traffic Commission would be another unfortunate outcome of the city's unwillingness to embrace this needed change.

Best,

Jamie Burke