



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:15 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

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- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:15 P.M.
 - A. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c.30A, sec. 21(a)(1) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Police Supervisors Union as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the City's bargaining position
 - B. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec.21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body - 148 Waltham Street
- 3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 5. PUBLIC FORUM
- 6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from Special City Council Meeting January 21, 2025
 - B. Minutes from City Council Meeting February 11, 2025
- 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. Review and consideration of status, and possible action, on proposed acquisition of property located at 148 Waltham Street

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS
 - A. Proclamation Celebrating Arshile Gorky
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing the Memorialization Committee
10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. The Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight requests moving the date the City Council will adopt its conceptual recommendations on the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program from February 25, 2025 to March 11, 2025
 - B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$38,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Reserve to Fiscal Year 2025 City Manager Full-Time Salaries Account
 - C. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$45,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year Transfer to Capital Projects - Public Buildings Account
 - D. First Reading on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
 - E. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2025 Acquisition of Land Account
11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - A. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on January 27, 2025 - Gannon, Chair
 - B. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on February 6, 2025 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that the full City Council vote to approve Jessica Malenfant as a member of the Board of Health to a term expiring February 7, 2028
 - C. Committee on Human Services Report regarding its meeting on January 16, 2025 - Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that City Council endorse the Health and Human Services Assessment and request that the City Manager take action to implement its recommendations
12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Parker Annex Update and Budget
 - B. Victory Phase II Update Memo and Budget
 - C. Discussion of Qualities and Qualifications for a Human Services Director, per Section 3.2. 3A of the City Charter
 - D. City Logo Update

- E. Consideration and action regarding withdrawal from the Civil Service Law - All police officer positions within the Watertown Police Department above the rank of patrol officer
- F. Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption
- 13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
- 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 15. PUBLIC FORUM
- 16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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



Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

Minutes

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1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a special meeting of the City Council at 6:00 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, and Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Per Citizen Petition; Public Hearing on a Request to Amend the Winter Parking Ban

President Sideris stated that the hearing is in response to a citizen petition requesting the removal of the current version of the winter parking ban in Watertown, and to suggest that the ban should only be enforced during significant snow or ice storms or

when there is a significant accumulation of snow or ice. It also calls for amendments to specific sections of the Watertown City code to reflect this change. He then laid out the rules and process of the meeting.

Ground Rules:

- **Respect:** Attendees must respect each other's opinions. Disrespectful behavior will result in being ruled out of order and asked to leave.
- **Speaking Time:** Each speaker is allowed two minutes. A timer will indicate when time is up.
- **Specificity:** Speakers are encouraged to provide reasons and solutions rather than just stating their position on the parking ban.
- **Identification:** Speakers must state their name and address for the record. There is a sign-up sheet for those who wish to speak.

Process:

- The public hearing will be followed by input from the city administration, including the city manager, police chief, fire chief, and DPW.
- The City Council will then deliberate on the matter.

John Petrowsky – 57 Russell Avenue - Voiced support for eliminating the parking ban. He believes it has negative environmental impacts, such as encouraging homeowners to expand off-site parking with non-eco-friendly surfaces. This prevents soil from breathing and plants from growing, and is visually unappealing. Additionally, he notes that the ban makes it difficult for single-family homeowners to attract tenants, as they can't offer parking. He then stated that he is a real estate broker with nearly 40 years of experience, and highlighted that many homes in Watertown lack off-street parking makes it harder to compete with neighboring towns that allow overnight parking year-round. He concluded by suggesting that Watertown could implement parking on alternate sides of narrow streets to help accommodate emergency vehicles.

Russ Arico – 49 Fayette Street - Emphasized the importance of public safety for Watertown's 35,000 residents. He highlighted issues caused by snow accumulation and parked cars, which hinder emergency vehicles. Arico argued that without a parking ban, residents from Belmont would park in Watertown, which would only make the problem worse. He urged the Council to prioritize public safety and consider extending the parking ban to a full 12 months.

Janice – 29 Hovey Street – Stated that she brought together a smaller unofficial petition in support of keeping the ban sighting street conditions producing a safety issue in the winter time with icy conditions.

Laurie Gregoria - 738 Belmont street – Stated that she has a disability that can cause falls. Not having close nightly access from a car to the apartment is a danger to individuals that may have to walk long distances. She remarked that sidewalk conditions after snowstorms are not safe and open enough for travel for all, and suggested having a parking ban for snow emergencies only.

Alison Eck – 134 Putnam Street – Remarked that she has been a resident for a several years, and stated that the effort to try to get a spot for rent is a long and costly one. She is also concerned with safety concerns of many people. She closed by stating that she's from Buffalo where there are no parking bans despite having a much greater amount of snowfall.

Steven Jackson – 294 Mt. Auburn Street – Protested the parking ban that makes him, at age 64, have to wake up 5:30 every day to retrieve his car from a public lot, and stated that the ban helps no one unless snow fall occurs. He concluded by saying that snowfall over the past few years has been a small amount, and the amount of snow that necessitates plowing has been even less, so the length of the ban is inequitable.

Sean Lavoce – 9 Hawthorne Street – Remarked that he has also lived in Cambridge, which also has narrow roads, but lacks a parking ban. He called for the administration to look as to why other similar surrounding communities can deal with this issue without a ban while Watertown claims it can't.

Peter Airasian – 27 Elton Avenue – Remarked that the City should keep the ban as is. He has plowed snow for 20 years and said that there is a clear difference in conditions of streets from town to town (Watertown road conditions being better in terms of snow treatment). He then noted that the "Complete Streets" projects have made roads even more narrow which lends to the argument of extending the ban year-round for emergency vehicle access purposes.

Christine Cassidy – 21 Berkeley Street – Said she lives in a row house and does not have a parking spot. While she loves Watertown, she has to make the choice of walking her children to and from her home and her car in the cold of night or leaving them at home alone. She empathized with the hardships of other families who share a similar or worse struggle in Watertown.

James Dunoyer – 17 Adams Avenue – As a lifelong resident, he believes the winter parking ban unfairly affects those of lesser needs. It forces single people, including women, to walk great distances at night in inclement weather. There is an understanding that there is an issue with emergency vehicles getting access, but that is an issue relevant all year long and not just in the winter. He stated he is for winter emergency bans, and is also for parking on one side of the street.

Chuck Ferrera – 186 Westminster – Remarked that he is for the compromise of a winter emergency parking ban. If the concern is getting access for emergency vehicles, there

are options like using one side of the street to park. He urged to use compromise with the contentious issue, because the current ban is antiquated.

Ted German – 25 Oakland street – Stated that it is reasonable to have an emergency ban in place -Cambridge and Boston do it, so can Watertown.

Bob Airaisian – 14 Merrill Road - Serves as part of the Traffic Commission, and while he sympathizes with those against the ban, he is in favor of keeping it. There are many requests for work orders like speed bumps and safer/wider sidewalks, and as the City is getting more dense, the continuous ask for more of these projects cuts into the available space on the road. When you add in the push for added bike and pedestrian infrastructure, there is a potential for an unsafe road network for emergency vehicles should the ban be lifted.

Archie Brotsky – 17 Berkeley Street – Remarked he is concerned that certain consequences of the ban are being obscured when environmental issues and others are brought into the discussion. He wants to make sure that focus remains on public safety, but doesn't support the idea of "that's how it's always been done" to be a real reason to continue the ban. He called to look at the issue with a new lens, and asked if an all winter ban is necessary with low snow fall when considering the hardship it brings to the public.

Ellen Hulton – 30 Center Street – Stated she used to live in Cambridge where they have emergency parking bans. She remarked that it only snows 10 or 12 days a year, and that an emergency ban is more fitting for the public on the whole.

Rhianna Cole – 23 Templeton Parkway- Stated she was a caregiver of her husband for 8 years, and the experience of going out to change her parking in a musical chair style very stressful for her and her family.

Julia Dunoyer – 17 Adams Avenue – Remarked that when she thinks of safety, she doesn't think of cars on the street, but instead she thinks of being alone walking a mile at night. She shared her sense that those in favor of keeping the ban are mostly affluent people who own single family homes that don't want to have a busy looking street as opposed to people concerned with safety. There should be guidelines, but the current one doesn't make people safe.

David Beck – 340 School Street - Remarked that the recent snow storm started at 6 AM, where people can legally park on the street, but as there was no snow emergency, cars were left on the street. For the most recent storm, there was a snow emergency, and there were no cars on the street. He then remarked that there are environmental issues with moving cars, and suggested solutions like parking permits to help with parking issues in town.

Maria Saiz – 83 Hovey Street – Stated she has experienced many problems with people living in Belmont parking on Watertown streets, and getting rid of the ban would only

worsen the issue. She said that this is an old city with narrow streets and also supported the idea of implementing parking permits to limit the number of cars per unit.

James Dooley – 19 Priest Street – Remarked on the lack of public transportation system and economic problems that are present in Watertown, and stated there are little to no state level actions to help the local level. As a son of a firefighter, he understands that access for emergency vehicles is important, but he stated that with mass communication tools there are ways to help alleviate access problems as opposed to penalizing working class residents.

Ryan McMorrow – 238 Arlington Street – Believes that the ban perpetuates inequity to the most vulnerable individuals. His wife worked at Mt. Auburn Hospital, and every night she had to weigh the risk of getting a parking ticket, or walking alone 1 mile in the dark. He called for a better solution

Tom Vise – 90 Russell Avenue - Reemphasized the negative environmental aspects of the ban. He stated he has had neighbors pave over their backyards to create more driveway and parking spaces. Other communities have success with different designs to make winter parking work, so can we.

Bradley Starr – 46 Hall Avenue - Asked if anyone else used their snow blower for the first time recently and asked if anyone was curious if it even still works. He admitted that this may be a complicated problem, but that that is not a reason to hold on to an antiquated solution that doesn't seem to work. While no one wants safety impeded, the ban itself doesn't seem to fit with the narrative of public safety.

Jeff Daley – 266 Belmont Street – Stated that he small business owner that works in Worcester. He starts his commute by biking to his car to drive the rest of his commute. It's freezing cold, which is not a small issue for an extended time it takes for him to get to his car in the morning as it can cause hands and feet to become numb. He believes that there are several solutions, but hopes the ban gets lifted.

Linda Scott – 55 Olcott Street – Remarked that she finds the winter parking ban as a breath of fresh air as a woman with a disability. It creates more visibility, and doesn't allow driveways to be blocked. The safety issue of the access of vehicles cannot be understated. She stated that the ban works because it is a simple system that leads to no gray areas as opposed having to check social media for updates or using subjective judgment as to what is a significant amount of snow.

Elijah Summers – 96 Mount Auburn Street – Stated that the topic access is only an issue when there is enough snow to be plowed, where as to force a large group of people to travel large distances twice a day consistently hurts a large amount of the public. He works nights which exacerbates the problem.

James Budravitz – 93 Spring Street – Said that parking tickets are an aggressive tax to have, especially for someone who doesn't make a lot of money. On his street, there is

one side that has no parking signs and people respect it. This could be an easy solution on the whole.

Parker Simson – 80 Prentiss Street – Is in support of changing the parking ban to be an emergency parking ban. He also suggested parking on one side of the street for certain streets. He stated that the parking ban affects people who don't work 9-5 jobs, and also brought up the issue his apartment misrepresented a parking spot in its listing – a common issue.

Gabrielle Dess – 133 Spruce Street – Describes herself as a social butterfly, and losing the ability to host in the winter time is a detriment to her lifestyle. She expressed that she wants to buy a home in Watertown, but remarked that the parking ban will be a determining factor as to whether she looks to buy in town or elsewhere.

Carl Stephenson – 88 Bradford Road – Remarked that he has lived in Watertown for 2 years but almost didn't due to the parking ban. If two people in an apartment need a spot, there are a lot of challenges. He would be in favor of parking stickers.

Cole Tsui – 93 Spring Street – Remarked on the public outpour for this public hearing as there are people lined up on the stairs to voice their opinion of the parking policy which is clearly not working for them. She reiterated that an individual that works atypical hours who needs to park their car at say 1 am, then needs to wake up by 6 am to move their car from a lot once again, which is an unhealthy schedule.

Alex Boyle – 97 Edenfield - Hopes that no matter what happens, there is a snow emergency ban, and he would also consider more parking policies to alleviate his crowded street.

Ken Sullivan – 94 Franklin Street - Believes that the current ban's timeline is arbitrary as it doesn't snow very often. She believes that there are other alternatives, that many people are unhappy, and that there doesn't need to be an all or nothing mindset

Laura Giordano – 885 Belmont Street – Remarked that she is fortunate to have a driveway, but is the only one of her friends that has one. Most of her young female friends have to walk alone far distances at night. She noted that the ban is lifted during the holidays, and that nothing has to be all or nothing

Karen – 87 Jensen Road – Stated that she is privileged enough to have a parking spot, but those who are not as privileged are forced to walk long distances at night, so she called for a more equitable solution.

Talia Lewis – 149 Spruce Street – Remarked she is lucky to have a spot, but doesn't know how other people can communicate with neighbors that are hard to get by to organize parking arrangements.

Rachel Chastine – 846 Belmont Street - Expressed support of the petition, and remarked that lots are often totally full by the time she gets out of work and runs

errands. She sympathizes for those who have disabilities and those who struggle to afford properties with dedicated spots.

Brendan Nicolas – 65 Boylston Street - Stated he is a newer resident energized by the people present at the public hearing, and that he was surprised to learn about the ban. In Cambridge, and many other places, notifications are given, and people move their cars. He believes that the ban is against certain plans Watertown has for environmental goals.

Ionis Giannakopoulos – Is a homeowner in Watertown who doesn't have access to their own parking, and so his wife leaves the house at 5 a.m. to get to their car every day. There are difficulties including holding a 9-month-old and traveling to the parking lot in potentially icy conditions. He then stated that the City denied them a driveway when they petitioned to build one.

Afras Yabi – Stated that his daughter just delivered a baby, she's a homeowner who doesn't have a parking space, and he is concerned with the difficulty she is going to experience. He remarked on other towns successfully navigating the winter parking and challenged the Council to park in a lot tonight and walk home in the cold.

Max Gunther – 124 Spruce Street - Would be for parking permits, and stated that many people living in multifamilies bear the burden. He remarked that if safety is the concern, sidewalks would be clear, and the City could have a tow truck on call to tow non-compliant parkers in an emergency.

Deven Scott – 462 Mount Auburn Street – Stated there are some alternatives to the current ban, which he believes doesn't achieve its stated goal. He remarked that things could improve if there were more lots and more transportation, but a compromise must be found.

Gretchen Dunoyer – 17 Adams Avenue - Believes it's an issue of inequity. Not everyone resident has parking options, and some neighbors who have funds to pave over a lawn in order to create more spaces do. She urged the Council to reach across the divide and compromise.

Noah Rebello – 56 Westminster Avenue – Said he has a short walk to her lot, but it's still an inconvenience as he works nights. He played by the rules and parked at the school lot, but a gutter fell on his car and damaged it. He's expecting a check for damages from the City, and wants an emergency ban to be implemented.

Rachel Sack – 29 Frank Street – Admitted that there is a parking problem but is in favor of keeping the ban for now. She lives near the Perkins School where there are cars that park on the sidewalk and too close to the turns which makes for unsafe environment. She doesn't believe that lifting the current ban would help these problems, but feels the City needs to look at the roads on whole.

Olivia Legier - 56 Westminster Avenue – Stated that her boyfriend's car was damaged after having the car in the proper parking lot. She remarked that in and out times for the lots are too tight and burden the individual, and also claimed that she has spoken to several police officers who are against the ban all together.

Alan Epstein – 58 Spruce Street – Said that Watertown has always had great plowing, but while he has parking, he is in favor of lifting the ban as it is currently written. He's in favor of parking on one side of the street and believes there are several options to improve current conditions.

Joan Gumbleton – 32 Falmouth Road – Stated that parking issues are getting worse and worse, and claimed that the City leaders are talking out of two sides of their mouth. She remarked that if the winter parking ban is lifted, more cars will fill the streets, and also said that it's incumbent on the person entering the town to worry about if they can manage the current parking standards. Parking on one side of the street reduces the total amount of parking, and would be counterintuitive.

Jay Feinstein– 127 Nichols Avenue – Is a homeowner and is in favor of lifting the ban. He wants to have people over to enjoy and contribute to the commerce in town, but that is discouraged with the current ban.

Libby Shaw – 73 Templeton Parkway– has a level of sympathy for those who are affected. It's clear that Watertown has too many cars, and she feels like they could modify the parking ban by adding people to the staff to make sure that people are observing residential parking.

Sarah Putnam – 130 Putnam Street – Has experienced times where she has had to pay for parking spots, and knows of friends who have to pay several hundred of dollars a month the just park their car.

Remy Morson – 294 Mount Auburn Street – Remarked that the parking ban will is a problematic situation and the one size fits all approach does work. There are many problems for the disabled, the elderly, and those who have children. The City should strongly reconsider the ban and put in place policies that reflect other aspects of Watertown's goals.

Mathew Gregorio – 738 Belmont Street – Is in favor of removing the ban, he remarked that the ban is lifted for the holidays, and several times in the past few years the ban has lifted early. When there is no snow on the ground, there are no access issues for emergency vehicles. He then mentioned that he would like to see more enforcement when cars are parked illegally/infringe on access.

Margret Pacious –145 Pleasant Street - Remarked that when her grandfather built the home she currently lives in, there was a mandatory code that you have to have enough spots for your tenants. She expressed strong concern for the need for emergency vehicles to have access on roads, and wants the ban to stay as it is, but feels like it is incumbent upon landlords to accommodate parking for their tenants.

Triv Kadar – 30 Everett Avenue - Transit options make people rely on cars for most residents. He recently had a hardship of injuries that impeded his ability to travel by foot, and remarked on the long distances that people must walk to get from their home to a parking lot.

Emery Markles – 28 Channing Road – Noted that Waltham has a system that alerts during emergencies to notify people of moving their cars when needed and it worked great. Hockey practices run late, and lugging his equipment over a half of mile in the extreme cold is a burden.

Vanessa Merker – 317 Common Street - Stated that the ban is not an inconvenience but a toxicity for health reasons. She said that the ban may influence her to move out of Watertown, and that there is a need to consider more options, as it should not be not a zero sum situation.

David- 37 Berkly Street – Recently moved her from Melrose to Watertown. They live on a small dead end street that has no through traffic, and yet they have to walk a mile to get to a parking lot because they can't park on their street. He said that it is an unfair burden to many tax payers.

Christopher Campbell – 26 Fairfield – Remarked that the winter is tough for him to get around as he is wheelchair bound, he has hand controls that are needed for his car, and can't rely on anyone else to use his car. What a ten minute walk is for some can be a 25 endeavor for him.

Hannah Rakoff – 87 Spruce Street - Is in favor of maintaining the ban as parking is an issue and notifications can be chaotic. She remarked that several people spoke that they didn't receive notifications for snow emergency that they signed up for, and that it's difficult to determine an emergency. She then noted problems for bikes and pedestrians navigating the roads.

Brian Hebeisen – 170 Worcester Street – Sympathized with valid concerns with the ban, but said Watertown is a complicated city with complicated problems, and that he is concerned with lifting the ban. He stated he is in favor of a study to look into the issue.

Susan Falkoff – 19 Oliver Street - Stated that big parking lots and parking garages that are not city owned should be available to be used at night as they are just wasted spaces otherwise.

Joshua Driesman – 127 Nichols – Is in favor of removing the ban as there are other options like temporary snow emergency bans, parking permits that could be implemented

Alex Ashley – 22 Lions Court– Is in favor of putting something more equitable in place. She stated that she tried to attend the meeting in person but ran into issues with parking, and just walking around for a short while tonight can cause an issue with freezing conditions, which affects those marginalized demographics even more so.

Emma Jackman – 15 Derby Road – Stated that people are not vehicles and want to be able live happy lives and be able to entertain loved ones. She remarked that there are many alternative options to consider.

Karina Wallach – 127 Putnam Street - Is in favor of removing the parking ban. She has lived in the town since 2019, and each year they've had to door knock to find spaces they can rent. The ban has a negative effect on people who want to move to town, and it continues to present equity issues.

Annie Fortnough – 127 Putnam Street - Lives district A, and loves Watertown, but encounters issues every year of rising costs of renting parking spots. She constantly deals with problems like the risk of tickets for guests, and believes that the ban only supports a certain type of lifestyle

Natasha Krell – 104 Walnut Street – Has to leave her home at 5:40 AM every morning to walk 15 minutes to her car at the Hosmer School parking lot and is anxious of what that might be like when she is pregnant. She asked how individuals would feel if their loved ones had to make the same walk.

Rita Colafella – 56 Cuba Street - Stated that the ban unfairly affects renters, which makes up 56% of the population. She remarked that the public engagement has been huge this meeting, and urged the Council to make it equitable for all Watertown.

Monica Fall – 7 Olney Street – Said that part of the logic of supporting the ban is the idea that more cars would flood into Watertown if it was lifted, but she doesn't believe that is a big factor as her family is not considering adding more cars should the ban change.

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Road – Stated that she does have parking for her two tenants. She cares for people who came and spoke, a lot of new faces, and wished that she saw some of the faces when comprehensive plans and Watertown Square planning meetings were being held. She remarked that the agreed upon design of .8 spots per unit mapped out in the Watertown Square Plan for new buildings will only exacerbate the problem. She then said that a person isn't entitled to a spot in any community, and added that if there are permits, then they should be expensive as she is dubious of common sense parking in general.

Dean Martino – 94 Edenfield Avenue – Rhetorically asked how many vehicles in town overnight, and answered, "we do not know...we don't know capacity, we don't know many spots are available in lots, we don't know what's going to happen in the future (for available spots)". He believes that the number of cars in town will continue to grow, that increased housing brings more issues, and asked to look at the actual issue on hand.

Dennis Duff – 25 Spruce Street - Believes that lifting the ban will lead to more apartments. He stated that there is a climate problem, but that we can't trust the weather man. He said that if snow doesn't get plowed properly, it remains a lingering

issue, and added that the parking ban is actually yearlong but its only enforced during the winter months.

Deidre Sinead – 25 Oakland Street– Urged the Council to find a way to compromise - the existing ban is too severe to classes like the disabled and senior citizens.

Alexandria Jordan – 35 Berkely Street – Sated that her street has a small lot as it dead ends, but a big impact the neighbors encounter are large commercial vehicles that take up a lot of spots that residents would otherwise use.

Cathlene McCusker – 392 Mt Auburn - Uses the Hosmer School for parking, is in favor of lifting the ban as it's inconvenient.

Jimmy Mello – 100 Warren Street – Is a lifelong resident who stated that the ordinance calling for the clearing sidewalks of snow and ice needs to be enforced. He addressed the call for bike lanes, sidewalks and affordable units, but said that there is somewhat of a contradiction with the removal of parking spaces while adding housing. He wants to keep the ban as it is, as he wants to avoid unintended headaches.

Michelle - Carey Avenue – Expressed the fear of walking alone at night in the cold, particularly for women. She called to lift the ban for the rest of the season to work out a permanent solution, and stated that if something bad were to happen to an individual walking from a lot to their home, that it would be on the City's hands.

Qibin Ye – 16 Olcott Street – Supports changing the ban but understands the other side of the argument. He said that large buildings with lesser spots will lead to more cars filling the streets. He called for residential parking structures with limited permits issued.

Ryan Tuckerman – 794 Mount Auburn Street – Believes that current code is outdated and creates many issues. He had an encounter with a lurker moving his car this past December, which was a night where there was no snow on the ground, or any snow forecasted in the near future. He wants to use snow emergency notification to help with the issue.

Elodia Thomas - 67 Marion Road – Stated that the comprehensive plan was where this issue was voted on unanimously by the Council in 2023. There is also a climate change plan that called to reduce the amount of cars coming into the town. She admitted that there are complicated issues, but stated that she doesn't believe that lifting the ban would help for several reasons. She then claimed that Councilor Palomba took it upon himself to write the petition, soliciting support in the community, while not obtaining foundational knowledge.

Dennis Duff – 25 Spruce Street - Said that the problem is that we're spoiled because Watertown is a great town with great systems. The top issue is safety, if the parking ban saves one life, then it's worth it.

Ray Garcia – 26 Fairfield Street - Works in the event industry which requires her to work into the night hours. On one night, she crossed paths large coyote as she had to walk

from a lot to her home. She is concerned as wildlife populations are continuing to grow in urban areas and fears this danger will continue to increase.

Resident – Remarked civic engagement is amazing and wants to encourage more of it. A lot of people came tonight and called for change, and he asked that if not now, when.

City Manager Proakis stated that his job is to advise and guide while the Council's job is to decide and vote. He remarked on his experience of living in a community that has an all-night ban system, as well as working in Somerville that has robust and complicated system. He then welcomed Chief Nicholson and Sgt Sampson to add in the perspective of emergency services.

Sgt. Sampson of the Watertown Police Department stated that he oversees the traffic division and is a lifelong resident. He then relayed the following pertinent information regarding the code of the ban, it's effects, and general winter and town challenges.

- **Current Rule:** No parking for more than one hour between 1 AM and 6 AM, enforced year-round.
- **Enforcement Period:** Strictly from November 1st to April 1st, typically starting after Thanksgiving and pausing for about 10 days in December for holidays.
- **Snow Emergencies:** The City may enact snow emergencies, prioritizing safety and road clearance.
- **Challenges:** Ice and freezing temperatures create significant issues, making it difficult for snowplows to operate if cars are parked on the streets.
- **Exemptions:** Vehicles with handicap placards are exempt from the ban except during snow emergencies.
- **Notification Issues:** Current notification systems (like Everbridge) are not always effective due to reliance on voluntary sign-ups.
- **Roadway Design:** Roads are being reconstructed to a 24-foot width, allowing for a 10-foot shared travel lane and 7-foot parking lanes on both sides.
- **Police and DPW Coordination:** The police and Department of Public Works work together to manage snow emergencies and minimize towing.
- **Community Feedback:** Mixed opinions on the ban; some residents support it, while others oppose it.

- **Apartment Complexes:** Removing the ban could lead to more cars on the streets from large apartment complexes.
- **Flexibility:** The police department tries to be reasonable and flexible, offering temporary exemptions for special circumstances.

Fire Chief Nicholson added the following points.

- **Support for the Ban:** The Watertown Fire Department finds the parking ban consistent and effective in achieving its goals.
- **Concerns About Removal:** Removing the ban without a thorough plan could be dangerous.
- **Impact on Fire Department:** Parked vehicles, especially after snowfall, significantly affect fire department operations.
- **Snow Emergency:** During a recent snow emergency, there was no noticeable difference in compliance, indicating that the notification might not have been fully effective.
- **Notification Methods:** The fire department uses social media and Everbridge for notifications but acknowledges the need for improvement.
- **Consistency and Effectiveness:** The ban is well-known and effective, providing a consistent rule for residents.

City Manager Proakis stated that the administration went to a notification service to be sent to all Watertown residents, he wasn't in town when the snow emergency happened, but was surprised to see cars still on the street with a lot of snow on them when he returned.

Ed Baptista – Highway Supervisor for Watertown Public Works - Remarked that he is the current head of snow operations and he would love to have no cars on the road, but realizes it's not a reality. There were hundreds of cars still on the road this past emergency. He stated that he doesn't want to tow cars, but he will if he is forced. He said that he doesn't want to lift the ban, because if cars are too tight on the street, he will not plow it, the street won't be serviced, and that creates a potential danger.

Assistant City Manager Steve Magoon remarked that the comprehensive plan and the zoning and resilient plan have already been established, and they touched on significant aspects of the issue at hand. The comprehensive plan did recommend that they take another look at the overnight ban, but in the timeframe of 2028. The climate and energy plan has a lofty goal of curbing single occupancy travel by 50% by 2050. There is a grant funded ARPA study that will work with that, but it is not finished. He believes that

lifting the ban will create more cars to be on the streets and could raise prices of properties. He is concerned with unintended consequences, because if there is no limitation, then that will make people believe that they can just leave their car on the street regardless of snow emergency.

City Manager Proakis stated that like all ordinances, there is no purpose statement for the ordinance. This ordinance has evolved a bit. He remarked that he wants to focus on public safety, and that the public safety officials have been steady on the issue. In terms of climate change, one aspect of climate change is dryer winters or more extreme seasons, which could lead to more snow and create a greater ice and sand problem. On the process of policy aspect, there is not an easy solution, and overnight street parking is rarely looked at as a good process. Some similar communities have no street parking all year round, while others have a litany of regulations. He noted that Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston are much larger cities with larger budgets, and Watertown doesn't have it in the budget. He then added that once we have free parking on all curbs, there will be a rise in rent, giving away a common public space for free is particularly complicated.

City Manager Proakis shifted his conversation to snow emergencies, and noted that the notification system reportedly did not work as well as anticipated. He stated that many people did not move their cars regardless of knowledge of an emergency, and believes that emergency bans will not work at this point in time. He said he cannot look to change this for the remainder of the season, but might be open for long range discussions.

He addressed the reduction of parking for all new developments, and that citywide zoning for affordable housing doesn't correlate with parking for affordable housing. He added that he can't unbundle parking for developments and then give all of the curb parking away for free. Currently, this three-month ban is what keeps everything in balance.

On the most vulnerable people, some of those are people who cannot afford a car or can't drive, and giving away that space for free doesn't help them. For people who are paving their backyard, they may very well be breaking the law, and he asked for the public to bring that to the City's attention. He concluded by saying he believes that the comprehensive plan guides them to the course of action moving forward.

Councilor Piccirilli remarked he is grateful to the whole public for their participation. He stressed that the issue is complicated, and reiterated that the Council did vote on the comprehensive plan. The takeaway is that there is no such thing as free parking. In response to the question of numbers of vehicles and spaces, he stated that there are 24k registered vehicles in Watertown, and there are 923 spaces in those spaces that people can park in. This challenge is too complicated for the 9 councilors to come to the right plan tonight, and there needs to be more deliberation, more action with public and pros to get there.

Councilor Feltner expressed concern as she felt that the comments tonight reflected that there is not enough parking in Watertown, but multiple plans passed by the Council have been focused on reducing cars and parking. She stated that they have been told that the more difficult it is to have cars, the more they can be reduced. She believes that there isn't that much data to support that right now when considering work from home post pandemic world we live in. The Council has put a lot of effort in reducing greenhouse gases, and while she is aware that safety concerns are another large focus that has been prevalent on most meetings and plans, she is not in favor of bumping this item up immediately.

Councilor Gardner remarked that there are three aspects that are colliding with each other. Safety is one, equity is another, and climate (promise to the future) is the third. She stated she thinks this is not an if but a when issue, and while this was scheduled to be addressed several years in the future, she asked could we pull that timeline in closer from 2028 – asked what other priority could be pushed?

President Sideris replied that there will be more discussion on bringing the issue up in timeline.

Councilor Palomba spoke against disparaging comments targeted toward himself. He stated he has always upheld appropriate process, and he has served his 8 terms in office with integrity. He remarked that this petition is not to outright lift the parking ban, but to amend it in a very specific way. He then broke down different aspects of the petition and its support:

- **Citizen Petition:** The petition aims to amend, not ban, the winter parking ban. It proposes that the ban only be enforced during significant snow or ice storms.
- **Current Practice:** Residents can park on the street during the day for eight months of the year. The winter parking ban currently reduces the number of cars on the street during specific hours.
- **Purpose of the Petition:** The petition is not intended to regulate car ownership or limit the number of cars in the city. It focuses on amending the ban to be more flexible and only active during snow emergencies.
- **Issues Raised:** The petition addresses concerns about deicing, safety, and notification. It suggests that the administration should announce snow emergencies in advance and enforce the ban through ticketing and towing.
- **Pilot Program and Alternatives:** Ideas like running a pilot program for the rest of the year, considering parking permits, one-side street parking, and hiring a consultant to study parking issues should be considered.

- **Community Effort:** The petition was organized by Watertown Citizens For Better Parking, who collected over 800 signatures. The community's involvement and the discussions brought to the council should be commended.
- **Concerns About Impact:** It is unreasonable to claim that amending the ban will negatively impact housing prices, the climate emergency plan, or the comprehensive plan. Addressing residents' concerns should not be seen as undermining broader plans.

Councilor Bays remarked that she was an individual who had to walk with her children from her car to her apartment. She expressed hope that there might be something that could be done in terms of education on consequences. She stated that many issues come into conflict, and believes that affordable housing and need for parking comes to a head - more parking is more expensive.

Councilor Gannon relayed that he has been in the situation of living on Belmont Street as a renter. He later became a landlord and would not rent to anyone that he couldn't offer a parking spot to. He believes that there are issues with parking and price increase, and remarked that places in Boston, Somerville and Cambridge have their own issues as well. He added that parking permits are a privilege and not a right and a lot of costs and process go into implementation.

Councilor Airasian noted that the issue comes up a lot as it directly affects people. He also mentioned that the leadership in community safety believes there are benefits to the ban. He admitted that it is a complicated issue, but is hopeful that further discussion will lead to the correct implementable plan.

Councilor Izzo reiterated the further potential of working with the private sector to allow the public to have more access to parking that isn't otherwise being used.

President Sideris remarked on the great participation, and mentioned that the Council heard some issues that haven't been voiced before. Something of note that came to light tonight is a landlord renting out a property with less parking spaces than tenants, as well as not being honest with incoming tenants on parking laws. He stated that on his personal street, there is already snow built up on both sides, which may cause the street to be too narrow currently. He raised a concern with the snow emergency, and asked if the message isn't reaching everyone, or if people just don't care about moving their car. He concluded by stating that this complicated issue's door is open, and the discussion will continue.

3. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried unanimously in a Voice Vote at 9:49 P.M.

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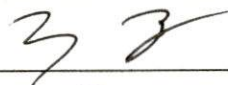
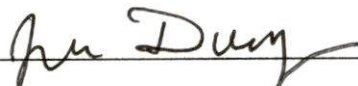
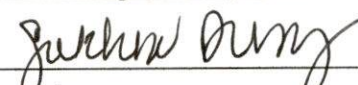
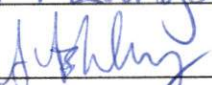
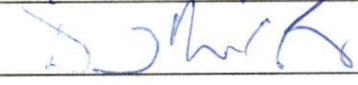
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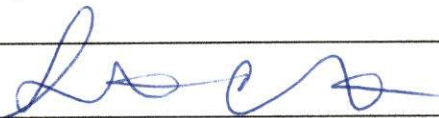
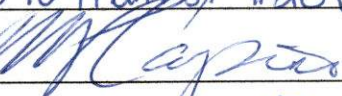
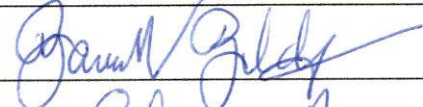
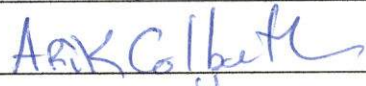
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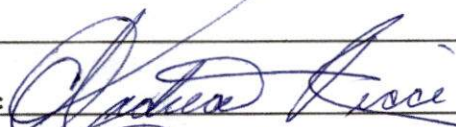
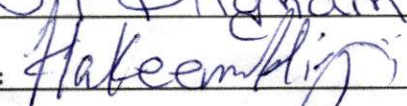
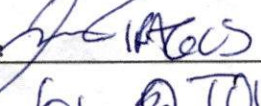
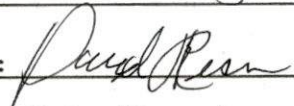
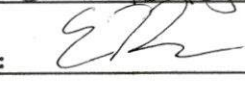
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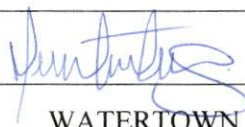
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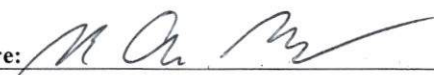
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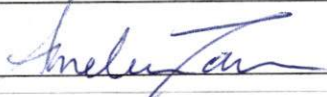
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Signature: 	Print Name: Vincent O'Angelis Jr
Address: 126 Fayette St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Samantha Diaw
Address: 1 Whitney St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Nicole Kootz
Address: 190 Mt Auburn St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Amelia Taco
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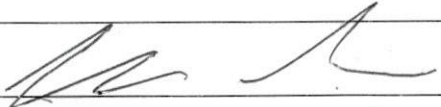
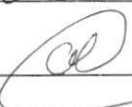
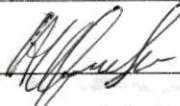
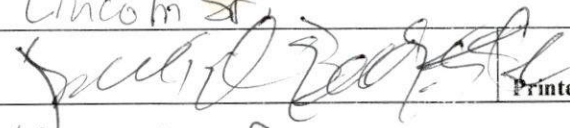
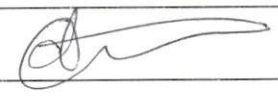
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Address: <i>50 Lincoln St.</i> WATERTOWN	
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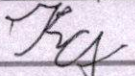
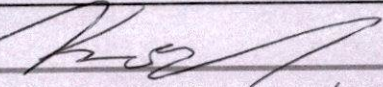
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Address: 50 Lincoln St WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Abigail Houghton
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Alfonso Sira
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Signature: Jane S. Holden	Print Name: Jane S. Holden
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Signature: H.D. Holden	Printed Name: H.D. HOLDEN
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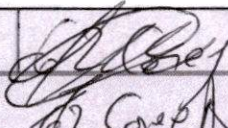
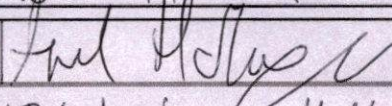
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Address:	50 Carey Ave #9		Watertown
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Address:	50 Carey #10		Watertown
Signature:	Margaret J. Pierce	Print Name:	MARGARET J. PIERCE
Address:	50 CAREY AVE #1		Watertown
Signature:	Aline Gonzaga	Print Name:	
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	Address: 62 Maple Ave Apt 10		Watertown
	Signature: VADIM OLIPAV	Print Name:	
	Address: 186 LEXINGTON #5		Watertown
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	Signature:	Print Name:	
	Address: 196 Lexington #11		Watertown
	Signature: Mr. RYRSANOV	Print Name:	
	Address:		Watertown
	Signature: L. Kuchan	Print Name:	
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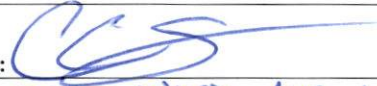
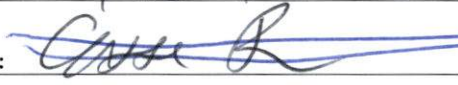
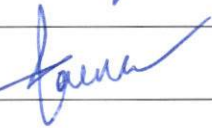
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Address: <i>49 Fuller Rd.</i> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: <i>Daniel J. Higgins</i>	Printed Name: <i>Daniel J. Higgins</i>
Address: <i>57 Jasset Newton MA 02458</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>David Newton</i>	Printed Name: <i>David Newton</i>
Address: <i>33 Howard St unit 2</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Nathan Fowler</i>	Print Name: <i>NATHAN FOWLER</i>
Address: <i>30 GRANDVIEW</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Kiensten Cakes</i>	Printed Name: <i>Kiensten Cakes</i>
Address: <i>46 maplewood st</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>62 Belmont St</i> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: 	Print Name: Farah Anzori
Address: 32 Whites Ave Unit 223 WATERTOWN	
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Address: 42 Oliver St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Connor Rooney
Address: 34 Oakley Road Connorjrooney@gmail.com WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Cassie Roberge
Address: 12 Annapolis Rd Newton WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Diane Barrios
Address: 35 Priest Rd Wat. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Stephanie Barker
Address: 18 Pequossette St WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: SVETLANA NAGARAJ
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Address: <i>21 Cottage St.</i> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: <i>Tarekian G</i>	Printed Name: <i>Tarekian G</i>
Address: <i>59, winter st, watertown</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Michael A Frantz</i>	Printed Name: <i>Michael Frantz</i>
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Signature: <i>Sandra Spino</i>	Printed Name: <i>Sandra Spino</i>
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Signature: <i>Cara Chito</i>	Printed Name: <i>Cara Chiaromonte</i>
Address: <i>23 Channing St Rd.</i>	WATERTOWN
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Address: <i>34 Longfellow Rd.</i>	WATERTOWN
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Address: <i>19 Morton St.</i>	WATERTOWN
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Address: <i>10 GAY RD</i>	WATERTOWN
Signature: <i>Marcela Lopez</i>	Printed Name: <i>Marcela Lopez</i>
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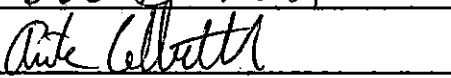
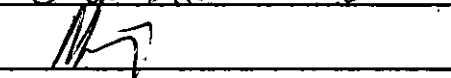
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Signature: <i>Olivia Surro</i>	Print Name: <i>Olivia Surro</i>
Address: <i>13 Heather Road,</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Andrew Hobbs</i>	Printed Name: <i>Andrew Hobbs</i>
Address: <i>57 Union St</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Joshua Novins</i>	Printed Name: <i>Joshua Novins</i>
Address: <i>104 WALNUT ST</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Natasha Krell</i>	Printed Name: <i>Natasha Krell</i>
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Address: 56 Cumberland St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Cecilia Dunoyer
Address: 660 Belmont St WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Aris Gilbert
Address: 26 Westwood Rd WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Mehmet Kugu
Address: 11 Hillside Rd WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>131 Lexington St.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Sandra Moynihan</i>	Printed Name: <i>Sandra Moynihan</i>
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Signature: <i>Karen Ziminski</i>	Print Name: <i>Karen Ziminski</i>
Address: <i>179 Chapman St.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Harry Gambetta</i>	Printed Name: <i>Harry Gambetta</i>
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Address: <i>168 Lowell Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Laura DeSisto</i>	Printed Name: <i>Laura DeSisto</i>
Address: <i>86 Loomis Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Kelly Lineman</i>	Print Name: <i>Kelly Lineman</i>
Address: <i>242 Common St</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Noah Solomon</i>	Printed Name: <i>Noah Solomon</i>
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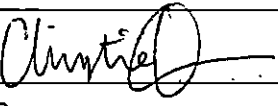
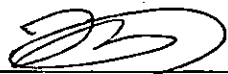
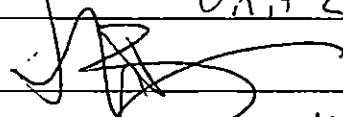
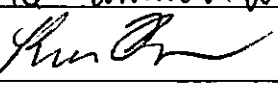
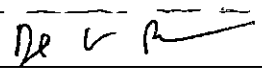
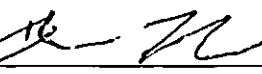
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Address: <i>200 Woodview Way, Watertown, MA 02472</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Jimmy Chao</i>
Address: <i>70 Lexington St. Watertown MA</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name:
Address: <i>66 Brookline St</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Cindy Chao</i>
Address: <i>76 Lexington St</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Diana Godfrey</i>	Print Name: <i>Diana Godfrey</i>
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Signature: <i>Steven Godfrey</i>	Printed Name: <i>STEVEN GODFREY</i>
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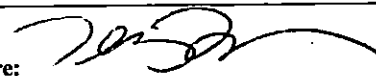
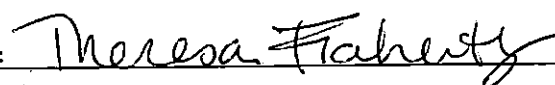
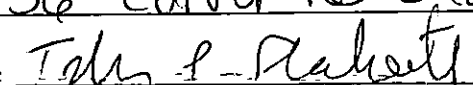
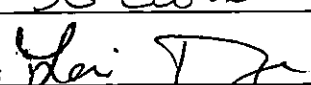
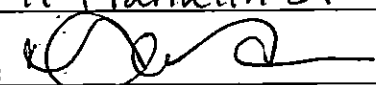
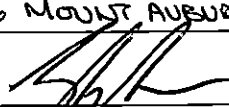
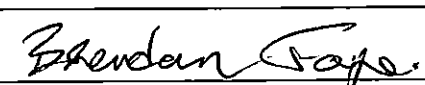
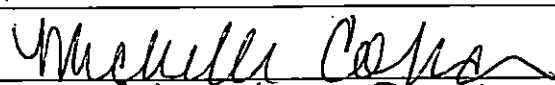
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Signature: <u>Elaine Pollack</u>	Print Name: <u>Elaine Pollack</u>
Address: <u>32 Commonwealth Rd #1</u> <u>02472-1319</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u>	
Signature: <u></u>	Printed Name: <u>CHRISTINE OLSON</u>
Address: <u>32 Commonwealth Rd</u> <u>#2</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u>	
Signature: <u></u>	Printed Name: <u>Raymond Schamp</u>
Address: <u>32 Commonwealth Rd</u> <u>Unit 2</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u>	
Signature: <u></u>	Printed Name: <u>Jennifer Ballen</u>
Address: <u>16 Commonwealth Road</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u>	
Signature: <u></u>	Print Name: <u>Rebecca Balder</u>
Address: <u>338 Belmont St.</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u>	
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Address: <u>16 Commonwealth Rd</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u>	
Signature: <u>Allison M. Gadsby</u>	Printed Name: <u>Allison M. Gadsby</u>
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Address: 34 Carver Rd East WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Theresa Flaherty
Address: 36 Carver Rd East WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: JOHN P. FLAHERTY
Address: 36 Carver Rd East WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Lori Toye
Address: 71 Franklin St WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>15 Fitchfield ST.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Sen Gilly</i>
Address: <i>5 Arthur Terrace</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>James Daly</i>	Printed Name: <i>JAMES DALY</i>
Address: <i>EQ EDWARD RD</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Brian Demore</i>
Address: <i>203 Fitchburg St</i> WATERTOWN	
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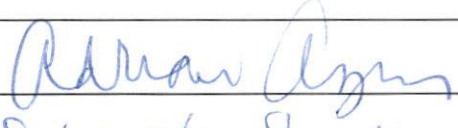
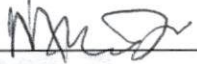
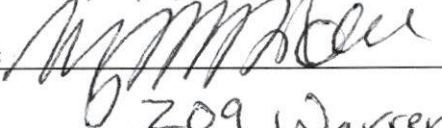
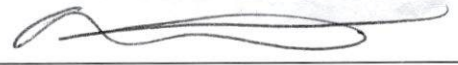
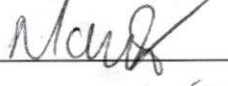
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Address: <i>16 Berkeley St. Watertown, MA 02472</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Connor Fortin</i>	Printed Name: <i>Connor Fortin</i>
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Address: <u>8 Nash Street</u> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: 	Printed Name: <u>Michelle Lyman</u>
Address: <u>44 Robert Ford Rd. Unit D</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Linda Lyman</u>	Printed Name: <u>Linda Lyman</u>
Address: <u>62 Ralph St</u> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>209 Warren St.</u> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>209 Warren St</u> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>25 Acton St</u> WATERTOWN	
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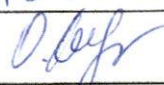
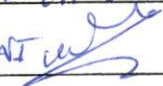
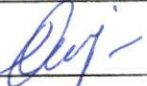
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Signature: <i>Aide Blanchard</i>	Print Name: <i>Aide Blanchard</i>
Address: <i>11 Benkeleez St.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Dan D'Amico</i>	Print Name: <i>Daniel D'Amico</i>
Address: <i>76 Edgcliff Rd</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Amy Conti</i>	Print Name: <i>Amy Conti</i>
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Signature: <i>Casey Halke</i>	Print Name: <i>Casey Halke</i>
Address: <i>161 Edenfield Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Vitor Leal</i>	Print Name: <i>[Signature]</i>
Address: <i>102 Pleasant St. Watertown</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: 275 Main St #206	WATERTOWN
Signature: 	Printed Name: Jonathan Garibay
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Arriyet Osman
Address: 275 Main St. #304 275 Main St. #304	WATERTOWN
Signature: 	Printed Name: Ezekiel Cruz
Address: 275 Main St. #411	WATERTOWN
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Address: 187 Westminger Ave	WATERTOWN
Signature:	Printed Name:
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Signature: 	Printed Name: CARMEX A. ALARCON
Address: 275 Main St. #105	WATERTOWN
Signature: M. TEHRANI 	Printed Name: Micael Tehrani Moayyed
Address: 275 Main St. APT #110	WATERTOWN
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Address: 275 Main St. (205)	WATERTOWN

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Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name: <i>Victor Prosen</i>
Address: <i>30 Westland Rd</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Juan Cook</i>	Printed Name: <i>Susan Cook</i>
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Address: <i>462 Mt Auburn</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Melinda Dennis</i>	Printed Name: <i>Melinda Dennis</i>
Address: <i>4 Hosmer St</i> WATERTOWN	
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275 Main St., Apt 1810 Address: WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Peter Draifuss</i>	Printed Name: <i>Peter Draifuss</i>
Address: 275 MAIN ST Apt 810 WATERTOWN	
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Address: 275 Main Street Apt. 109 WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>John Weinstein</i>	Printed Name: <i>JOHN WEINSTEIN</i>
Address: 275 MAIN ST 102 WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Megan Scarpulla</i>	Print Name: <i>Megan Scarpulla</i>
Address: 275 Main St. #301 WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Alison Harris</i>	Printed Name: <i>Alison Harris - 275 Main St. #604</i>
275 Main St. #811 Address: <i>Myra Lerman</i>	<i>Myra Lerman</i> WATERTOWN
Signature: <i>Seni Tevlin</i>	Printed Name: <i>Seni Tevlin</i>
Address: 275 Main St Watertown #604 WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Angelina Wheatley</i>	Printed Name: <i>Angelina Wheatley</i>
Address: 275 Main St. Apt 111 WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Kupur Hinksekar</i>	Printed Name: <i>Kupur Hinksekar</i>
Address: 275 Main St, Apt 208 WATERTOWN	

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Signature: Patricia A. Eynon	Print Name: Patricia A. Eynon
Address: 18 Purvis Street WATERTOWN	
Signature: [Signature]	Printed Name: Carole Biewerer
Address: 41 Bates Road WATERTOWN	
Signature: Ellen Lynch	Printed Name: Ellen B. Lynch
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Signature: Sophia Lynch	Printed Name: SOPHIA LYNCH
Address: 6 Edgcliff Rd. WJ WATERTOWN	
Signature: August DelHainaut	Print Name: August DelHainaut
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Signature: [Signature]	Printed Name: Patti Arsenault
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Signature: Carol Swayer	Printed Name: Carol Swayer
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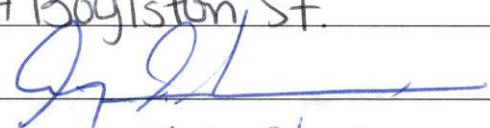
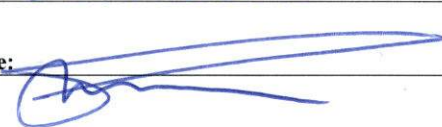
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Address: WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Samuel Ghilardi</i>	Printed Name: Samuel Ghilardi
Address: 22 Springfield St WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Alex Akian</i>	Printed Name: Alex Akian
Address: 181 School St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Sean McLusker</i>	Printed Name: Sean McLusker
Address: 12 Chauncey St WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>William Pennington</i>	Print Name: William Pennington
Address: 15 Fifield Street WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Marilyn Salvas</i>	Printed Name: Marilyn Salvas
Address: 112 Brookline St WATERTOWN	
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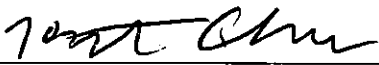
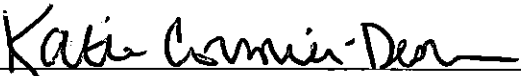
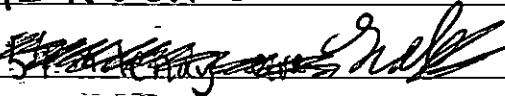
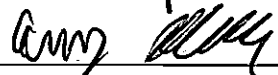
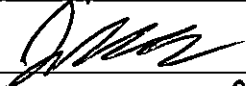
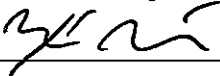
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Signature: Amelia Margolis Haddad	Printed Name: Amelia Margolis Haddad
Address: 17 Boylston St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Anthony Parker
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Jennifer Greengard
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Signature: 	Print Name: Stephen Myalany
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Signature: Julia Wessier	Printed Name: Julia Wessier
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Signature: Ashon LaForce	Printed Name: Ashon LaForce
Address: 525 Main St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Jean Paul
Address: WATERTOWN	
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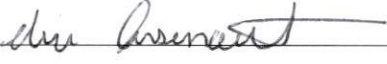
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Address: 42 Nash Street WATERTOWN	
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Address: 54 Melendy Ave WATERTOWN	
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Address: 34 Oakley Rd WATERTOWN	
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Address: 29 Ashland St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Erin Moulton
Address: 51 Pierce Rd WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: John A. Cashman
Address: 42 Maplewood St #1 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Maxine Barrios
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Address: 32 Whites Avenue D37 WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>51 York Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Alex</i>	Printed Name: <i>Alexandra Mayor</i>
Address: <i>116 Langdon Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Mary Whelan</i>	Printed Name: <i>Mary Whelan</i>
Address: <i>591 Main Street.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Carol Tierney</i>	Printed Name: <i>Carol Tierney</i>
Address: <i>35 Oliver Street</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Francesca Alvarez Calderon</i>	Print Name: <i>FRANCESCA ALVAREZ CALDERON</i>
Address: <i>134 Edenfield Ave UNIT 2</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Kristen Valters</i>	Printed Name: <i>Kristen Valters</i>
Address: <i>Steuers Park</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Dea M. Lawrence</i>	Printed Name: <i>Dea M. Lawrence</i>
Address: <i>136 Acfton, WATERTOWN</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Antonella D'Erano</i>	Printed Name: <i>Antonella D'Erano</i>
Address: <i>25 Bromfield St.</i> WATERTOWN	
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Signature:	Nina Surolet	Printed Name:	Nina Surolet
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Address:	130 Arsenal Street	WATERTOWN	
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Address:	138 Cypress Street	WATERTOWN	
Signature:	Bhuvan Gautam	Printed Name:	Bhuvan Gautam
Address:	24 White Ave #53	WATERTOWN	
Signature:	Mai Vueng	Printed Name:	Mai Vueng
Address:	106 Highland Ave	WATERTOWN	
Signature:	Jason A. Tavar	Printed Name:	Jason A. Tavar
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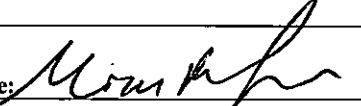
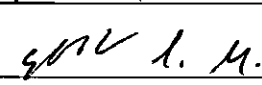
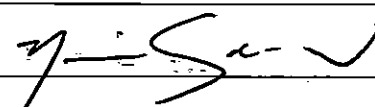
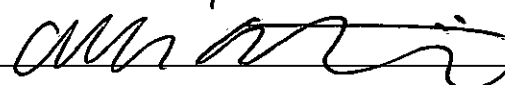
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Address: <u>22 Palfrey St.</u> WATERTOWN	
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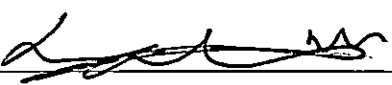
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Address: <i>44 Phillips St</i> WATERTOWN	
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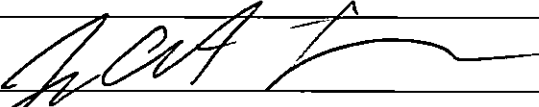
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Address: <i>36 Adams Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Paul Johnson</i>
Address: <i>92 Cypress St</i> WATERTOWN	
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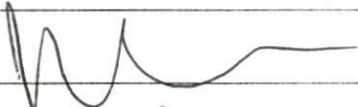
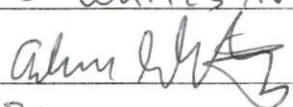
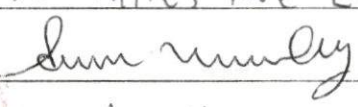
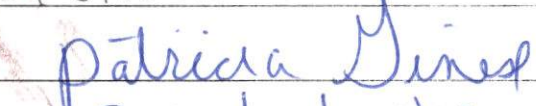
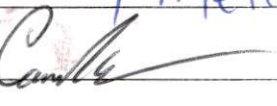
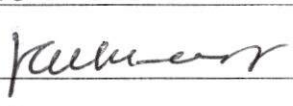
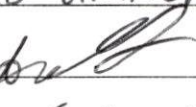
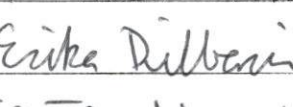
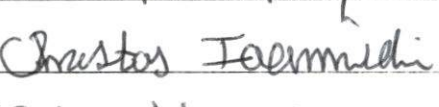
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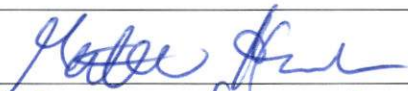
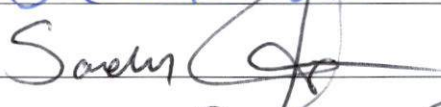
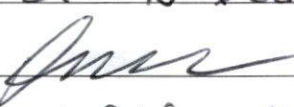
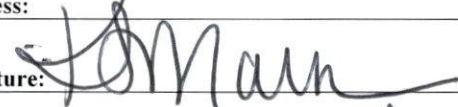
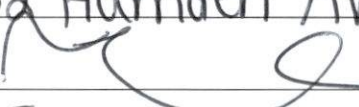
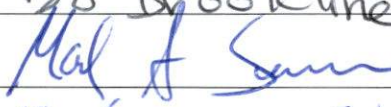
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Address: 32 Whites Ave D27	
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Address: 19 Melendy #2 Watertown MA 02472	
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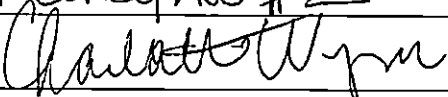
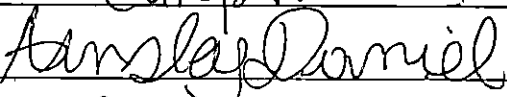
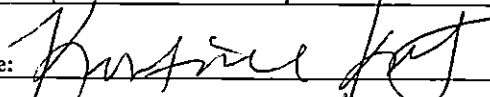
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Signature: <i>Bukens</i>	Printed Name: <i>Bernard Bukens</i>
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Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name: <i>Roy M</i>
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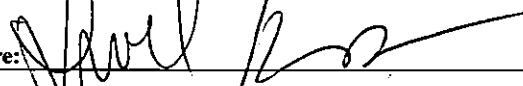
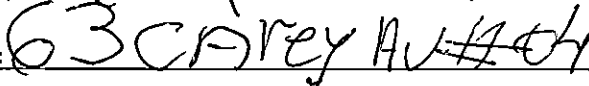
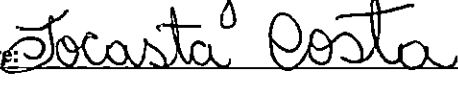
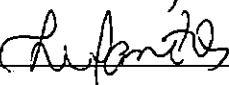
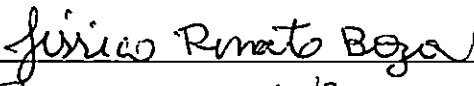
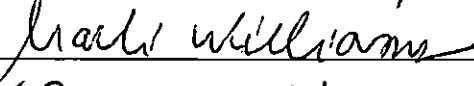
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Charlotte Wynne
Address: 27 Carey Ave G2 WATERTOWN	
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Address: 27 Carey Ave #1 WATERTOWN	
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Address: 27 CAREY AVE #2 WATERTOWN 02472	
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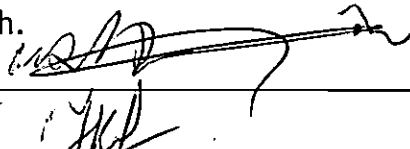
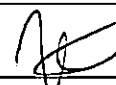
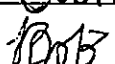
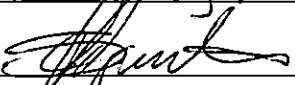
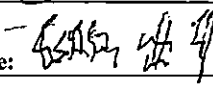
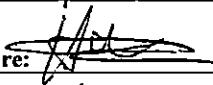
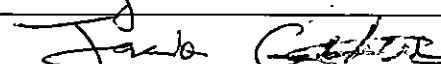
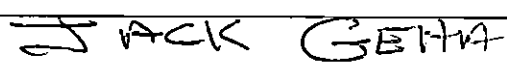
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Judmylla Inacio
Address: 63 Carey Ave #6 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Bruno Braga
Address: 63 Carey Ave #7 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Jocasta Costa
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Signature: 	Printed Name: LUCILENE SANTOS
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Danielle Coutinho
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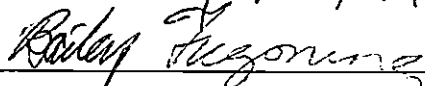
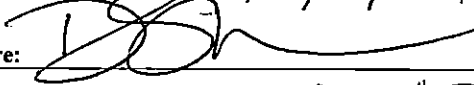
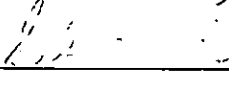
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Address: 51 Carey Ave, apt 8 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: AVETIK SAHAKYAN
Address: 51 Carey Ave #8 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Doris Tsarpikian
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Address: 51 Carey Ave apt 61 WATERTOWN	
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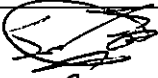
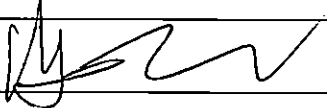
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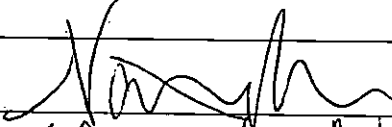
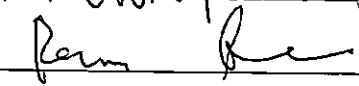
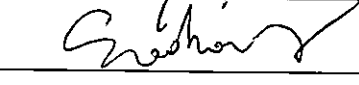
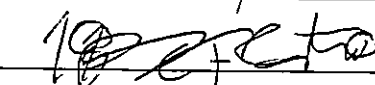
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Signature:		Printed Name:	E. Paul
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Address: <i>5 Carey Ave, Apt 3</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name:
Address: <i>SCAREY AV: APT. 8</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Maria Eduarda Carvalho</i>	Printed Name: <i>Maria Eduarda Carvalho</i>
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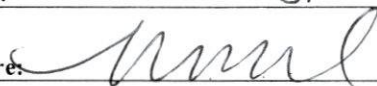
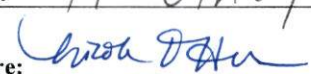
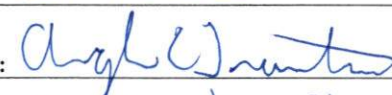
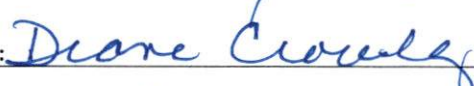
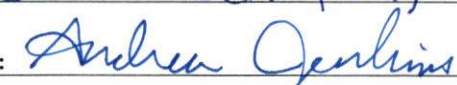
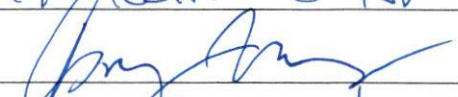
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Address: <u>96 Marion Rd.</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Heather Chaisson</u>	Printed Name: <u>Heather Chaisson</u>
Address: <u>190 North Beacon St</u> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>17 Thruway Park</u> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: <u>Christine Breen</u>	Print Name: <u>Christine Breen</u>
Address: <u>59 Marshall St.</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Printed Name: <u>Angela Matthews</u>
Address: <u>14 Desmond Ave.</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Lisa Cavarretta</u>	Printed Name: <u>Lisa Cavarretta</u>
Address: <u>40 Downey St.</u> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>93 Union St.</u> WATERTOWN	
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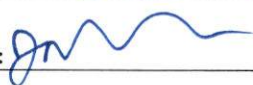
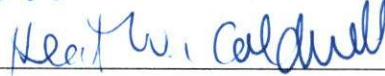
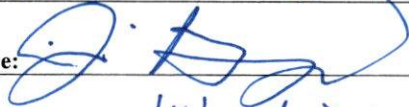
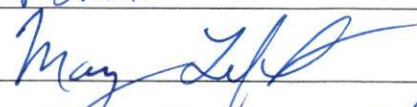
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Melanie St. Pierre
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Nicole O'Hern
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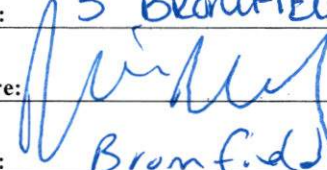
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Dylan Marshall
Address: 179 Edenfield Ave WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Joanna Weston
Address: 69 Crawford Street WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Sharon Bauer
Address: 62 Pearl St. WATERTOWN	
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Teri Baxter
Address: 129 Hillside Rd #2 WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>3 BLANFIELD ST</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u> <u>WATERTOWN</u>	
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Address: <i>196 Maplewood Street</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Karen Odierno</i>	Printed Name: <i>Karen Odierno</i>
Address: <i>239 Warren St</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Frank Odierno</i>	Print Name: <i>Frank Odierno</i>
Address: <i>104 Harnden Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Scott MacKenzie</i>	Printed Name: <i>Scott MacKenzie</i>
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Address: <i>239 Warren St.</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>180 Spruce Street</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Printed Name: <u>Antoine Zouein</u>
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Address: <i>121 Summer St Watertown</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>43 Pearl St</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Cindy Braver</i>	Printed Name: <i>Cindy Braver</i>
Address: <i>204 Arsenal St.</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>151 Coolidge Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Pascal Schamber</i>	Printed Name: <i>Pascal Schamber</i>
Address: <i>72 Dexter St.</i> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: <i>Bradley Starr</i>	Printed Name: <i>Bradley Starr</i>
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Signature: <i>Antonia Papadopoulos</i>	Printed Name: <i>Antonia Papadopoulos</i>
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Address: <i>227 Coolidge Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
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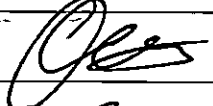
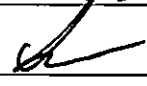
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Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name: <i>Ethan Hart</i>
Address: <i>13 Prescott St</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Ethan Hart</i>
Address: <i>102 Winsor Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Ramond Perkins</i>
Address: <i>768 Waverley Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Benjamin Cox</i>
Address: <i>227 Cook St Apt</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Peter M</i>	Print Name: <i>Peter M</i>
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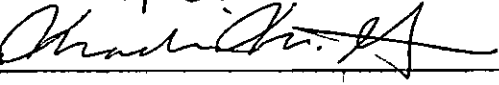
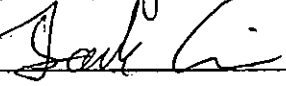
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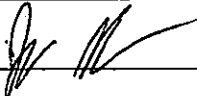
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Signature: 	Printed Name: John Oldham
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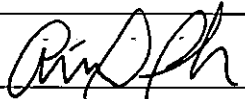
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	Signature: 	Printed Name: Ty Cabone
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Address: <u>122 SCHOOL St. Unit 1</u> WATERTOWN	
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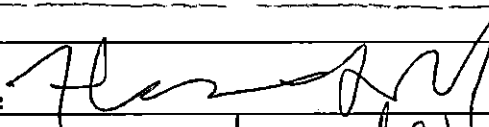
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Address: <u>244 Sycamore St Apt 2</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Sute Kelly</u>	Printed Name: <u>Samantha Kelley</u>
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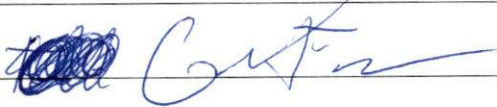
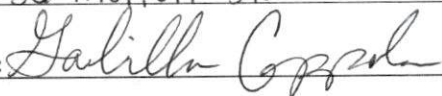
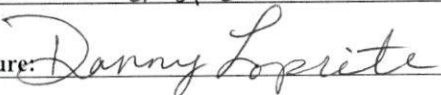
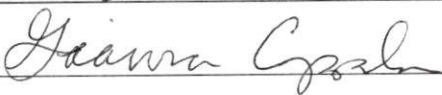
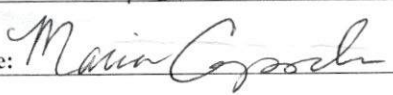
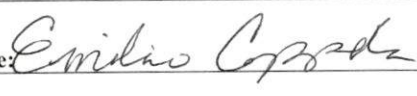
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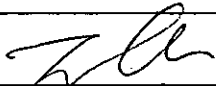
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Chris Frattaroli
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Signature: 	Printed Name: GABRIELLA COPPOLA
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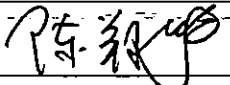
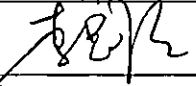
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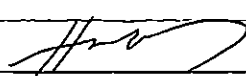
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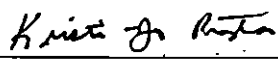
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Address: 12 Porter St. WATERTOWN	
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Address: <u>Alan Decker</u>	
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Signature: <u>Nancy J Pressler</u>	Printed Name: <u>NANCY J PRESSLER</u>
Address: <u>221 Lexington St.</u>	
WATERTOWN 02472	
Signature: <u>Gerry Missal</u>	Printed Name: <u>GERRY MISSAL</u>
Address: <u>108 Robbins Rd.</u>	
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Signature: <u>Susan McLean</u>	Printed Name: <u>Susan McLean</u>
Address: <u>19 Bonfield St.</u>	
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Signature: <u>Laurel D. Wainwright</u>	Printed Name: <u>Laurel Wainwright</u>
Address: <u>183 Sycamore St.</u>	
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Signature: <u>Calista Diehl</u>	Printed Name: <u>Calista Diehl</u>
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Address: <i>1 APPLETON ST. #1</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Ann W Moss</i>
Address: <i>1 APPLETON ST. #1</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Sarah Young</i>	Printed Name: <i>Sarah Young</i>
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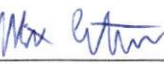
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Address: <i>147 Spruce Street, Apt 1 02472</i>	
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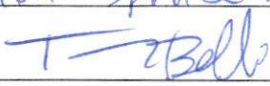
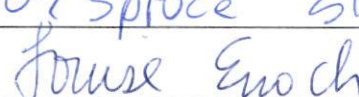
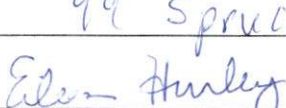
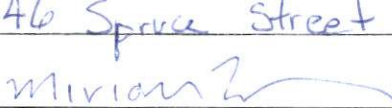
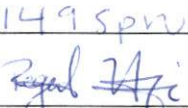
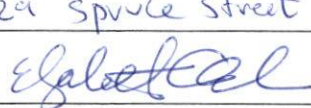
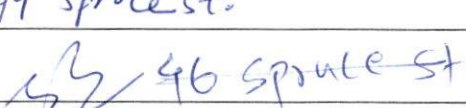
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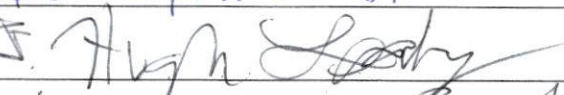
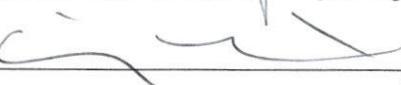
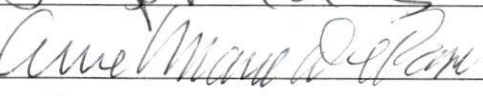
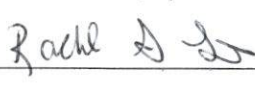
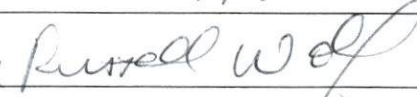
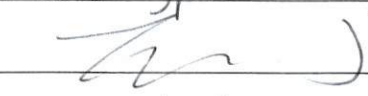
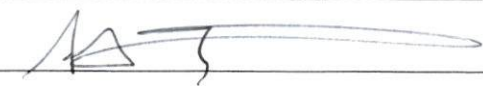
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Signature: 	Printed Name: Terence Belli
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Address: 168 Spruce St	WATERTOWN
Signature: 	Printed Name: Ariel Mahari
Address: 50 Spruce St	WATERTOWN
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Address: 152 Spruce St Apt 1	WATERTOWN
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Address: 149 Spruce St. #2	WATERTOWN
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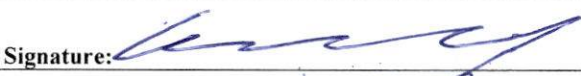
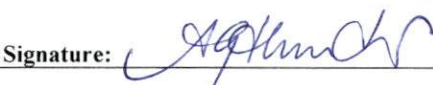
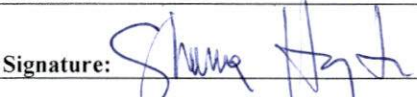
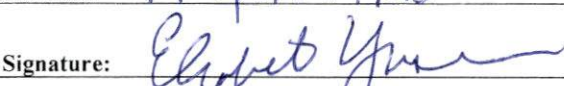
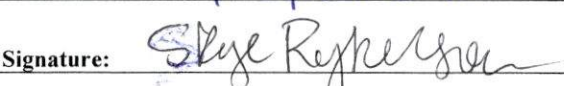
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Address: 46 Hillside WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: ALLAN HUNTER
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Signature: 	Print Name: SHAUNA HARKINGTON
Address: 19 UPLAND RD. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: ELIZABETH YUSEM
Address: 57 ELIOT STREET WATERTOWN	
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Signature: <i>Clay</i>	Printed Name: <i>Carabeth Connolly</i>
Address: <i>6 Priest Rd</i> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Juana Vasquez</i>
Address: <i>245 main st Watertown</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>87 Boylston St.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Kevin Weaver</i>	Printed Name: <i>Kevin Weaver</i>
Address: <i>38 Edgecliff Rd</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Amanda Wallack</i>	Printed Name: <i>Amanda Wallack</i>
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Signature: <i>Ben Spector</i>	Print Name: <i>Ben Spector</i>
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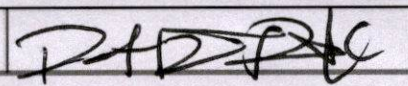
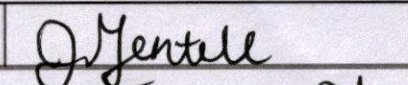
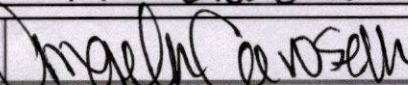
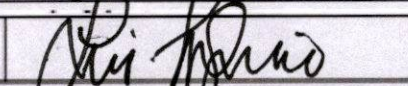
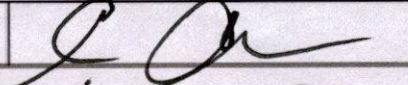
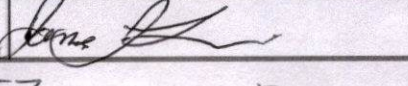
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Address:	62 Carey Ave apt 7		Watertown 02472
Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name:	Raineyto Rivas
Address:	62 Carey Ave Apt 7		Watertown
Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name:	Symontha Lubanski Victoria Clavin
Address:	62 Carey Apt 1		Watertown
Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name:	Dino & Mirela Spahilos
Address:	62 Carey Av Apt 10		Watertown
Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name:	IVAN MITA
Address:	62 Carey Ave 8		Watertown
Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name:	Richard Lugalambi
Address:	62 Carey Ave apt 8		Watertown
Signature:	<i>Ceddy B.</i>	Print Name:	Ceddy Button
Address:	62 Carey Apt. 6		Watertown
Signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>	Print Name:	Danda Chapagawa
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Signature:		Print Name:	GERARD M ^C CORMICK
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Signature:		Print Name:	Patrick Rourke
Address:	76 Emerson Rd		Watertown
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Signature:		Print Name:	Angela Carosella
Address:	71 Emerson Rd		Watertown
Signature:		Print Name:	Louis Fabrizio
Address:	38 Emerson		Watertown
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Address:	23 Emerson Rd		Watertown
Signature:		Print Name:	Christy Coupal
Address:	20 Emerson Rd		Watertown
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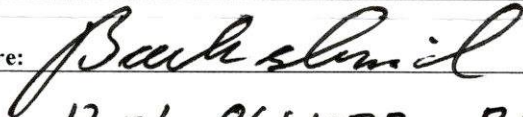
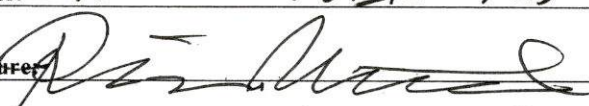
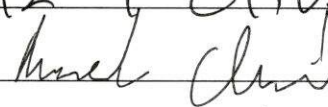
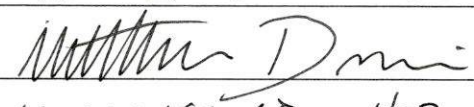
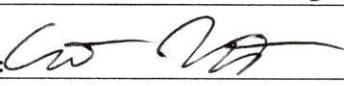
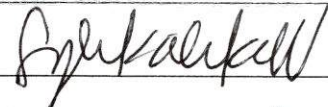
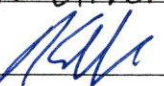
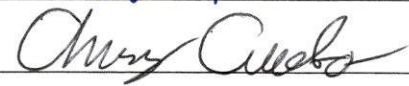
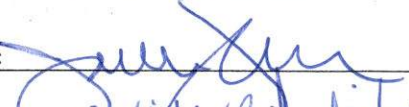
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Signature: <i>Ellen Kolton</i>	Print Name: <i>Ellen Kolton.</i>
Address: <i>30 Center Street.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>galutrin</i>	Printed Name: <i>GABRIEL NIR</i>
Address: <i>23 Center st</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>KLTH</i>	Printed Name: <i>KITRON THAL-NIR</i>
Address: <i>108-A FOREST st</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>M. Bue</i>	Printed Name: <i>RAE BLUMENTHAL</i>
Address: <i>21 Center st</i> WATERTOWN	
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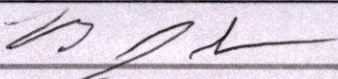
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Signature: 	Print Name: Reiko Matsui
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Signature: 	Print Name: Rachel Chernich
Address: 10-2 Oliver Rd WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Matthew Dursin
Address: 10 OLIVER RD #2 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Curt Myers
Address: 10 Oliver Rd #3 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Sylvie Kalikoff
Address: 10 Oliver Rd #3 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Kenny Irwin
Address: 10 Oliver Rd #1 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Chrissy Civiletti
Address: 10 Oliver Rd #2 WATERTOWN	
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Address:	34 Emerson Rd.		Watertown
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Address: <i>WATERTOWN</i>	
Signature: <i>Dimitri Skiba</i>	Printed Name: <i>Dimitri Skiba</i>
Address: <i>16 Whites Ave WATERTOWN</i>	
Signature: <i>Heloisa Breder</i>	Printed Name: <i>Heloisa Breder</i>
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Signature: <i>Marian Kowalski</i>	Printed Name: <i>Marian Kowalski</i>
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Signature: <i>Cayla Brown</i>	Printed Name: <i>Cayla Brown</i>
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Signature: <i>Damsan Buanumen</i> Address: <i>2A Whites Av</i>	Printed Name: <i>Damsan Buanumen</i> WATERTOWN
Signature: <i>Fahy</i> Address: <i>24 white Ave</i>	Printed Name: <i>Farid Kaymaran</i> WATERTOWN
Signature: <i>Rebueh Namunby</i> Address: <i>24 whites Ave</i>	Printed Name: <i>Rebueh Namunby</i> WATERTOWN
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Signature:	Printed Name: Bhuvan Gaurtam
Address: 24 Whites ave, 02472 WATERTOWN	
Signature:	Printed Name: Mary Zena
Address: 24 Whites ave, Watertown, MA 02472 WATERTOWN	
Signature:	Printed Name: Barbara Araya B.
Address: 24 Whites Ave, Watertown WATERTOWN	
Signature:	Print Name: Nick LaCoutre
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Signature: <u>Viviane Bossanelli</u>	Print Name: <u>VIVIANE BOSSANELLI</u>
Address: <u>16 Whites Ave #42 Watertown</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Eugene C. Roman</u>	Printed Name: <u>EUGENE C. ROMAN</u>
Address: <u>16 Whites Ave</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Printed Name: <u>Jon Spector</u>
Address: <u>16 Whites Ave #57</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Michael Kroet</u>	Printed Name: <u>MICHAEL KROET</u>
Address: <u>16 WHITE ST AVE, APT 33</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Yasmina Spector</u>	Print Name: <u>YASMINA SPECTOR</u>
Address: <u>16 WHITES AVE. #57</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Angela Gerald</u>	Printed Name: <u>ANGELA GERALD</u>
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Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Printed Name: <u>MARGARET LUGGYN</u>
Address: <u>16 Whites Ave #21</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Anne Davenport</u>	Printed Name: <u>ANNE DAVENPORT</u>
Address: <u>16 Whites Ave #28</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Bongmarie Ammarer</u>	Printed Name: <u>Bongmarie Ammarer</u>
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Signature: Printed Name:	<i>JEAN SCOTT</i> JEAN SCOTT
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Signature: Printed Name:	79 JENSEN RD WATERTOWN MA 02472
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Address: <i>117 Edward Rd</i> WATERTOWN	
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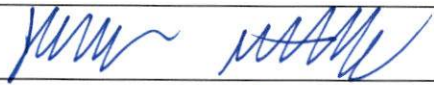
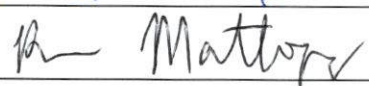
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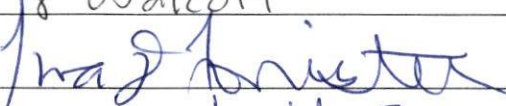
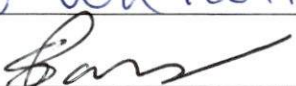
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Address: 54 Chenn (55) - 02472.	
Signature: <i>Velma Perry</i> 02472	Printed Name: Velma Perry
Address: 2 Rosary Dr. #307	
Signature: <i>Donald Bashline</i>	Printed Name: DONALD BASHLINE
Address: 38 Carver Rd E Watertown	
Signature: <i>Antonio Lorbo</i>	Printed Name: ANTONIO LORBO
Address: 34 ANGELA LN WATERTOWN MA 02472	
Signature: <i>Lydia Grad</i>	Print Name: Lydia Grad
Address: 5 Channing Rd Apt #1	
Signature: <i>Susan Moreno</i>	Printed Name: Susan Moreno
Address: 45 Wilmet St	
Signature: <i>Latis La Raine</i>	Printed Name: Latis La Raine
Address: 270 Pleasant St Apt 472	
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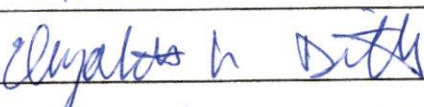
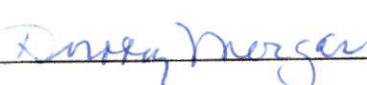
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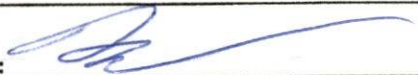
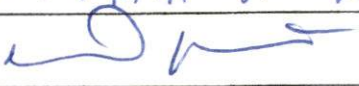
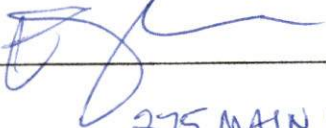
Signature: 	Print Name: Eugene W.
Address: 275 Main St Apt 203 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Allison W.
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Address: 275 Main St Watertown APT 204 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: N. Nour 711
Address: 275 Main St. #711 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Dustin Rabin
Address: 275 Main Street #204 WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: Emma Scano
Address: 275 MAIN ST WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>148 Lovell Rd</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Carol A. Torsian</i>	Printed Name: <i>CAROL TORSIAN</i>
Address: <i>55 LEXINGTON ST</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Leon Janikian</i>	Printed Name: <i>Leon Janikian</i>
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Signature: <i>Kathleen DiStefano</i>	Print Name: <i>Kathleen DiStefano</i>
Address: <i>11 JEFFERSON AV.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Michael Harris</i>	Printed Name: <i>Michael Harris</i>
Address: <i>17 Winter Street</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Frank Martorello</i>	Printed Name: <i>Frank Martorello</i>
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Signature: <i>Sarah Gatti</i>	Printed Name: <i>Sarah Gatti</i>
Address: <i>13 Hosmer St. Unit 1</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Michael Raimondo</i>	Printed Name: <i>Michael Raimondo</i>
Address: <i>26 Frank St.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Kristina Smarz</i>	Printed Name: <i>Kristina Smarz</i>
Address: <i>570 Mt Auburn St #4</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Jodi Fisher</i>	Print Name: <i>Jodi Fisher</i>
Address: <i>94 School St #3</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>9 York Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Garrett Ginell</i>
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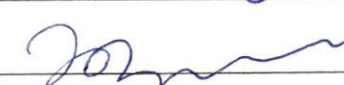
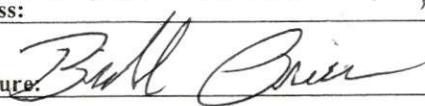
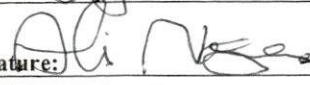
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Address: <i>39 BRIGHAM ST</i> WATERTOWN	
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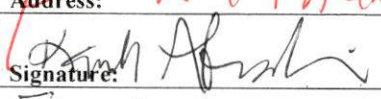
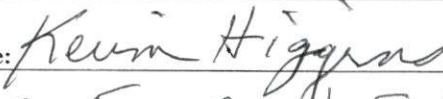
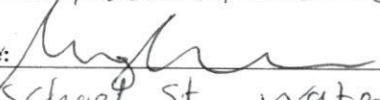
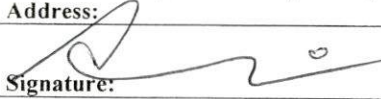
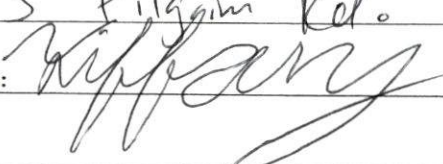
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Signature: 	Printed Name: <u>Michael Francis</u>
Address: <u>205 Waverley Avenue</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: <u>Donald Bleech</u>
Address: <u>123 Main St Watertown Ma</u> WATERTOWN	
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Signature: <u>Kaveh Afrahan</u>	Print Name: <u>KAJAH AFIRASIRI</u>
Address: <u>542 Mt. Auburn St, Watertown</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Printed Name: <u>Bill O'Donovan</u>
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Address: 950 Mount Auburn St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: KAVEH AFRASABI
Address: 512 Mt. Auburn WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Kevin Higgins
Address: 20 Fairfield St. WATERTOWN	
Signature: 	Print Name: Farzaneh Moshadem
Address: 121 School St. - Watertown WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>32 Cottage St</i>	
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Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Domenic Corso</i>
Address: <i>16 Cottage St</i>	
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Signature: <i>Carol Monell</i>	Printed Name: <i>CAROL MORELL</i>
Address: <i>16 Hillcrest Cir.</i>	
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Signature: <i>Patricia A. Aubin</i>	Printed Name: <i>PATRICIA A. AUBIN</i>
Address: <i>70 Emerson Road</i>	
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Signature: <i>Patricia A. Caruso</i>	Print Name: <i>PATRICIA CARUSO</i>
Address: <i>77 Franklin St</i>	
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Signature: <i>Lidia Dierso Galvin</i>	Printed Name: <i>Lidia Dierso Galvin</i>
Address: <i>92 HARNDEN AVE.</i>	
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Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name: <i>Victoria Boyle</i>
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Address: 180 Chapman ST WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>	Printed Name: MARIA Gentilucci
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Address: <u>38 Parker, St</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Lorraine Cristello</u>	Printed Name: <u>LORRAINE CRISTELLO</u>
Address: <u>30 Jensen Rd.</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Ignacio Reeves</u>	Printed Name: <u>31 Broadway</u>
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Signature: <u>Mary Logue</u>	Printed Name: <u>MARY LOGUE</u>
Address: <u>21 Dartmouth St</u> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <u>Marietta Zani</u>	Print Name: <u>Marietta Zani</u>
Address: <u>207 Palfrey St.</u> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>56 Hersom St</i> WATERTOWN	
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Address: <i>49 Hersom St.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Christie Baccari</i>	Printed Name: <i>CHRISTIE BACCARI</i>
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Signature: <i>John Baccari</i>	Printed Name: <i>JOHN BACCARI</i>
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Signature: <i>Christopher Baccari</i>	Print Name: <i>Christopher Baccari</i>
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Signature: <i>Paula Antonelli</i>	Printed Name: <i>Paula Antonelli</i>
Address: <i>57 Hersom St.</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>Y. Santand</i>	Printed Name:
Address: <i>135 Highland Ave</i> WATERTOWN	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed Name:
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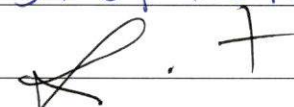
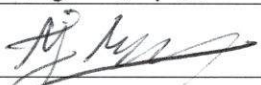
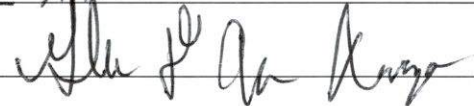
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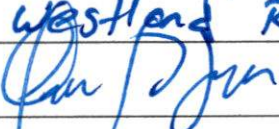
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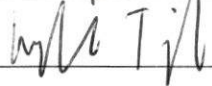
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Signature: 	Print Name: KAYLA KANTOLA
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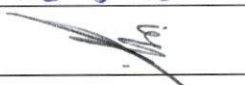
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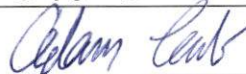
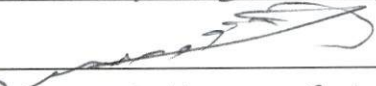
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To: City Council President and Council Members and City Staff:

My observations of last night's meeting on the petition to change the parking regulations during the winter months:

I was surprised by the number of units in Watertown rented without parking either knowingly by the renter or ignorantly accepted by the renter.

The proponents were well organized and many were scripted. Many were either from the same address or nearby streets or addresses. Their complaints included:

- The inconvenience of stacked parking.
- The distance from their apartment to **city-provided** spaces.
- The potential safety issues for folks walking to those spots during non-daylight hours, either fall hazard or mugging potential.
- Difficulty for handicapped folks getting to their vehicles.
- Inconvenience of not being able to park in front of one's apartment/house.
- Not enough spaces for the number of renters in the apartment.

The City staff was well prepared and provided responses to many of the issues raised by the proponents. Mr. Proakis indicated it is not an easy issue and many things impact parking on public property. One suggested alternative of parking permits could be more costly than the current rental of off-street parking. The police, fire, DPW and planning departments provided expert rationale for the implementation of the overnight parking ban. It was noted this had been reviewed a number of times and is schedule to be revisited again by our planning department in 2028.

Like many of us in Watertown, we have lived in a number of spots. Joanie and I lived on Union Street back in the seventies for a few years. Parking was an issue then, but we were lucky enough to have stacked parking for our unit. The issue of parking isn't just an issue with the east end and south side, it is throughout the city, although it is more prevalent in the east end and south side.

It is clear that either the landlords are not clear in the availability of parking with their rentals or the renters are naïve to the issues that they will face in finding off street parking when required and ignore the issue. There should be clear language as to what is or is not provided.

The city and its residents should not be the ones providing the remedy for those units that do not provide adequate off-street parking without a fee.

The city should keep the current procedures in place and possibly consider the enforcement of the ban year-round. The review of the street parking should be moved forward if possible.

Thanks to the City Council members and City staff for providing input into this issue that will not go away.

Leo Martin
683 Main Street

Winter Parking Ban

From Aakash Datt <abdatt@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 12:15 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Councillors,

I am writing to ask that you please keep the winter parking ban in place.

Between the net zero buildings, dedicated bus lanes, blue bikes, and many other initiatives, our city is working hard to build a green and sustainable future. Allowing year round overnight parking will inevitably result in a large and permanent spike in cars filling our streets and encourage more driving rather than considering alternative forms of travel. In my opinion, this proposed boost in free and essentially unlimited parking will negate the good work we have been doing to build a sustainable future for the next generations.

New regulatory frameworks to increase the footprint of cars in our community is the opposite direction from where we should be going.

I urge you to not take the anti-green step letting cars fill our streets 24/7 365 days a year.

Thank you,
Aakash Datt
108 Acton St
Watertown, MA 02472

Please Keep Watertown Winter Parking Ban

From Allison Read <allison.read@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/16/2024 11:58 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc Allison Read <allison.read@gmail.com>

Dear Councilors,

I'd like to add a voice of THANKS and support for Watertown's Parking Ban and the exact way in which you enforce it.

Our streets are in so much better shape in the winter than in many surrounding communities. And your flexibility to watch the weather and lift the ban during times like Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Years/early stoppage in April is really sensible, accommodating, and logical.

Watertown executes this balance wonderfully in a way that none of our surrounding communities do. It was legitimately a big reason why we tried so hard to become permanent Watertown property owners after renting and living in several different apartments in this town/city for many, many years. Please don't change a thing!

The existence of this ban should perhaps be factored into requiring a minimum of 1 off-street parking spot per unit for any new development. And it should be factored into people's decisions on whether Watertown is the right community for them -- I think it helps encourage people to think about their housing choices and say, as we did, our family can get by with only one car...or I can commute by bike/transit and don't need a car at all if the living space they're looking at doesn't offer parking. Removing the ban feels like it could just flood our streets with additional vehicles (including from neighbors in Belmont looking for additional parking).

Ever-improving public transit (we hope, finally!!) makes the ban less of a burden as well.

Happy holiday/winter season to you,
Allison Read + Matt Payne
(Hardy Ave)

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Allison Read
Watertown, MA

Watertown winter parking ban

From Amanda Collums <ajcollums@yahoo.com>

Date Wed 1/15/2025 4:46 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I am a resident of Watertown living on Hillside Road and am asking that we keep the winter parking ban in place. It is already difficult to drive down the street in general since cars are parked on both sides of the narrow street during the day. In fact, I wish the parking ban was in place year round.

Thanks,
Amanda Collums

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

In favor of winter parking ban

From Ana Keefe <ana.keefe@gmail.com>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 11:02 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I'm in favor of the winter parking ban. We have parking for two cars. Some other homes have more. However, most people prefer to park on the street because it's convenient for them.

However, this poses a danger when the weather is unpredictable. Two cars still park along the River road because it's easier than parking at their home. That's year round blocking the bike lane.

Some streets are narrow. There are definitely more cars on our street. During the winter parking ban we don't see cars out. Most in our neighborhood prefer to park on the street out of convenience.

Some areas may have illegal apartments so it's over populated.

I vote for safety. There's a reason why we must trust our fire and police department. They are not trying to inconvenience us, they are trying to protect us.

Ana Keefe

33 Paul Street Watertown MA 02472

Comment on 1/21/25 Public Hearing on Winter Parking Ban

From Andrea Schuler <andrea.schuler@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 3:56 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Council,

Thank you for considering the petition to repeal Watertown's winter parking ban and for gathering public comments. I see the benefits and drawbacks of either keeping or repealing the ban, and I appreciate the Council's efforts to balance safety and quality of life.

I've lived in Watertown since 2013 and have always had off-street parking, so I can only speak from that perspective. My current home of 5.5 years is on a narrow two-way street that is only wide enough for one car when cars are parked on both sides, even with no snow piled on the ground. A neighbor who moved in across the street last year frequently parks in front of my next-door neighbor's house, often directly at the edge of my driveway, creating visibility issues when backing out. This problem only stopped when the parking ban went into effect.

If the ban is repealed, please consider ways to mitigate parking congestion, such as implementing reporting and enforcement for cars that block driveways, don't move for days, or park on sidewalks (my street doesn't have curbs). I would hate to see Watertown streets become as crowded with cars parked bumper to bumper as streets in Cambridge or Somerville are - less density and additional space is one of the reasons many people choose to live in Watertown. I would also hate to encourage bringing additional vehicles into Watertown at a time when we need to be addressing environmental and quality of life issues from cars.

Perhaps a compromise could be requiring a permit for overnight parking, with one per residence. That way each home could have at least one car nearby, while reducing overcrowding and encouraging alternative transportation options.

Thank you for your consideration,
Andrea Schuler
87 Fayette Street

01/21/2025 Public Hearing

From Angeline Kounelis <akounelis12@gmail.com>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 7:36 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc Proakis, George <gproakis@watertown-ma.gov>; Magoon, Steve <smagoon@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; Nicholson, Ryan <rnicholson@fire.watertown-ma.gov>; citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>

01/21/2025 PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

Per Citizen Petition; Public Hearing on a Request to Remove the Winter Parking Ban

Dear Councilors:

Does everyone understand that *Watertown's Traffic Rules and Orders* (TROs) also assist in managing the number of vehicles in our neighborhoods? TROs are used to allow for safe, fair and equitable use of public ways by all Watertown inhabitants and visitors.

Public ways were not intended to be unrestricted, free, public parking lots for the masses. Hence, the two-hour citywide parking restrictions, unless otherwise posted. And, enforcement of the "No All Night Parking" regulation during the winter season.

Do these statements sound familiar?

- "Parking ban a joy or a nuisance, depending on who you ask" 04/09/2004 *Watertown Tab and Press* (attached)

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- "Too many vehicles, not enough driveways" 02/18/1999 *Watertown Tab and Press* (attached)

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Twenty years ago, to address parking concerns; a Citizens' Committee was formed. Real Estate Agents were also invited to discuss "over-renting" and required notification to prospective tenants of the Town's winter parking guidelines. Conclusion: continued enforcement of the TROs.

Today's mixed signals: On one hand; parking requirements are being reduced for new development in Watertown Square (WSQ 1-2-3). Add to the City mix: Accessory Dwelling Units; under-the-radar Short Term Rentals; changes to the definition of a Household; *encouraged* Unbundled Parking and Special Permit requests by mixed-use developers for up to 25% reduction in required parking spaces. Where will all the vehicles park? On neighborhood streets?

On the other hand; on 10/24/2024 a Letter to the Editor was posted on Watertown News by Citizens for Better Parking as follows:

"Let us adopt some common sense and accept the reality that people in the 21st century need to use cars...,"

Yes, the ownership of motor vehicles has increased since the days of our parents. Even though professional planners advise that close proximity to public transportation and bicycle ridership will diminish the reliance on motor vehicles. In my opinion: a fallacy.

One, two-dwelling unit property in the East End can generate over five to six vehicles; plus guests. For the convenience and prosperity of some; public safety is being jeopardized for everyone; 24/7. Coupled with infringement on good neighborhood vibes.

In my opinion:

Protect Watertown's quality of life, and safety. Support enforcement of the "No All Night Parking" regulation during the winter season. Thank you!

Best,

Angie

Angeline Maria B. Kounelis
Retired District A, East End, City Councilor

Too many vehicles, not enough driveways

Citizens' committee to explore changes to parking regulations

By Brian Boyd
TAB & PRESS STAFF

Neighborhoods are overwhelmed by parked cars when landlords crowd houses with young professionals seeking cheap rent, according to several residents concerned about residential parking in the town.

Town Councilor Paul J. Denning formed a citizens' committee last fall to discuss townwide parking concerns with Police Chief John D. Jackson. Fifteen people first met in December and talked about a range of problems residents have with parking.

Denning said Monday night he wants to arrange a second meeting next month that will focus specifically on renting, particularly by absentee landlords, and the strain it creates on neighborhood parking. He said he wants to invite real estate agents to the discussion.

"You have got to go to the cause of the problem," Denning said. "There are cars everywhere. You can tag cars, but that doesn't make the problem go away. What is causing the problem is there are too many renters with not enough parking."

Landlords often rent out houses to several people to make more money, but the houses do not always have enough space in the driveway for all of the tenants' cars. The tenants then have a hard time complying with the

town's overnight parking ban and two-hour limit on off-street parking, Denning said.

He also questioned whether real estate agents and landlords were being completely honest about the town's regulations when talking to potential tenants.

"There is over-renting. If an apartment has three bedrooms, there are three vehicles. If there are two units, there could be conceivably six vehicles," said Angeline B. Kounelis, a Keenan Street resident who attended the December meeting.

Kounelis, who is a co-vice president of the East Watertown Betterment Association, said the overabundance of cars particularly affects the east end, where there are fewer owner-occupied houses than the west end.

Jackson, who is chairman of the Traffic Commission, agrees that "over-renting" causes the problem of on-street parking.

Landlords can make more money by renting to a group of single renters rather than to a family. Families generally cannot afford a monthly rent of \$2,000, for example, but four single renters can share the apartment and pay \$500 each, Jackson said.

A family may own one or two cars, while four individuals may own four cars. The apartment houses are usually two-family, so they may have eight tenants. Few houses in the town have parking lots that can hold eight cars, he said.

Denning supports the overnight parking ban, but said he is concerned

Cars line both sides of Fairfield Street on Sunday afternoon.



PHOTO BY BRIAN BOYD

the two-hour on-street parking limit penalizes residents parking in front of their homes. He said he needs to hear from residents about whether there is interest in changing the town's parking laws. He cited the introduction of residential parking stickers as one possible change.

Enforcement of the two-hour limit usually occurs when a resident complains to the police. The police then time all cars on the street where the complaint originated, and residents and nonresidents alike are ticketed when they exceed the limit, Jackson said.

Jackson said he does not believe many residents are fined because of the limit, and complaints about parked cars typically come from

neighborhoods that are near bus routes and main roads.

Thomas Crook, who also attended the meeting, learned that for himself. He lives on Commonwealth Road and shares a driveway with five other people. He and his roommate had their cars ticketed on a Saturday afternoon in October because they had left them on the street for more than two hours, Crook said.

Some people adamantly oppose stickers. Dennis J. Duff, a Spruce Street resident, agrees heavy renting is a source of parking woes. But he said stickers would encourage illegal divisions of houses for renting.

"Watertown would wind up like Cambridge," Duff said. "One of the nice things about Watertown is we

have a town flavor, even though we are in the urban sprawl."

Kounelis and Duff expressed concern that the growing number of renters and their cars are changing the town's character.

"I have often fought for the sanctity of the neighborhood," Duff said. "It seems a lot of neighborhoods get raped by the automobile."

Crook said he does not know what the solution to parking headaches is, but he thinks tenants and homeowners should work together on a solution.

"I want to see all sides come to the table with all past ideas left behind. Leave them at the door and exam the issue and come to a sensible solution that pleases everyone," he said.

Parking ban a joy or a nuisance, depending on who you ask

By Monica Deady

STAFF WRITER

04/09/04

From December through April, residents like Chris Shepard, who has a one-car driveway and two cars to put in it, may have caught themselves wishing they lived in Cambridge or Boston.

Shepard, a Wilmot Street resident, does his best to comply with the parking ban the town enforces during the winter months, but he is not afraid to say how happy he is that April has finally rolled around.

"I'm very happy [the parking ban has] been lifted for obvious reasons," he said. "I think that having that small amount of space ... makes it very difficult. For people like me and a lot of people I know in town, they can't wait for April 1. It's like a big party," he said.

But many recent callers to the Watertown TAB & Press' Speak Out line have commented that they would like the ban to be year round, citing neighbors fighting over parking spots, the fact that it has assisted emergency vehicles to emergency scenes and that homeowners do not want anyone else parking in front of their homes.

Still, other callers have told the paper the ban forces people to park on their grass to avoid being in the street, and that when the homes were built, families generally only had one car, which today is multiplied to two, three or four.

The overnight parking ban, enforced from the first Sunday after Thanksgiving to sometime in April, forbids cars to be parked on the streets between 1 and 6 a.m. for more than one hour. Watertown Police Sgt. Jeffrey Pugliese, Traffic Division commander, explained that it usually goes to the end of April, but if good weather is predicted throughout the month, it can be lifted earlier.

In 2003, 30,066 cars were registered in Watertown, according to the Assessors' Office.

Police Chief Edward Deveau said the parking ban is actually written as a year-round policy, but for at least the last 20 years, it is something they have only enforced during the winter months because of the snow.

Deveau said it is a positive thing, since it is necessary to keep the roads clear and passable for driving.

Town Councilor John Portz said the issue of the overnight ban is "ongoing," and he usually receives a couple of calls about it each fall when it is imposed, asking if the town can revisit the issue and whether or not permit parking might work.

"I don't know that I'd call it a burning issue," Portz said. "I think people have kind of adjusted to it, although I'll be the first to say I think in some cases reluctantly."

Joan Kraus, who lives on Oliver Road, said she doesn't understand why people can park their cars on the street for most of the year, and then suddenly they can't in the winter.

"Somehow, I think it might turn out for a positive thing for the neighborhood to have people parking on the streets," suggesting neighbors could interact and help dig their cars out of the snow together.

Portz said he could see a problem in the denser areas where homes do not have driveways or garages.

Sue Jenkins, a resident of Rutland Street, in the West End, said she likes when the parking ban is lifted because cars are forced to drive more slowly down her street.

She added that the point that emergency vehicles have to get down the street is silly, since she expects they might just as well have to travel down the street during the day, when there are cars parked on the street year round.

Shepard, who also lives in the West End, said one of his neighbors allows others to park in her driveway during the winter.

"You really rely on the goodness of your neighbors," he said. "In the winter, it really gets hectic." Shepard added that he usually pays about \$100 in parking tickets each year.

"I get more calls saying they wish it was enforced year round than people saying they want to park on the street," Pugliese said. "I think the winter parking ban is a good thing for winter." He added that the ban was created for public safety.

Superintendent of Public Works Gerry Mee explained that the ban enables his trucks to get down the streets and clear the snow.

"I'm in favor of the current parking ban," he said. "I realize it impacts a lot of people, also, but at the same time we do this so we can make the streets safe."

"The one thing with the parking ban is that it's a tremendous help for the DPW in the winter time," he said.

Keenan Street resident Angelina Kounelis said she would like to see a year-round parking ban, but does not think it is possible at this point in time because there are so many cars.

She suggested that a year-round parking ban might help control the number of cars that are in town, but is satisfied with the winter ban.

"I would love to see every private vehicle off the street, but it's just not doable," said Kounelis, who is president of the East Watertown Betterman Association.

Brookline, which has between 35,000 and 40,000 registered cars, has an overnight parking ban that was instituted in 1898 against horses and carriages being left in the streets, said Transportation Board Chairman Fred Levitan.

Today, cars are banned from parking on the streets between 2

and 6 a.m. year round, which Levitan said is good for the town. During that time, however, a vehicle can park for up to an hour.

"I think that it gives Brookline a great deal of its character," Levitan said. He said the streets are always clear of litter and plowed curb-to-curb when there is snow. He also said that the police have an easier time patrolling, since they can see everything.

To comply with the ban, Levitan said residents rent spaces in private lots, which he considers "part of the cost of living in Brookline."

He said private lots are available to residents and the town also leases 265 spaces, three-fourths of which are currently being used.

Kraus suggested that examining residential parking should be part of the town's parking study, and not just the business areas.

During a committee meeting last week, some town councilors suggested hiring a parking consultant to focus on the best way to examine the parking problem that plagues business districts such as Watertown and Coolidge squares.

"Parts of Watertown are far more urbanesque than we want to digest," Kraus said, hoping the study would examine all of the problem, not just the business districts. "We are an urban community, we are a city. If we're getting more cars, we need to figure out where to put them."

Monica Deady can be reached at mdead@cn.com.

Keep the winter parking ban

From Anne Civetta <latindancing@juno.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 8:02 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I support keeping the winter parking ban. Several years ago my friend Terri Sauro watched helplessly as Newton firefighters tried to extinguish flames in her house in Nonantum, a neighborhood that is densely populated like many parts of Watertown. Cars were parked in front of the house and it was a bitterly cold night that resulted in frozen hydrants. Just two weeks ago my neighbor experienced a health emergency at 3 AM. On my little narrow street there was a firetruck, rescue truck, and police car. Had there been parking and snow, it's doubtful they would have been able to get down the street to our house. Please keep the ban in place!

I'm not certain you will be able to see the video that Terri posted on next-door (linked below) but it is pretty devastating. In an attempt to save the house next-door from igniting, water on that house cracked all the windows. This is a huge safety issue.

From my neighborhood: https://nextdoor.com/p/jk-QnPz858Md/c/1291906687?utm_source=share&slp=&share_platform=1

Strongly in favor of the winter parking ban

From Axel Bichara <axel@baukunst.co>

Date Wed 1/22/2025 8:36 AM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

I have seen the dialog about the winter parking ban. I own two houses in Watertown and would like to express that I am strongly in favor of the winter parking ban.

Best regards,

Axel Bichara

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Axel Bichara

[Baukunst](http://baukunst.co)

Winter Parking Ban

From Benjamin Shparber <shparberout@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/22/2025 2:47 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

I am a citizen of Watertown who is very for the repeal of this parking ban. I live on Whites Ave (near the boys and girls club) with my wife and we only have one parking spot, so I depend on street parking to park my car somewhere. We both work and require reliable transportation for our jobs, so going down to one car is not an option. It is inequitable that other families with two working adults have enough parking space, while I do not have a reliable free place to park my car near my apartment some months out of the year. I often work unconventional hours as a musician and music teacher, so I often return home late at night and have to park far away, and then wake up too early to get enough sleep because I have to move my car in the morning.

With the rising cost of living, shouldering an extra (\$150/mo) cost to get a temporary parking pass for the parking lot near my apartment is not fair and often not within my budget. It is an extra tax on people who live in a place without two parking spots, which is unfair. It is also dangerous - though I know I am not as afraid as my wife to walk the distance late at night in the dark from the parking lot where I have to park overnight, which is why I always do it and not her, it is still walking a long distance late at night in the dark, which is scary for anyone.

One other reason I am for the repeal of this parking ban is the loss of green space - many people have solved their parking issues by simply paving over their yards to create another parking space - making this city less beautiful with the loss of plants near the street.

I call upon you honorable elected officials to repeal this parking ban. As people who understand working hard for a living, you can understand how difficult it is that after coming home after many hours of work I have to park far away from my home, and then wake up early to move my car in the morning. Life is difficult enough, I, and as you can see I am not alone in this, need a reliable place to park.

Thanks,
--Ben

Parking Ban

From woates@aol.com <woates@aol.com>
Date Mon 1/20/2025 8:54 PM
To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors,

Please accept this simple message - please do not eliminate the city's winter parking ban.

While we can certainly understand the convenience benefits of lifting the ban, we are far more concerned with the continued safety of our increasingly crowded streets. Maybe it's the constant construction that sends increased traffic down our narrow side streets - but it has become alarmingly clear that these streets can quickly become impassable for public safety vehicles. Yes, we know that this construction is during the day - but it gives us daily examples of the legitimate safety reasons promoted by our public safety organizations. The increased traffic will continue as our city grows. For years, Watertown has also been duly proud of clearing the streets quickly and safely after a storm. Anyone can see the difference between our streets and those as we cross into bordering towns. The winter storms have been less intense over the last few seasons, but certainly not to be totally disregarded. Let's keep Watertown safe and NOT lift the ban.

Thank you
Bill and Marion Oates

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Parking ban

From Bill Chipman <wdchip@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 6:55 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Cypress street residents - end the parking ban please

Sent from my iPhone

Parking ban

From Cat Bennett <catb.studio@gmail.com>

Date Sun 1/5/2025 4:20 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello, City Counselors!

I'm writing in support of lifting the winter parking ban. We have so little snow these days and it is certainly a hardship for renters to have to park their cars in a school lot and move them by 6 am. I'm aware too of young families in the East End who must struggle to get their cars from school lots on cold winter mornings. I've lived in the East End for 45 years and can only imagine what a challenge that would have been when my children were small.

I hope we can make life easy and pleasant for all people in our wonderful city! I'm fine with imposing restrictions if the weather forecast is for serious snow but otherwise there seems to be no need.

Thanks for considering this and for all your good work!

~Cat Bennett and Allan Hunter / 46 Hillside Rd

Cat B /

617 458-1886

Parking Ban Public Comment

From Catherine Rossi <catherine.a.rossi@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/15/2025 12:27 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello and to Whom it may concern,

I'm Catherine Rossi and I live at 16 Partridge St. I am in favor of lifting the seasonal parking ban as it currently stands. My family lives out of state so we regularly have overnight visitors coming to stay. In the months when the ban is active we need to get creative with parking, which can get difficult. Most recently, in December, we had a family member staying overnight and almost had an issue finding parking when we went to park the extra vehicle around 7pm. The police station lot was filled so we went to Cunniff. We took one of the last spaces open. For those who don't have the luxury of driveways, I can emphasize with the daily challenge of making sure your car is parked safely and then ensuring it's moved in the morning so employees can utilize the lot. I am also a former WPS employee who worked at Hosmer prior to the new building. Resident cars were regularly not moved from our small lot, limiting employees from being able to park for work. It's a difficult situation for all parties.

My suggestion for the City Council is to maintain the parking ban during snow emergencies, but otherwise allow street parking in the winter. I also support the idea of alternate side parking, a common strategy used in populated areas. It would allow residents to park on the street while still providing roadways for emergency vehicles to pass.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Catherine Rossi

Catherine Rossi, Ph.D., LP, BCBA, LABA, NCSP

Email: catherine.a.rossi@gmail.com

Parkin ban

From cesar Deossa <familiadeossa@gmail.com>

Date Sat 1/18/2025 10:05 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I support the not more winter ban parking, Watertown is not town anymore , it is a city..

Winter parking ban

From Chris Federico <CFederico@lazparking.com>

Date Wed 1/15/2025 1:25 AM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Good evening,

I've lived in Watertown for almost 3 years now and I want to start with how much of a great experience it's been. I also want to state that the winter ban has been weighing heavily on us whether or not we should move or not because of how ridiculous the ban is. When we lived in Boston, we could at least get city parking permits for our vehicle and my other vehicle we used to have to juggle back and forth between meters, so we are familiar with having to move our vehicles around. This snow ban that is in effect, states that you can't park on the street between 1am and 6 am. Even with no snow on the ground? This has been the biggest burden on us living in Watertown with multiple vehicles, we both work full time and leave the house at different times. This would mean that one of us have to walk 15 to 25 minutes out of the way to go pick up one of our 3 vehicles' at a school or designated parking area. I would understand if it was in the forecast to snow or if they were putting down ice melt, but seeing as though it hasn't snowed and the ground has been bone dry, I don't think it's fair to still be giving out these tickets. This year I have 8 or 9 thickets @ \$15 a piece and they weren't from any days when it was snowing or any days when they were putting ice melt down. I strongly believe the ban should be lifted until the weather calls for it, as of right now this continues to be nothing more than a money grab on Watertown's part. Thank you and hopefully this ban will be lifted in the future.

Thanks,

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Parking Ban comment

From Colleen Barber <barbercolleenm@gmail.com>

Date Sat 1/18/2025 2:13 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hi there,

My name is Colleen Barber and I live at 760 Belmont st. I am writing in support of eliminating the winter parking ban in Watertown. Given the amount of snowfall we typically get in a given winter it seems to make more sense to have parking bans in effect only during snow emergencies declared by the city.

With that said, I also think it is important to consider the impact of street parking, particularly on narrow residential streets like Carroll street where my driveway is located. It could be worth assessing streets like this to determine if it would be safer to have parking just on one side of the street and/or limit parking within a certain distance of stop signs.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Colleen

Winter Parking Ban - Contrary Opinion

From David Jewett <david.jewett@gmail.com>

Date Fri 12/20/2024 9:37 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors,

In the coming days, I understand you may be deluged with pleas to completely eliminate the winter parking ban. While I generally agree with the premise of these arguments - to remove this arbitrary restriction - I vehemently disagree with the premise that car owners have a right to unlimited storage of their personal property on our public roads.

As a compromise, I would respectfully ask the council to consider changing Watertown's parking to single side parking on ALL streets YEAR ROUND so as to:

1. Fulfill the Winter Parking Ban repeal constituency requests of removing an arbitrary rule
2. Allow safe access for emergency vehicles on all streets at all times, especially those that become dangerously narrowed as cars are parked on both sides**** (See data below)
3. Retake more of the roads for full public use rather than being reserved to store personal property for free

More deeply, I believe that storage of one's vehicle is a responsibility owners should consider when determining where they will reside and the type of conveyance they want or need. Yet, we as a society, city, and community have, in general, determined it is solely a privilege of car and truck owners to store their conveyance in our streets 24 hours per day, ~8 months of the year plus 18 hours per day during the winter parking ban - and obstruct the use and enjoyment of these streets for the rest of the community. Last I checked, we do not charge a fee to owners, nor require permitting for this use of public property yet, we do not allow any other form of free storage on public property like this. I wonder what would happen if I decided to store my bicycle on the street? Or my rollerblades? Or a scooter? [Or a dumpster?](#)

With this in mind, I hope the council determines that the premise of a right to street parking, year round, on both sides of the street, no matter how reasonably stated, does not exist and it is a convenience provided by the city to allow *any* street parking, especially without a fee for the privilege.

Respectfully,

David Jewett
80 Standish Rd
612-423-9648

**** Based on the street in front of my house at 80 Standish Rd:

- o Width of Street - 23ft - 8in

- Width of my car (Hyundai Ioniq 5 with mirrors folded in) - 7ft - 0in
 - Maximum legal distance to park from curb - 12in (<--[MA Law \(700 CMR; 5.401 \(5\)\)](#))
- Based on the above information if a car is parked on each side of the street in front of my house with the maximum, legal distance from the curb present, there would be 7ft - 8in of space for passage. A quick Google search indicates a fire truck is approximately 8ft -10in wide thus, would clearly not fit down my street with cars legally parked on both sides. While I have not measured any other streets in Watertown, I imagine one would find similar proportions on most residential streets. Let alone if a larger vehicle were parked on each side.

Greetings Councilors,

I firmly oppose any initiative to remove the winter parking ban in Watertown. It provides a strong assurance to residents that first responders will always be able to reach an emergency location directly without any hindrance or delay. This long standing and proven safety measure has worked effectively for over 50 years exactly as it is currently enforced.

Many who support removing the ban and only enforcing a no-parking policy during snow emergencies oversimplify the measures that would need to be taken to achieve the same level of street snow clearing that residents currently experience and expect. Consistent and full compliance across the residential neighborhoods will be very difficult to achieve. Some motor vehicles will remain on the street during and long after snow emergencies.

Watertown presently has a residential street 2-hr. parking limit and prohibits full overnight parking as stated in its parking ordinance. These restrictions are not enforced without placing a direct complaint with the WPD. In present day conditions, motor vehicles are routinely left on residential side streets without moving for long periods of time. This is a common occurrence in my own neighborhood. Towing of vehicles that are parked for 72 hours or longer is routine. I personally had two vehicles towed from in front of my home during 2024. The first was in April and the second over the summer months. Both vehicles were inactive into a second week before being removed. Towing stagnant motor vehicles in Watertown is at least a weeklong process. I have had vehicles towed in previous years multiple times for the same reason.

Renters will often leave vehicles on the street while they are away or when they desire to maintain the same parking space location. The point to be made here is that without the parking ban in force, there will be motor vehicles that will remain on the streets during snow emergencies that will impede snow plowing efforts. Consistent compliance will become an issue over time. I have observed that the WPD is not ticketing non compliers currently and the streets are filling back up with vehicles parked overnight. Watertown has always managed to keep its streets wide open and passable during and after plowable snow accumulations. The DPW has always done its job clearing and treating the road surfaces from curb to curb. This effort will become more difficult and less complete when there are vehicles obstructing full access of the roadways.

Removing vehicles from the street during a storm will be a challenge and unpredictable in success. Tow truck availability from local business operations may be very limited during snow emergencies unless the city establishes a service contract for standby responses. (More taxpayer costs added to a growing annual operating budget.) This is a time sensitive window for the vehicle removals. Snowstorms are very often followed immediately by deep freezing conditions. Some vehicles will remain in place and be plowed in, further delaying their removal. There will undoubtedly be streets that will experience incomplete clearing after a significant snowfall. This is a condition that residents presently don't experience often or expect to see on their streets. It will not be received well, and patience will be thin. Expect to feel their ire when it inevitably happens.

Altering an effective safety policy based on conjectures of future yearly snowfall conditions would be imprudent and adds unnecessary risks to public safety. Roads will narrow significantly after a plowable snowfall. Watertown ceased providing snow removal services decades ago. Curbside snowbanks are left in place to melt away naturally. The “as built” narrow and the recent narrowly altered streets such as my own on Edenfield Ave. (reduced from 34 to 26 ft wide) experience extreme difficulty in passage when snowbanks encroach onto the roadway. Trash/recycle pick-up days are extremely difficult to complete with clear streets and often become traffic quagmires during the morning commute and Middle/HS start of day reporting. The unresolved issue with the design of the reduced width is that it creates conflict with traffic flow and trash/recycle container placement. The street is designed to calm traffic by eliminating the ability for oncoming traffic to pass each other in motion from opposite directions. One driver must yield to the other by moving off to either side and utilize the closest driveway apron areas to compensate. A portion of one vehicle must move onto the apron skirt to allow enough clearance for the oncoming vehicle to pass.

When there are vehicles parked on the street overnight, residents must use this area to place their trash/recycle containers for the pick-up services. This is where the DPW instructs residents to place them. This situation results in gridlock conditions and tense exchanges between motorists. (This really happens too often) It’s a poorly designed street that was based on a template strategy. It doesn’t work well when applied to existing densely populated streets that were designed and permanently laid out many decades ago. Accumulated snowbanks along the curbing amplifies Edenfield’s parking problems and creates extremely difficult driving conditions when it occurs.

From a safety standpoint, removing the winter ban will have a negative effect for residents even without any accumulated snowfall on the streets. Vehicles parked on the streets inhibit the DPWs deicing regimens. Sanding and salting applications are routinely necessary to occur even with minimal or no snowfall amounts. The parked vehicles deny full width access of the street to spread deicing agents from curb to curb. This prolongs the melting of hazardous layers of ice across the road surfaces. Frosted and iced vehicle windows further obstruct residents’ views of oncoming traffic when exiting driveways in the dark early morning hours of winter. Vehicles parked bumper to bumper along the streets overnight during the winter will shade the sidewalks from advantageous low angle early morning sunlight that helps melt refrozen snow and black ice formations from the previous day to night thaw/refreezing cycle.

SUVs and pick-up trucks dominate new vehicle sales (67% last year) in a growing trend that has been consistent for years now. New motor vehicles are getting larger and that is the opposite direction of where Watertown is going with the re-designing of its streets. When vehicles line the sides of small narrow streets, they create high and wide walls of sheet metal and tinted glass. By narrowing the streets and not enforcing parking restrictions, Watertown is creating unsafe blind driveway conditions on its neighborhood streets. Some narrowed streets such as Edenfield are badly in need of parking setbacks from driveway aprons to provide adequate line of sight vision to both active motor vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Nothing is more concerning and irritating to me than this unnecessary safety hazard created by the city. **Every resident should have the right to safe access and egress from the property where they reside while exercising reasonable caution and effort.** No resident should find the need to exit their

vehicle while attempting to back out onto the street to check for oncoming traffic or the activity of pedestrians. No resident should require the assistance of a spotter to confirm that all traffic is clear, and that it is safe to exit. That is using unreasonable effort and caution. That is a reality of living on Edenfield Ave and very likely on many other streets in Watertown as well. The city is failing in this area of its street safety improvement efforts. People cannot see on the other side of what they cannot see through. I plan to challenge the city in the coming months on the safety of the redesign and current parking rules and enforcement levels on Edenfield. I do not believe that they will meet civil engineering design safety standards. Parking as it is permitted today very often creates blinded visibility to moving traffic.

It is obvious to me that Watertown has a motor vehicle overpopulation problem. The residential streets have grown more congested with motor vehicles in recent years. The city's perfect commuting geographic location is centric to greater Boston's most important and traveled highways and roadways. Watertown is a commute by motor vehicle community. Based on the last census taken, today nearly 70% of working residents in Watertown rely on motor vehicles to get to and from work. 22.5% work from home while employer return to work policies is firmly trending upward drawing them back to commuting to work. Only 8.6% use public transportation. 53% of workers commuting by motor vehicles are driving alone, and I am one of them. Employees living in Watertown have an average commute time over 26 minutes long. My own daily commute is 17 miles/35 minutes each way.

There were approximately 24,080 motor vehicle excise tax bills sent out to residents in 2023. Some new residents may continue to have their vehicles registered at a previous address beyond the RMV change of address requirements. Nearly 1 in 5 Watertown residents relocate somewhere else annually. Out of state license plates are commonly seen across the city's neighborhoods. It would not be unreasonable to estimate that there are over 30,000 motor vehicles parked across the city every night on a regular basis. Watertown planning needs to get a firmer estimate of this populations average number annually. The population is exceeding the maximum available off-street parking surface. Watertown has a growing homeless motor vehicle population that exists by living on the city's neighborhood streets. It has been enabled to survive by not enforcing overnight parking restrictions. In my estimation, that is about ¼ of the supporting group that wants to eliminate the ban. I have driven through the overflow city parking lots this past week at 4:00 AM and made sample observations. These are the people who knowingly leased an apartment without off-street parking accommodations or should have known. That is one's own personal responsibility. Outside of the time during the winter ban when they use the available municipal lot free parking, they will park on the street day and night.

I believe that about ½ of the support group are younger renters who have off-street parking available to them. They find their parking accommodations too inconvenient (single file driveways) and don't want to use them at all. Renters on my street that live in the 2-family homes overwhelmingly leave their motor vehicles on the street both day and night. Very few use the single file driveways available, or the asphalt paved over backyards that have become commonplace in Watertown over the years. They are unhappy when they must retreat onto those parking spaces during the winter ban months.

The last ¼ of the supporting group I believe to be a mix of the beneficiaries of free taxpayer maintained supplemental off-street parking for their rental units (absentee landlords and RE management companies), and housing activist supporters who want the elimination of residential parking restrictions as a prelude to upzoning the older middleclass neighborhoods for redevelopment and further densifying the community.

The motor vehicle overabundance on Watertown streets is a major problem. I have seen more vehicles on neighborhood streets now than ever before. In the summer of 2022, people working from home initiated by the COVID response was at its peak. Parking was completely unavailable on most mornings and evenings on Edenfield. I have never seen anything like that in Watertown's neighborhoods in the past. The apartments were occupied at over capacity bringing an overload of vehicles onto the streets. When the neighborhood streets become overwhelmed with parked vehicles, it is not only a safety issue, but also a quality-of-life issue. Street access for contractors' trucks/vans to maintenance the homes, landscaper's trucks/trailers to maintenance the property grounds, and the ever-increasing ecommerce large box delivery trucks all collide throughout the day with added traffic from the Middle/HS motor vehicle and student/pedestrian traffic. It is too congested and tight and often stressful for residents to navigate. It creates tensions between neighbors that has resulted in some heated verbal exchanges and permanent distancing between them. Its unhealthy and affects all the residents everyday of their lives.

These have been just several of a longer list of negative impacting considerations relating to poorly controlled on street parking in residential neighborhoods and removal of the winter ban.

The broader range of considerations and negative effects are listed below:

1. Public Safety:

- Inhibits Full Accessibility for First Responders.
- Increasing Blind Walkway and Driveway Conditions.
- 67% of Motor Vehicles sold in the US are Trucks and SUVs. (SUVs- tinted windows std equip)
- Increased Risks to Pedestrian/Cyclists/E-Scooter Operators/Dog Walkers/Students.
- Increasing Safety Hazards of E-Commerce Deliveries (Fed-Ex, Amazon, UPS, USPS).
- Inhibits Accessibility for Contractors and Equipment to safely maintenance properties.
- Expends police resources to ticket and remove noncomplying vehicles.

2. Neighborhood Impacts:

- Disproportionately Affects the Denser Neighborhoods
- Inaccessibility for Roadside and Verge Area Maintenance.
- Increased litter/roadside debris accumulations.
- Enables Long Term Vehicle Storage on Streets.
- Enables Overrenting of Apartment Units.
- Increases Density Beyond Designed Capacities.
- Drives Further Divergences of Neighborhood Conditions. (Single Home vs Mixed)
- Creates Animosity and Confrontations Between Residents and Neighbors.
- Decreases Property Values and Desirability.
- Lowers Quality of Life.

3. Environmental Protection:

- Conflicts with City Policies and Goals to Reduce Climate Emissions.
- Conflicts with City Policies and Goals to Reduce the Number of Motor Vehicles in the City.
- Conflicts with City Policies and Goals to Reduce Traffic and Motor Vehicle Commutes/Trips.
- Conflicts with City Square Parking Plan and Reduced Parking Space Provisions.
- Conflicts with Motor Vehicle Hazardous Waste Road Runoff Containment and Reduction Efforts.

4. Tax Burden and Use of Privilege Fairness:

- Unfairly Subsidizes Additional Parking for Absentee Rental Property Owners.
- Denies Equal and Fair Access of On-Street Parking Privileges.

5. City Image and Priorities:

- Lessens and Contributes to Visually Unaesthetic Neighborhoods.
- Lowers City Image
- Places Parking Convenience at the Highest Priority Level over Public Safety and Environmental Protection.
- Promotes Acceleration of the Widening Wealth Gap of the Property Values between single family and multi-family neighborhoods.
- Conflicts with Safety Improvement Initiatives for pedestrians and cyclists.

6. Crime:

- Creates more opportunity for motor vehicle vandalism, break-ins, and theft.
- Obscures sidewalk pedestrians from view after dark.

Watertown is now > 50% renter population with the majority being shorter-term residents. I observe about a 2–4-year average turnover rate in my own neighborhood. The renters are overwhelmingly younger in age, (20s-40s), and all of them that I see drive their own motor vehicles. Their wants and convenience clearly in my eyes are the council's higher priority over the longer-term resident's safety concerns.

As a property owner and faithful taxpayer, I want the same considerations and worth. I want my neighborhood to have an equal voice, representation, respect, and value in this community the same as those located in the northeast corner of the city. In my opinion, Watertown needs to redistrict from four to six districts and eliminate two Councilor at Large seats. I will work very hard to hopefully see that happen during the next city charter review. Watertown's older established middle-class neighborhoods are being overlooked and exploited for profit. They need much more attention and support from the city council. They also deserve real transparency and integrity from every member of this council.

The process that brought the petition upon the residents was very troubling to me personally and many others as well. It was covertly initiated and solicited by a city Councilor at Large who made a promise when elected to fairly and equally represent the interests of the entire community without bias and not selectively for any one or a few groups. A city councilor who has ethical and moral character standards worthy of their seat would not start and lead an initiative that would benefit one group of residents at the expense of some others. This councilor has become a very divisive influence in this community. The one guaranteed positive outcome of this petition regardless of where it ends is that unprincipled judgement and lack of integrity have been exposed by the actions. There is good reason to choose to self-recuse here. Untrustworthiness leaves a permanent and visibly identifying scar.

Sincerely,

Dean Martino

94 Edenfield Avenue

Public Hearing Parking Ban 2-21-25

From deb.peterson@verizon.net <deb.peterson@verizon.net>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 7:13 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>

 1 attachment (18 KB)

dpeterson Remove Winter Parking Ban 1-21-25.docx;

Attached and below are my comments on the proposal to eliminate the Winter Parking Ban.

Councilor,

Thank you for the Public Hearing on the winter parking ban. This is not the first time the issue has come up. The last time was in 2018 when the Traffic commission responded to a petition from over 700 people to consider changes to the ban. It did not. I am hopeful that, this time, the appeals of an equal number of residents will carry more weight in consideration.

My reasons for supporting an elimination of the ban:

1. **There is no longer a need for the Winter Parking Ban. It has been made redundant by the practice of Called Snow Emergencies.** Called Snow Emergencies are a better approach. While the Winter Parking Ban applies every night (snow or no snow), the Called Snow Emergencies is more targeted and applies to the entire period that requires snow clearing and related snow work. Retaining the winter parking ban adds no additional flexibility or benefit.
2. The **inconvenience and burden** to so many residents has been well documented. Reserving the parking ban for Called Snow Emergencies will have the effect of reducing the burdens although not altogether eliminating them.
3. The winter parking ban creates **intense pressure to pave over or erode green spaces in yards** – both legally and illegally. Every dense neighborhood in Watertown has the scars I am a vigilant – not casual observer on this. Every year to my growing dismay I see more instances of this over-paving. This over-paving not only degrades the neighborhoods but has environmental impacts on heat and stormwater.
4. The winter parking ban **encourages speeding** when the roads are clear (most of the time).

I will not be able to attend the meeting but can anticipate some of the arguments made in favor of the ban and would like to respond to them here.

1. City staff and departments may raise safety and operational benefits. I want to urge you to evaluate these arguments carefully to determine whether they are already being met by the called snow emergency. Any additional benefits the winter parking ban offers should be likewise evaluated carefully and weighed against the burdens on residents.
2. Some residents like the clear open streets that the parking ban creates evenings, nights and early mornings. While the ban may make it easier to navigate streets at those times, it also increases speeding and should not be a reason to burden other residents.
3. Others may argue that the parking ban prevents crowded households and more cars. If crowded households are an issue (?) then the parking ban is a bit draconian and an inappropriate mechanism. The City should look for zoning or other approaches. As for cars, let's not penalize those with fewer resources, but put our efforts on reducing car miles driven, not the number of cars. And the City is doing just that in the ARPA funded mobility study!

Sincerely,
Deborah Peterson

Overnight parking ban

From dennis najarian <dennism15@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 6:18 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Mom and I would like to add input that we are opposed to lifting the ban.

With the new curbs on our streets which have cut the widths down it is increasingly difficult for trucks to navigate the roads. Fire Trucks and Ambulances have had difficult times coming down our street. Since these new curbs are very sharp there have been a number of tires and rims destroyed so that people now are parking a bit more out in the street.

Where we live is right on the Belmont line and many times people from Belmont come onto our streets to park overnight. Also, what will happen when this new batch of apartments in the Square happens?

Perhaps the overnight ban should be extended to 12 months a year!

Thank You for your consideration,

Dennis Najarian
15 Merrill Road

Parking Meeting Followup

From Devan Scott <dms34@cornell.edu>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 9:02 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors

1-I very much appreciate the time you all took to allow citizen input

2-I would like to suggest that as engagement builds as it did with this meeting, that city administrators & department heads be asked to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

I am finding their input to be very educational and informative as I decide how I firm up my position on this important issue.

Long-term engagement:

I'm afraid many people will have left the in-person meeting & zoom - missing that information & the understanding of the strategic & logistical work going on here in town.

We have struggled to engage renters & have discussion about equity & sensibility

This was an opportunity - hopefully there will be more & you might consider the order of speakers

Respectfully,

Devan Scott

462 Mt. Auburn Street

Winter Parking Ban

From Dip Parikh <dparikh7@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/15/2025 4:16 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors,

Hope this message finds you well. I am a resident on Lincoln St and would like to provide feedback related to the winter parking ban. I have lived in Watertown since 2021 and prior to that in other neighboring communities (that did not have season long parking bans).

In my opinion, the parking ban implementation for the entire winter season is a bit of an overkill. We now have state of the art prediction and communication tools to implement temporary bans when inclement weather is on the way. The last few years have also seen a downward trend in snowfall due to climate change. While this may not be a sustained trend, the town can easily enforce longer duration bans if we experience heavier storms.

I am not personally impacted by the parking ban as I have ample private parking space. I speak on behalf of many residents on my street and the neighborhood who have to park their car in a public lot. They all mention the inconvenience and safety issues related to this and it is quite disheartening to go through the same routine every day with no inclement weather in sight. With the start of the Mt Auburn St project and its impact on sidewalks, this is only going to become more difficult for them.

I would request the Council to switch to a weather pattern based parking ban that equally benefits first responders and DPW during inclement weather and the residents when we have cold yet bright and sunny winter days.

Sincerely,
Dip

Winter parking ban.

From Comcast <djtitchen@comcast.net>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 4:38 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

I am all for the ban to stay in effect, if the ban goes away, people will be parking all night all day, even in storms, the area I live in there are a lot of two family houses, each apartment has 2 or 3 sometimes 4 and 5 cars. And the occupants have to get out early, they have to move 3 or 4 cars before they can get out. I have seen these such cars parked for 4 or 5 days before they are moved

If this does pass, there should be parking one one side only, and if the cars are still on the street during a storm they should be towed.

Thank you in advance.

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Ban

From king3941 <king3941@comcast.net>

Date Thu 1/16/2025 10:21 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Please keep winter parking ban in place. No changes.

Edmund King
Mildred King
41 Stearns Rd

Sent from my Galaxy

Comment for tonight's Winter Parking Ban meeting.

From Emma Jackman <emmalwjay@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 6:32 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

My name is Emma Jackman, resident of 15 Derby Road in the Nonantum neighborhood.

Someone earlier tonight said that "Watertown is not a welcoming place for vehicles". Nobody in this room is a vehicle. We are people, who would like to host family and friends overnight without having to play a late night game of musical cars or driveway Tetris for fear of a parking ticket on a perfectly clear night. WE would like to park our own cars in front of our homes, the way we already do during the warm months.

I hear that people are concerned about parked cars getting in the way of snow plows and emergency vehicles during snow events. I believe we have already established that regardless of the decision made tonight, the parking ban will still be in effect during a snow event.

I hear the concerns about the city becoming more dense. That is true all year round, and not only during the winter. The fellow from the Traffic Control commission listed the many issues regarding vehicle density, and I believe his evidence is counter to his point. A busy street, devoid of snow, that is cold is no different from that same busy street in the summer that has no parking ban.

I thank the folks who've already suggested several solutions such as single side street parking and exceptions for bus routes and emergency routes.

I urge the councilors to repeal the current parking ban and incorporate the suggestions previously provided. Thank you for the chance to speak tonight.

1/21/2025 Meeting

From Erik Jepsen <ejep84@gmail.com>

Date Sat 1/18/2025 10:52 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc Nicholson, Ryan <rnicholson@fire.watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>

I learned about your colleague Mr. Palomba's initiative to remove the winter parking ban in the Watertown News. Below are some thoughts on the matter. Please oppose any of the suggested changes. Think of the potential liability the City may face, should the ban be lifted and Fire/Police be unable to reach those in need because of it. Safety first.

Eric York on [January 17, 2025 at 1:46 PM](#) said:

The police and fire department are against any change to the existing system because the money they collect from fines goes directly to funding their departments.

Making the common sense change that puts a parking ban in place when there is actual snow accumulation on the ground is the correct move by the local government. If it is safe to park over night during the summer, then it is safe to park overnight in the winter when there is no snow on the ground.

Reply ↓



Erik Jepsen
on [January 17, 2025 at 7:23 PM](#) said:

I will go on assuming that your "safe to park" commentary refers to not getting a ticket versus getting your car ripped off. With that in mind, let's go over what the regulations mandate:

Watertown Parking Regulations

Parking on all Watertown streets is prohibited for more than one hour between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. This regulation is strictly enforced from November through April.

Parking on all Watertown streets is prohibited for more than two consecutive hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday unless otherwise posted.

Whether we have a snow ban in place or not, vehicles cannot be parked (or as Mr. Palomba's followers would prefer: storing private property in public places) for more

that one or two hours, except on Sunday or some places. Period. There is no ambiguity there, is there?

Our Police Department is not as near as draconian as say, Belmont, where you will get ticketed very quickly. I was, twice. But here, they are be very reasonable and nice; say thanks.

I trust our officials will leave things are they are. A few disgruntled voices should not change what we have and prefer, just because they don't like it. Move somewhere else where you can park, sorry, store when and where you want.

Erik Jepsen

Overnight Winter Parking Ban

From gail dorey <doreystories@gmail.com>
Date Fri 12/13/2024 6:35 PM
To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>
Cc Proakis, George <gproakis@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors,

You have worked long and hard to reduce the parking requirements in the developments, to discourage traffic and encourage transit use. Removing the winter parking ban works in the opposite direction. People can over book their properties with drivers (renters and visitors). This will also encourage on street parking, so folks don't have to pay for a parking space with their rental.

There will not be enough space to store cars off street during snow storms, so Watertown's wonderful snow removal will be over. If people leave the cars on the street during a storm, we could end up with people "claiming" the space that they shovel out, and leaving a marker in the space.

I understand why many folks want to remove the ban, but many others don't want to. We should definitely NOT leave cars on the street during snow.

Please take the time to carefully consider your decision. It will affect us all. You had 800 people sign a petition, but you have no idea what the majority of the city might want.

Thank you for your service to this community.

Gail Dorey
13 Merrifield Ave.

Comments for Public Hearing on 1/21

From George Skuse <george.skuse@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 7:31 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

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

Hi,

I'm unable to attend the meeting on 1/21. Please read the following comments during the public hearing.

Thanks,

George Skuse
43 Pilgrim Rd

Dear Council,

I'm writing to oppose the petition before you.

The ban offers more than 'safety during snowstorms'. A repeal would negatively impact neighborhoods and encourage residents to bring additional vehicles.

However, tonight's deliberations seem premature. Strategy 4.H of the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan seeks to:

"Evaluate on-street parking policy, [including] the 'Winter Parking Ban'... in the context of citywide and neighborhood-specific public safety requirements and conflicting demands" (p55).

DCDP and DPW are the assigned leads, alongside the Police Dept and Parking Clerk. Its timeframe - "*mid-term*" - is defined as "4-6 years" (p20).

The Plan weaves together many interdependent goals of varying complexity and priority. It embodies cooperation and compromise.

I'm dismayed that one councilor, after endorsing the Comprehensive Plan, quickly coordinated a petition demanding immediate action on a "*mid-term*" goal. They've undermined not just the Plan, but the authority of the council and lead departments (none of which seem to have been consulted beforehand).

Our City Charter's "*Guiding Principles*" include "*accountability and transparency*". This petition lacks both. It's also silent on the "*neighborhood-specific*" consideration promised by the Comprehensive Plan.

I urge you to reject it.

Sincerely,

George Skuse
43 Pilgrim Rd

Proposal to Reevaluate and Update the Winter Parking Ban Policy

From Heather McMorrow <heathermcmorrow@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 7:29 PM

To Izzo, Emily <eizzo@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; John Airasian <jairasian@watertown-ma.gov>; Bays, Caroline <cbays@watertown-ma.gov>; Gannon, John <jgannon@watertown-ma.gov>; Palomba, Anthony <apalomba@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Nicole Gardner <ngardner@watertown-ma.gov>; Feltner, Lisa <lfeltner@watertown-ma.gov>; Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councillor Izzo and Watertown Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my partner, Dan Chen. As residents of District D, we wish to express our concerns about the current winter parking ban and offer suggestions for more equitable and effective alternatives. We planned to be at the meeting tonight but unfortunately we could not make it.

As a densely populated urban area in the Boston Metro region, Watertown faces challenges that require a more thoughtful and equitable approach to parking and traffic management. The current ban disproportionately impacts residents without off-street parking, many of whom are renters, younger or older people, or from lower-income households. For a city that values and takes pride in its diversity, including diversity of age and income, this policy undermines efforts to create an inclusive and accessible community for all.

I believe Watertown could adopt a more flexible and resident-friendly policy, similar to those in neighboring cities like Cambridge, Boston, Brookline, and Somerville. Here are some ideas to consider:

1. **Snow-Event-Based Parking Ban with Additional Parking Options:** Enforce the ban only during snowstorms or declared emergencies, rather than throughout the winter season, to reduce unnecessary burdens on residents during periods without snow. During snow emergencies, allow free overnight parking in public lots, such as those at schools and the police station, to provide accessible alternatives for residents without off-street parking. Additionally, permit parking on some of the more densely populated side roads that are not major thoroughfares, balancing the need for snow removal with residents' parking needs.
2. **One-Way Streets in High-Density Areas:** Roads in neighborhoods could be converted to one-way streets with parking on one side. This change would improve traffic safety and flow while providing additional parking options.
3. **Neighborhood Parking Stickers and Guest Passes:** Introduce a resident parking permit system with guest passes to prevent overcrowding by non-residents and raise revenue for the town. Cities like many of our neighboring cities have a long history of successfully implemented similar programs, which could be adapted to meet Watertown's specific needs.

These approaches would help create a more equitable and efficient system, prioritizing safety and accessibility while generating revenue and maintaining the character of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering these suggestions. I look forward to hearing how Watertown can take steps to better serve its residents while addressing the challenges of snow removal and parking. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if I can provide further input or participate in public discussions on this issue.

Thank you for your work and your time.

Heather McMorrow & Dan Chen
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Parking Ban - In Favor of Lifting Ban

From Jason Alves <jayalves8@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 5:38 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councillors

Im writing in favor of ending the winter parking ban when there is no snow or other road way impediment. The City does a great job communicating via text, auto phone calls, and social media when the parking ban is going into effect, suspended for holidays, or when there is a declared snow emergency.

Having a months-long overnight ban doesnt seem to make much sense when the roads are clear. Fear of traffic obstructions seem unfounded when the conditions are no different than summer conditions. You can help lift the burden on many residents who have to find or rent parking for these months, especially those that work late into the evening.

If parking on one side of the street is being considered as a compromise I think that is more confusing and not something to pursue. Adding only a limited amount of one sided parking is sure to further frustrate residents that may be opposed to the lifting of the ban. Making all the usual summer parking available will help spread cars out and folks won't worry about the front of their house being occupied by neighbors cars for extended periods of time.

Thanks and good luck

Jason Alves

14 Dartmouth St

Winter Parking Ban

From Joan Gumbleton <gumbletonj@aol.com>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 4:14 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc Proakis, George <gproakis@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors,

I have some serious concerns regarding the possible elimination of the winter parking ban. I know there are parking issues in Watertown, but I think this is going to exacerbate the situation by encouraging more people to have cars who may not have them now.

In the Watertown Comprehensive Plan, the city goal is to reduce the personal vehicular travel miles by 50% and have a goal of 100% of all vehicles be electric by 2050. I personally don't think these are realistic goals, but if you aim to achieve this, why would you want more cars parked on our streets possibly 24-hours a day? If there are more EVs, how are they going to charge them if they only have on-street parking options? How are street cleaners going to be able to do their jobs effectively? The city already doesn't do a good job of this.

One of my main concerns with lifting this ban is that we already have some very narrow streets and as the complete streets are finished, the roads are even more narrow. If we have more cars parked on many of our streets, especially overnight, we could run into many serious safety issues.

Most people are home at night and many medical emergencies and fires happen at night, even more so in the winter. If there are cars parked in front of most homes, this could inhibit the access to houses and individuals needing emergency assistance. Emergency vehicles would end up parking in the middle of streets and causing blockage of other responders to be there and residents to get in and out of an area.

If we have snow storms, especially back-to-back storms, where the snowplows push the snow to the curbs, the streets get even narrower. If the cars are then pushed out more into the streets, will our emergency vehicles be able to maneuver through the streets? Will trash trucks get through early in the mornings to do their work? Already they run into problems at times.

Some people may suggest that we allow the overnight parking and enforce the two-hour parking limit during the day on the streets. This would just create more work for the already overburdened and short-staffed police department. It would also create problems for people who would be visiting friends or families during the day, leaving their cars there for funeral gatherings, for visiting health care people, house cleaners or workmen doing work on properties and many more scenarios. It could cause problems with neighbors too.

Others may suggest that businesses open up their lots to accommodate residents who don't have parking. I would think this would be a liability for those businesses if overnight precipitation created icy conditions. That would be an extra burden and expense for those businesses to react quickly if there were problems to deal with early in the morning while vehicles were parked there.

We already may be facing more parking issues if ADUs are added to properties where there is already not enough parking or would require stacked parking. Many renters and even owners now use the streets for overnight parking in the good weather because they don't want to be inconvenienced with the stacked parking issues. They don't want to juggle cars in their driveways in the morning.

If they can park on the streets all the time, this could create chaos with neighbors. There may be less parking for visitors to homes. More cars on streets often create safety issues when people are trying to pull out of their driveways and have limited turn ratios and have difficulty seeing around these parked cars, especially if they are parked close to the driveway entrances.

Side mirrors are often destroyed on narrow streets when there are parked cars on the roads. If two cars try to pass by each other, it's difficult to avoid this type of problem if people don't slow down, especially if there is no space to pull over into. The owners of the cars most often have to pay for these repairs as the drivers don't leave their information to be contacted.

I grew up in Cambridge and we had only on-street parking all times of the year. At that time some people only had one or two cars per family. Now many families have three, four or more if teenagers or young adults have cars. With our expensive rents, many more people are moving into apartments together to afford the rents. These renters need to know there isn't enough parking for all of them in most cases.

In Cambridge we were given stickers for valid cars and a couple of cards to put on the dashboards for visitors. This system was often abused as police officers didn't have the time to see if the visitor cards were used all the time vs. their intended occasional intended use.

I don't think we want to get into sticker issuance. It would be another expense for the city and probably cause hiring of more enforcers and city staff to keep track of residents moving in and out. We've already hired a great amount of staff downtown; we don't need more if we want to be fiscally responsible.

With the new buildings proposed for the Watertown Sq. area and with limited parking being offered to the new residents, many of us anticipate more cars being added to the streets so the new renters can avoid the additional parking fees if they chose not to have an assigned space if there were even one available for them in the new building. Humans being what they are, many people will opt to park in neighborhoods overnight if this were allowed. This doesn't contribute to a friendly neighborhood atmosphere.

The overnight parking lots allowing winter parking seem to already be pretty full. If we encourage more people to have cars, that will create additional problems during storms. Many of these lots require cars to be out by 6 or 7 a.m. Where are more of these cars going to go if they don't need to go to work or typically leave for work later and the storm is still going on?

Are landlords being upfront with their renters as to what parking is available when the tenants sign a lease? I know of one case when the renter was surprised when winter came and they had to be off the street during storms and there was already limited parking on their street. Landlords should be forced to communicate better with prospective tenants as many renters don't think ahead and ask if they have parking close by.

With bike paths streets have been narrowed and in some cases have eliminated parking. That already causes a problem with cars being forced further from their homes and often in front of other houses on other streets.

Belmont doesn't allow overnight parking on their streets at any time of the year. There are cases where Belmont drivers park their cars on the other side of some streets, like Belmont St., and cause problems for the Watertown homeowners and residents. They end up with less parking in front of their Watertown homes. Newton restricts overnight parking too and that again could affect Watertown people if we allow it due to eliminating the winter ban. We don't need to accommodate Belmont and Newton cars.

I moved here from Cambridge 45 years ago for many reasons, and parking was a big problem there. Sadly I feel we are becoming like Cambridge and Somerville, not a good thing. Why would we want to create more problems by changing what exists and works. If people move here knowing that all rental properties don't have parking, hopefully they will make the decision to move here and plan to use the transit system or bikes. Isn't that what we want to encourage vs. encouraging more cars? Isn't that what we are proposing in the new buildings?

If I had more time, I'm sure I could think of many more disadvantages of changing our winter parking ban vs. any benefits for a limited number of people. Safety is my biggest concern and I would think the police and fire departments would share those concerns. We don't need to make their jobs more difficult or dangerous. They certainly have more important issues with which to deal.

I would respectfully ask that you leave the winter ban in place to keep our neighborhoods safe and with less potential conflicts and let common sense influence your decision. Please don't let massive emails or numbers of people at the meeting on the 21st guide your decision. Do we know if all the people who signed the petition are actual residents of Watertown? If nonresidents attend the meeting, I don't think they should have a say in what our city wants to do. We are the ones who will have to live with whatever decision is made.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Joan Gumbleton
32 Falmouth Rd.

Overnight parking

From joe connors <jconnors1053@gmail.com>

Date Thu 1/16/2025 5:18 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Councilors-

I'm writing regarding the upcoming meeting scheduled to discuss removing the current all night parking ban for the winter months. I live on Longfellow Road currently and have lived in and grew up in Watertown almost my entire life. I am fully in favor of keeping the current system in place. I can tell you from experience many of the other suggestions simply do not work. I Was a police officer in Waltham for 37 years and they have used the system of parking on one side of the street for as long as I worked there. The caveat to this is when a snow emergency is declared all cars need to be removed or face towing via the police department. Every time this occurred it created total kaos, literally hundreds of cars being towed because they weren't moved, overtime to hire more police to have this accomplished, irate residents reporting their cars stolen etc. The current system used in Watertown has worked for as the last 58 years of my life and I would absolutely support keeping it.

Thank you for your time,

Joe Connors

Input on the Topic of "Off Street Parking During Winter Months"

From john ovoian <johnovoian@yahoo.com>

Date Thu 1/16/2025 7:59 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I never thought that anyone could convince a sufficient number of City Councilors to hear arguments about making changes to our Winter Parking Ban year after year. Especially, because allowing parking on our streets during the winter months only places our citizens at risk of harm and possibly even death if they need immediate medical attention and/or transport to a hospital via ambulance to receive medical attention, only for the ambulance to be delayed getting to the patients home or to the hospital because of being slowed down by blocked roads because someone forgot to move their cars off of the road or just did not give a darn about moving it.

Either way, if the council just opened their minds a little and did a little risk management thinking they would stop bringing this life threatening risk before the citizens and just say NO to petitions that could cause harm to our citizens. I understand that the Risk Level of this happening may be low to moderate, however the Risk Impact if the risk does occur could not be higher (meaning death) and it is just not worth changing the laws that we have lived with for decades just so that we can provide a convenience to people who should have known the parking situation in this city before they decided to live here.

We all know how a small number of citizens can and do get their way in this city by organizing and ensuring that they get enough people out in support of an agenda item even if what they want is not good policy for all and they succeed because most people think that our town government will make good decisions so they stay at home.

If our town government cannot look after the interest of the majority of the people and use some simple Risk Management techniques when making decisions then what good is having one at all?

I ask for the following two things:

1. If legal, stop this petition and other foolish ideas from coming before the council on an annual basis!
2. Vote against this proposed change that would allow on street parking during our winter months.

John Ovoian
18 Carroll Street
Watertown MA 02472

Parking Ban

From John Philley <johnphilley1@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 10:11 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Please keep the Parking Ban as is. I don't want Watertown to end up like Somerville.

Thanks very much,

John Philley

01/20/2025

Parking Ban

From Joseph Ferson <josephferson@comcast.net>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 3:36 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I am a resident of Watertown. I live at 63 Lexington Street. I support the ban on overnight parking. It allows easier access for emergency vehicles, not just plows, but police, fire and medical trucks which are frequently buzzing up and down this street. Getting out of my driveway is exceedingly difficult when cars are parked on Lexington which is a two-way street and very narrow for two-way traffic AND parking. I would be in favor of restricting parking on this street to two hours at most. As it stands, the 'ban' is too often ignored, and scofflaws are allowed some latitude. Whatever. But, please don't lift the ban completely. It would send the wrong message, and you'd never get the genie back in the bottle.

Joe Ferson

Winter Parking Ban

From Kathy Sheehan <sheehan_kathy@hotmail.com>

Date Thu 1/16/2025 7:18 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

I am writing to you today because we are opposed to the winter parking ban.

With the loss of the high school parking lot, we have been unable to store our vehicles close to our home overnight.

We would like to park around the corner on Russell. There is plenty of room for emergency vehicles to get through if cars are parked on both sides.

Other surrounding cities are able to manage declaring snow emergencies and restricted parking for short periods of ease.

We hope you will take lifting the parking
ban into consideration.

Thank you,
Kathy & Ben Sheehan
9 Broadway

Please lift the winter parking ban

From Kelly Phillips <kellyphillips.art@gmail.com>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 6:15 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

The winter parking ban is not helping our city welcome diverse voters. It does however make it hard to live in Watertown if you're single and have a partner, are a renter with roommates, have driving age family or children who visit, are disabled and need overnight care, are disabled and need parking close to your house, etc. Let's not keep white supremacy in Watertown.

Kelly Phillips (they/them)

749 Mt Auburn St, Watertown, MA 02472

"There's magic in being seen by people who understand. It gives you permission to keep going. Self-expression sometimes requires other people. Becoming ourselves is a collective journey."

- ALOK Vaid-Menon, Artist/Activist

Winter Parking Ban Hearing

From Kevin Sullivan <kevinsully@rcn.com>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 9:53 PM

To Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; John Airasian <jairasian@watertown-ma.gov>; Gannon, John <jgannon@watertown-ma.gov>; Bays, Caroline <cbays@watertown-ma.gov>; Palomba, Anthony <apalomba@watertown-ma.gov>; Nicole Gardner <ngardner@watertown-ma.gov>; Feltner, Lisa <lfeltner@watertown-ma.gov>; Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>; Izzo, Emily <eizzo@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello Councilors,

With the upcoming special City Council meeting regarding the winter parking ban, I'm writing in the hopes that you will support a restructuring of the current ban. I understand the ban is well-intentioned so the roads are clear of snow for our DPW and first responders to adequately do their jobs in the winter months. I don't dispute the necessity of that goal, but I believe that goal can still be accomplished without the ban as it currently stands.

The previous two winters especially have shown that major snowfall is not guaranteed during the winter. When it doesn't snow during these large portions of the season, the ban seems to serve no purpose. If overnight parking is allowed the rest of the year (and during the temporary lifting of the ban of the holiday season), then what makes a winter day when the ground is clear different from a summer day?

Working a remote job, I've been able to live in Watertown without the need to own a car. I have borrowed a car at times though and have occasionally had to deal with waking up at 6:30 a.m. and walking more than half a mile to get the car (and then walking back at night in sub-freezing temperatures from the lot after I have to park it back there). For an able-bodied person such as myself, this is definitely an inconvenience, but it is doable if necessary. However, I know it affects other residents differently – it can be much more of an issue for someone of advanced age, or a single parent with an infant. I am about to start a new job myself which will require me to have a car. Having to deal everyday with the parking ban as it stands is not something I'm looking forward to, and though it may not push someone like me out of Watertown to live in another town, it's not exactly welcoming to those who can't afford to have their own driveway spot. Watertown has the 8th most people per square mile of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts. Only one of those denser cities though has a parking ban stricter than Watertown's (Brookline). Dense municipalities such as Somerville, Cambridge, and Malden have all found ways to deal with this issue of overnight parking during the winter without needlessly overburdening a significant portion of their residents.

I don't know for certain what the best option is, but there has to be a better way – alternating even/odd side of the street parking (personally this makes the most sense to me), keeping the ban for certain narrow streets only, etc. When there's snow on the ground and the plows need room on the road, the cars need to get off the road -as we've seen this weekend, a snow emergency was declared to get cars off the street during the day, so why can't we just use that logic when it comes to the overnight hours? For the majority of the winter when there's been no snow on the ground, in my mind it's hard to justify the ban and the burden it places on many residents. I hope you can recognize that and find a better solution for Watertown and its residents.

Thank you,
Kevin Sullivan
94 Franklin St.

Watertown parking ban

From Kristin Rosner <kerosner@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 9:27 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Councilors,

I'm in favor of keeping the parking ban. Instead of tackling parking and traffic in a piecemeal fashion, it would be better to create a holistic plan. Many of our streets are narrow and have parking on both sides. This can make it challenging to safely drive or bike on our streets or walk across them any time of the year. When you factor in 30 mph speed limits on these streets, you are inviting accidents to happen. Having a car is a privilege and safety is a right. Please keep our streets safe for all our residents.

Sincerely,

Kristin Rosner

146 Spring St

Sent from my iPhone

End the winter parking ban & municipal PFML

From Laura Lott <lauramargaretlott@gmail.com>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 3:07 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Counselors:

I am writing to strongly encourage you to end the winter parking ban.

It is anti-family: people with young children are massively inconvenienced by having to park far away from their homes if they do not have private parking, and it adds yet another burden on parents.

It is anti-environment: there is ample street parking through out Watertown, and the ban forces people/businesses to pave green space and make for an ugly, climate-harming cityscape. We need more green space, not more parking lots and spaces in front yards.

It further disadvantages the poor: people who cannot afford to rent space or have housing with private parking are the most negatively effected by the ban.

More so: it is unnecessary and many other nearby towns have mechanisms in place to alert residents to occasional snow bans. Get with the times, Watertown!

I would also like to, again, voice my strong support for Watertown to opt in to PFML coverage for municipal workers, including teachers. It is frankly embarrassing and pathetic that the city neglects these employees and gives little support for parental leave (having to take sick leave is **not** appropriate or fair). I see conversations about this all of the time in local mom groups, and it astounds me that Watertown does not support its workers who are parents in a state that has PFML. It is as simple as opting in and I'm sure this would attract high quality educators to the public schools.

Sincerely,
Laura Lott

Oppose Lifting of Watertown Winter Overnight Ban

From Lei Ann <leiann@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 6:52 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a Watertown resident for over 25 years. I oppose lifting the Watertown Winter Overnight Ban for the reason of safety and crime. As this recent snowfall has proven, even when an emergency snow parking ban is lifted, there is still the pileup of snow along curbs and parking spaces that limit visibility when backing out of driveways. It's bad enough during the rest of the year with no snow & longer daylight, but backing out at night in the winter with the snow makes it more hazardous. I also see my neighbors who have driveways don't utilize them & those households have 2 or even 3 cars that they leave on the street instead of in their driveway, making the streets more crowded on either side, as well as encourage crime - as proven by the occasional rash of cars that are broken into every year or so. As a long-time resident, I ask that the Watertown Winter Overnight Ban (which is only a few months), but maintained this year & every year.

Thank you.

Lei Ann Resurreccion

Winter Parking Ban

From ltholt@mail.com <ltholt@mail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 9:32 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear President Sideris and City Councilors,

Please be advised that I am in favor of keeping the winter parking ban in place for the safety of all Watertown citizens. The same reason the ban was enacted years ago exists today for our emergency services to have access to our roads. In fact, with more vehicles than ever in our City an argument could be made that the parking restrictions are even more important today.

I have also seen first hand what Brighton looks like in the winter with vehicles parked on the streets. We do not need our City looking like Brighton.

The alternative of lifting the ban until it snows could also be more confusing (and potentially unenforceable) than the existing parking rules.

Sincerely
Len Holt
105 Arsenal St

Sent using the mobile mail app

Vote "No" on Changes to the Winter Parking Ban

From Linda Scott <liscott33@gmail.com>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 3:34 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

 1 attachment (2 MB)

pdf winter parking ban 11724.pdf;

Dear Councilors,

I've attached my thoughts on this matter. You might find this a little different from the letters that you have received. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Linda Scott
55 Olcott

Watertown Needs a Parking Education Campaign, and vote “No” on Lifting the Winter Parking Ban

Dear Councilors,

Perhaps many of you are not old enough to remember the bad old days, the days when dog owners walked their dogs but didn't pick up after them (and it was allowed!). Yep, Fido would dump a load as big as a bagel, and then he and his human buddy would keep on walking.

This was happening in Watertown, and it was especially awful in Boston, where walking down a city street would be like walking through a mine field. Imagine that happening today, with people walking while texting...what a mess!!!

What did it take to make that situation better? Some laws, strict enforcement of those laws, and a public education campaign that explained why those laws were necessary. There will always be people who think that it's their God-given right to “dump and go,” but responsible dog owners know better.

I was at Councillor Airasian's councilor/constituent meeting on January 6. It was good to see so many residents out on a cold night to talk about issues. It became evident pretty quickly that the group represented an array of opinions on a lot of different issues, but the one that garnered the most discussion was parking.

It occurred to me after that discussion that what should happen before there's any thought of a change in the law is a public parking education campaign, just like there was in association with the “pooper scooper” law.

We've got the laws, but truthfully, we don't have consistent enforcement of those laws, and I'm sure that without an education on this matter, there are lots of kind people who are disrupting their neighbors' lives and making their neighborhoods unsafe without even knowing it.

Here's an egregious example involving the parking of non-residents:

There was a car parked in front of my house that sat there for 10 - 14 days. I asked every neighbor that I could find, but no one knew who it belonged to. Unaware that I could call the police on this matter, it sat there.

One day, I happened to be looking out my front window when a car pulled up beside that car (an Uber, I'm guessing). Two tanned, well-rested looking people got out, paid the driver, took two suitcases and put them in the car that had been parked outside of my house and drove off. I'm guessing that they found the spot in front of my house far superior (and cheaper) to parking at Logan. Go figure!

If it happened in front of my house, how many other times has a street in Watertown been used as a long-term storage lot?

But it's easy to blame our parking problems on “outsiders.” From my years of observations, as Pogo once said, “We have seen the enemy, and he is us!” Let's get to more local issues.

Councilors, when you have your meeting to discuss changes to the winter parking ban on January 21st, could you please ask everyone who gets up to speak to, as well as stating their name and address, state if they have a parking space on the property on which they live? That

is a very important data point. If they have a parking spot on their property, why do they need the street for that purpose? Here are a few real Watertown scenarios to explain what I mean:

How about neighbors who are very nice but park like this? Imagine, if you will, neighbors who consistently park this way on the street (day and overnight). Here's what this looks like (by the way, the yardstick by the rear wheel indicates that the sidewalk at it's "skinniest" is 16 inches):



They're trying to leave room for traffic, you say? What if I told you that they had their own personal parking space just 15 steps away?

As you can see, there is no room for a person in a wheelchair to safely pass on this sidewalk. After the meeting on January 6, it was suggested to me by a resident who is in favor of eliminating the parking ban that this was not problematic parking behavior, because a person in a wheelchair wouldn't be out this late at night. I'm not sure our Watertown Commission on Disability would agree that accessibility should have a curfew.

Here's another example. This car was consistently parked this way every night for months:



This is 1) against the law (Massachusetts law prohibits parking within 10 feet of a hydrant. Those who do are eligible for tickets) and 2) a possible safety hazard. You know what happened when the overnight winter parking ban went into effect? It was like a Christmas miracle! This car disappeared! It made a brief return when the ban was temporarily lifted.

Another example is neighbors who leave their cars parked, unmoved, on the street for days. A neighbor, although he had his own parking space, parked his car in front of my house and left it there for over a week.

I had a nice talk with him. I explained to him that of course he could park in front of my house, but parking for over 72 hours like this is against the law, and his car could be towed. I thought that I made it clear to him that by doing this it made it difficult for me, with my mobility issues, to be able to unload things from my car, for instance. He said that he understood and then proceeded to park for extended periods of time (over a week) in front of other houses on my street. Perhaps I didn't explain it well.

Because of people choosing the street rather than their parking spots (and in most cases that's what it is...a choice), we've had garbage trucks needing to back down onto Main street and try later, and that's in the summer months! I shudder to think what would happen if a fire truck would have to make it up the street in a hurry, but some folks don't think that safety is an issue, or at least takes a back seat to convenience.

As Jacob Javits, an esteemed Senator from Connecticut and an astute observer of human behavior once said when asked why Connecticut had such stringent speeding enforcement and fines, “You tell someone that if you speed you could die, they laugh. If you tell them if you speed, you’ll get a ticket, they listen.” And boy, did they! On that corridor between Boston and New York, you knew when you were approaching the Connecticut state line by all of the brake lights that went on!

Personally, it’s extremely rare that I park on the street. My view is that as long as I can still walk, it’s part of my responsibility to my neighborhood to help keep the street as clear as possible. Neighbors have guests who come over or workmen to fix things, or even to accommodate the ubiquitous Amazon trucks so they’re not blocking traffic. I feel that it’s a small price to pay for neighborhood harmony and safety.

Apparently, I’m not alone in this. A neighbor recently parked in front of my house so that a large truck for a charity could park in front of his house and pick up donations in his driveway. As soon as that transaction was complete and his driveway was clear, he moved his car back to his spot.

Neighbors in another house, recognizing this growing safety problem on our street, have opted to park in tandem in their driveway, although it’s a bit of an inconvenience for them. This is community-minded behavior that needs to be encouraged. With our lack of parking education, this behavior is rare.

Then there are folks who are so frustrated with never having a spot in front of their houses or having the views of oncoming traffic dangerously blocked as they come out of their driveways that they park in front of their houses themselves, to “save the space,” instead of their usual habit of parking in their driveways...aka defensive parking.

Some people say one side of the street parking is the answer, but with uneducated parking attitudes and so many cars, that’s just going to turn my street into a version of the Hunger Games, which is not the goal of our city charter that aims to make our neighborhoods “vibrant and welcoming.” Just the other day, the police came to my door, asking if I had a camera on the street, because a car had been vandalized, and the cause seemed to be a parking dispute.

Could we please first try education and more consistent enforcement of the rules we have? It was pretty effective for the dog poop problem and Connecticut’s speeding problems.

I believe that the City has hired multiple full-time new positions, “communications specialists,” in the past two years in Watertown to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars added to our City budget. Couldn’t at least one of them take this on as a project?

And while they’re at it, how about a public information campaign on clearing the sidewalks after a snowstorm? A resident told me that she took her life in her hands after our last snowstorm trying to walk past businesses to get to the grocery store.

There is no doubt that there will always be thoughtless people, but I believe most folks are considerate and well meaning and will obey a law if it’s made clear to them and is consistently enforced.

I was gratified to see the article that Watertown News had announcing the hearing on this issue. See: <https://www.watertownmanews.com/2025/01/07/city-council-to-discuss-winter-parking-ban-at-special-meeting/>. Six out of nine responses were pro community safety and accessibility versus pro personal convenience. That’s a start!

As for the people parked on the streets who do not have a driveway to park in, that is an issue that needs looking into to see why that is the case. This law is far from new, and property owners (especially of rental properties who house multiple unrelated adults, each with a car) know the rules and need to be honest and upfront when renting their properties to folks. It's the least they can do!

So, please retain the Winter Parking ban. It's the safe and responsible thing to do.

And lastly...

I'm sure that you are aware that one of your colleagues, a Watertown City Councilor, personally orchestrated this "citizen's petition" to change the winter parking ban. It's been in the works for about ten months. He wrote it, organized it, and recruited people to collect signatures. This could more accurately be called a "councilor's petition," not a "citizens petition." See this [link](#).

Having been involved in a few "citizen petitions" myself, I believe no sitting Watertown City Councilor should initiate and take part in a "citizen's petition" that they intend to vote on. I find this both unprofessional and unethical and an egregious abuse of power and influence.

In my view, this is not the professional conduct of a serious city representative that we, the people, can count on for objectivity. Councilors can discuss concerns with residents and relate those concerns to other City representatives, but should they be the ones to actually initiate and conduct citizen petitions?

It's also my view that in matters like these, the City Council is an arbiter. How can a councilor be an unbiased arbiter when the petition and process is of their own making? How about insisting that this councilor recuse himself from voting on this matter? He seems to have already greatly put his thumb on the scale on this issue, affording him a greater say than the rest of the City Councilors.

Another resident at Councilor Airasian's meeting who was involved with this petition said that he "wanted to bring popcorn" to the City Council meeting on the 21st. This does not bode well for the tenor of that event. Let's hope people who attend this meeting take the time to ponder both sides of this issue and give calm and reasoned presentations of their ideas.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Linda Scott
55 Olcott Street

Do Not Remove the Watertown Winter Parking Ban (Nov-April)

From Lori Palley <lpvet18@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 1:42 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Mr. McCarthy and Elected Watertown Council Officials,

I am a 10-year resident and registered voter of Watertown. I reside on Carey Avenue. Carey Avenue like other streets in Watertown, has cars, vans or trucks parked on both sides of the street 24/7 outside of the winter parking ban. It is not a one-way street but might as well be one. There is supposed to be two-way traffic, but that is never possible because the street is too narrow for two-way passage when vehicles are parked on both sides. Also, I often have difficulty navigating getting in and out of my own driveway with my car because vehicles (cars, vans or trucks) are parked on the street directly across from driveway and on both sides of my driveway leaving me little room to safely navigate. As a Watertown resident I also am concerned about the ability of firetrucks and first responders to maneuver on these roadways while vehicles are parked on both sides as well as my overall safety.

While the option of lifting the current parking ban and only placing a winter ban at the time of a snow emergency is also being proposed, the bottom line is that snow from plowing will build up on the sides of the street making narrow streets impassible. As we know, snow may remain on the side of roadways for days or even weeks. To assume that climate change will decrease snowfall is absurd as no one can make that prediction in Massachusetts. Further, with this specific type of ban, some cars may still remain on the street, making snow removal impossible.

Therefore, the winter parking ban as it exists must not be removed in Watertown. As a resident, I can say that over the past 10 years, people on my street have obviously found other alternatives for parking their vehicles during the Winter ban. This type of preemptive ban at least gives us a chance to have safe passage for first responders, etc. as well as resident and other Watertown vehicles. Safety is paramount.

I also request that the council confirm that those signing petitions whether to either remove or keep the parking ban are registered voters.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best,

Lori Palley

Feedback: Watertown Parking Regulations

From Luke Heffernan <luke.heffernan@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 4:17 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hi Watertown City Councilors,

In advance of tonight's City Council Meeting, I wanted to share my perspective on parking requirements in Watertown. I am in favor of removing the Winter Parking Ban for reasons you have likely heard before. **However, each winter, there is one major positive to the winter ban: Belmont residents do not park overnight in Watertown.**

For background, I have lived on Poplar St in Watertown for almost 8 years. My house is only a few houses from Belmont St, which is the border with Belmont. Because Belmont has an [overnight parking ban](#) across the city, many Belmont residents, who do not have off street parking options, clog Watertown streets with their cars. Specifically, the end of Poplar St at Belmont St becomes so congested that only one car can fit through. With cars turning quickly off of Belmont St (especially during rush hour), this becomes a dangerous corner that has led to several accidents. During the winter months, this is not nearly as big of an issue because cars can not park on the streets overnight in Watertown.

My suggestion for parking improvements in Watertown is to:

- (1) make street parking available on only one side of the street - either city wide or on streets that are not wide enough to handle cars on both sides and maintain 2-way traffic; and/or
- (2) create an overnight parking pass that is required for cars to be parked on the street overnight. This would ensure cars on Watertown streets are connected to a Watertown resident and would only require those residents interested in overnight parking to obtain the pass.

Good luck at tonight's meeting.

Best,

Luke Heffernan
110 Poplar St #2

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Luke Heffernan
508-330-5694 (c)

Winter Parking Ban

From M Martin <mpmartin920@yahoo.com>

Date Wed 1/15/2025 3:49 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Councilors -

While I appreciate the difficulty the winter parking ban can cause for some residents, many streets are too narrow to accommodate snow banks and parked vehicles. Even in warm weather, trash trucks, fire engines etc. can be unable to navigate a street due to cars parked on both sides. I have seen this happen multiple times on Hardy Ave as an example. I doubt snow plows and sanders will be able to effectively do their jobs.

Regards-

Mary Martin and Tom Martin

45 Hardy Ave

Parking Ban

From Matthew Payne <mtpayne5@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/29/2025 2:21 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

I heard recently of a meeting on the efficacy of the temporary parking bans that Watertown has during the winter months.

I wanted to email my support for the parking bans during the winter months.

My wife and I have lived in Watertown since 2012 and have loved every bit of it. The parking ban being the most reasonable of any of the surrounding towns is one major reason. (This also trickles down to the incredible DPW which we find to be excellent at snow removal and management)

As first renters and now homeowners we hope you keep the current parking ban intact.

Warm Regards,

Matt Payne 39-41 Hardy Ave, Watertown

End the Winter Parking Ban

From Micah Lott <micah.lott@bc.edu>

Date Wed 1/15/2025 3:17 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello Watertown City Councilors,

I live at 43 Irma Ave in Watertown. I am writing to express my strong support for ending the winter parking ban. (I did not sign the previous petition, although I would have if I had known about it).

Not only is the ban inconvenient, it incentivizes people to have more concrete and asphalt in their yards than is necessary. Thus the ban is antithetical to making Watertown a greener place, with more trees, flowers, and native grasses. A quick walk around my own east end neighborhood reveals many, many houses with extra parking spaces in the front yard where trees or flowers should be! I believe the ban is largely to blame for this.

Please end the ban.

Thank you
Micah Lott

Winter Parking Ban

From Michael McNeice <mmcneice6@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 7:51 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I am a 60 year plus resident of Union Street in Watertown. I bought this house from my parents. I lived here, since the late 50s, and have seen a lot of changes to my neighborhood.

I want to state, that I am in favor of keeping the winter parking ban.

I can remember when there were very few cars on the road. Over the years, some of the two family houses, which typically had 1 car/ unit, and one owner with a rental have been changing to rental units owned by absentee landlords. Some of these landlords rent to multiple people vs families, which has meant more cars.

To provide parking to those properties, that are rented to multiple tenants with multiple cars, some of the landlords have paved the front lawn, to accommodate the increase of cars. Cars overhanging onto the sidewalk, is another negative outcome of the increase in cars in area.

My feeling is that apartments with limited parking are restricted, from renting to multiple car owners, due to the parking ban. It's a restriction from cramming as many tenants as they can into these units. If the parking ban is lifted, my fear is that there will be an increase in cars, into the neighborhood. More people in a unit, means more rental income. Landlords will see an opportunity to rent to more people (and more cars).

If you drive through Union Street, now during the summer and then the winter, there is a huge change in the congestion. If the winter parking is lifted, the congestion during the summer will get significantly worse.

Thanks for your time.

Michael McNeice

Sent from my iPad

My thoughts on the winter parking ban

From Nadja Gould <nadjagould@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/1/2025 8:01 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Councilors,

I am a long time resident of Watertown, over 30 years at 36 Adams Avenue, but I am unable to attend the meeting on January 21st. I am writing to you because I feel strongly that it is time to do away with the winter street parking ban! I am one of the fortunate ones who has a garage and driveway, but I know that a vast number of Watertown residents have only the street parking option. It is so clear that winters are just not as severe as they once were, and it doesn't make sense that people can't park on the street year round. If there were a really serious storm predicted, a snow emergency could be announced and people would need to move their cars. With the unfortunate reality of climate change, there is every reason to keep expecting milder winters. Eliminating the winter parking ban would be a way for the City Counselors to show that they truly care about those Watertown citizens who are less fortunate. Please do the right thing!

Sincerely yours,

Nadja B. Gould

Pending petition to amend winter parking ban

From Natalie Zakarian <nataliezakarian7@gmail.com>

Date Sat 1/18/2025 8:29 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

January 18, 2025

I just read in *Watertown News* that a group of citizens encouraged by Councilor Palomba have the required signatures to petition the city council to consider amending the winter parking ban.

I believe the winter parking ban is essential for city equipment to keep Watertown safe under snow conditions and do not want to amend the ban. Watertown has lifted the ban periodically this winter when conditions are right and I think that is the right approach.

Yours truly,

Natalie Zakarian

Comments Regarding The Request to Remove the Winter Parking Ban

From Nicholas Zinser <zinser.nicholas@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 11:27 AM

To Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; John Airasian <jairasian@watertown-ma.gov>; Bays, Caroline <cbays@watertown-ma.gov>; Gannon, John <jgannon@watertown-ma.gov>; Palomba, Anthony <apalomba@watertown-ma.gov>

Good Morning Councilor Piccirilli & Mr. McCarthy-

I am unable to make tonight's Special City Council Meeting regarding the request to remove the Winter Parking Ban in the City of Watertown, and I appreciate the opportunity to share these thoughts in advance.

I am not in favor of removing or amending the Winter Parking Ban. The arguments I have seen from those in favor of removing the parking ban boil down to a desire to use public property (Watertown streets) for private use (storage of personal property - in this case vehicles). Our public streets are a public good for all. It is not the responsibility of the City to provide storage for a vehicle, and an argument could be made to enact a year-round parking ban similar to neighboring towns.

I lived on Main Street for more than 13 years, directly across from the Hamilton Place Condominiums. From April through November, the section of Main Street from Green Street to Cuba Street was packed with cars parked all hours of the day and night. They would disappear in the winter time, providing us easier egress onto Main Street from our house. I imagine these cars went somewhere during those months, and I know it happens throughout the City, even if the solution is not instantly convenient for the driver.

If the pressure to amend or repeal the ban is too great, I suggest we explore instituting a citywide parking permit system which would require all vehicles parked on the street throughout the year to display a parking permit. A nominal monthly fee could apply, and vehicles would have to be registered in the City of Watertown to show residency. Guest passes could also be purchased by each address to alleviate concerns of overnight parking in the wintertime from out-of-town guests, which I've experienced myself. This would reposition the use of our streets as the property of the City and not an extension of the private property of the residents and others.

I have copied the City Council President and the At-Large Councilors on this email so they are aware of my thoughts going into tonight's discussion.

Thanks.

-Nick

Nicholas Zinser
14 Downey Street

please do not eliminate the winter parking ban

From Owen Murphy <olmurphy1@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/7/2025 5:04 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Councilors,

I am unable to attend the hearing this evening, but I wanted to urge you to not lift the winter parking ban. Lifting the ban will result in unlimited parking 24/7 365 days a year on most streets in Watertown. This will not improve the quality of life in our city.

I spend a lot of time driving back and forth around town for various children's activities and during the warmer months, when the ban is not enforced, many side streets are undrivable without ducking into the space of driveways to let another car pass. On several occasions I have turned around because, even in my regular size sedan, a street was impassable due to large trucks parked both sides of a street or so many cars coming in the other direction that I would have been stuck in front of someone's driveway waiting for them all to pass. It is easy to imagine the struggles large emergency vehicles have in these conditions and the negative effect this could have for residents enduring medical emergencies. This issue seems to have gotten worse since covid and I would guess more people working from home is the reason. It is notably easier to drive around town when the ban is in effect, even in the day.

The winter ban serves as a check on the total number of cars parking in Watertown. Sooner or later we need to get serious about reducing our dependence on cars and lifting the parking ban would be a big step in the wrong direction. Lifting the ban will quickly result in streets filled with parked cars all the time and, inevitably, people will be complaining that they can't park near their homes- which is the same situation we have now.

There is actually more than enough parking capacity in town for all the cars currently, with plenty of empty lots and driveways every night, we just need to find a way to help those who need a space find them. Perhaps the city gov should organize some sort of "parking clearinghouse" to connect Watertown residents who could use more parking with those who have extra capacity?

I sympathize with people who do not have designated spaces included in their housing, but lifting this ban will move Watertown in the wrong direction. There are better answers than turning most of the streets in town into permanent parking lots.

Thanks for your consideration,

Owen Murphy

Winter Parking Ban

From pat davis <pat26davis@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/8/2025 8:37 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Councilors, We know the winter parking ban is an inconvenience for some people. We view it as a safety issue. When we have a snowy winter the streets end up with snow banks on each side. Sometimes a passenger car cannot fit if there are cars parked opposite each other on our street. It's impossible for an ambulance to get up the street. During the day, it's not too big of an issue to ask somebody to move. At night it would take longer because people would be in bed sleeping. We are assuming that if the parking ban is discontinued and the city calls for a snow emergency, it would not stay in place until the banks of snow all melted.

When there is a medical emergency every second counts.

Best regards,
Pat and Ken Davis
26 Hawthorne St.

Watertown should keep the Winter Parking Ban effective

From Patrick Lavoie <patlavo@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 5:27 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hi,

I'm Patrick Lavoie, I live at 87 Spruce St, Watertown, MA 02472.

I'm against removing the winter parking ban for these reasons:

- It is impossible to clear the snow in the street properly when there is a car parked along the curb. The people who park in the street will keep be in the street so even after several rounds of plowing, there will remain some spots with snow in the street;
- The remaining snow in the street will melt and refreeze becoming harder to remove;
- There is no way to reach everyone to announce the winter emergency on time;
- Not every car would be moved by their owner and the city is not good at enforcing their law on a sunny day so, no car would be towed or ticketed in a storm.

Thanks for considering my opinion regarding this matter.

Patrick Lavoie

87 Spruce St, Watertown, MA 02472

Winter Parking Ban

From Patrick Walsh <plwalsh88@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 8:32 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

My name is Patrick Walsh, and I reside at 218 Boylston Street. I am writing to voice my support for removing the winter parking ban. Snowy winters or not, it serves zero purpose. If it did serve a useful purpose, it would be the year-round policy. All it does is put unnecessary burden on citizens who lack proper off-street parking at their residence. It's horrible to expect people to walk a mile or more in freezing cold weather at 6am to go retrieve their car from one of the approved lots. Especially in a city with poor and inconsistent coverage of public transportation.

Either remove the ban or take a holistic approach to reforming all parking. For example, reassess each and every street individually to determine whether it should allow for year-round parking on both sides, one side, or neither side. Whatever policy is settled on, it should be constant throughout the year, with accommodations for formal snow emergencies when needed. Last night's snow storm of 4-5" proves just how quickly streets can be cleared with a single-night parking ban via formal snow emergency.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to tomorrow's city meeting.

- Patrick Walsh

Watertown winter parking ban

From Patricia Andrews <pkandrews@gmail.com>

Date Sun 1/5/2025 2:29 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc betterparkingwatertown@gmail.com <betterparkingwatertown@gmail.com>

Hello and happy new year to you all,

I am a Watertown resident who would like to see an end to the winter parking ban.

We have had many mild winters with fewer snow storms over the years. And if there are snow emergencies, we can call for a temporary ban.

This would make it much more convenient for residents who have to park away from their homes. It might make parking a little bit less challenging in our town.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Andrews
170 Palfrey St

Sent from my iPhone

Parking ban.

From Pete Airasian <peteairasian@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 2:34 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Good afternoon counselors, just wanted to send a quick note in support of continuing the Parking band as is. We have had this in place for many years. It helps our town employees and independent contractors get the streets cleaned properly, something we do better than any town in this area. Also important for fire and police in a snow emergency

I know there is support to remove the parking ban, but it's misguided and not the right thing to do for the citizens of this town.

I want at the very least to continue the parking ban as is, if not extended year round.

Thanks for your time

Pete Airasian

parking ban

From Peter Bell <pbell@berklee.edu>

Date Tue 1/7/2025 2:20 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hi ,

Just a note to add my voice to the group wishing for a revision to the Watertown winter parking ban. I'm a homeowner at 43 Hillside Road with a driveway so we can survive usually without parking at a school (not always), but I agree with the points made by Charlo Maurer and others. Thanks for listening!

Peter Bell

617-515-4506

- > I'm writing to ask for your help in changing our winter parking regulations.
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- > The current winter parking ban was put in place many decades ago, and was perhaps even somewhat successful at its commencement. But Watertown has changed so much over the years, and I believe it needs to be updated.
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- > You may or may not be aware that thousands of your constituents are struggling either financially for having to pay for parking or physically from having to park in school lots, waking up at 5:30 every day of the week for months to retrieve their car, often quite a distance from their home.
- > Examples of current issues:
 - > • A single mother friend of mine has to carry her newborn baby almost a full mile from the school lot nearest her home. She owns her home, but has no parking space.
 - > • Women and elderly of our town are walking alone in the cold darkness of the night to park their car in lots blocks from their home.
 - > • Landlords have difficulty renting their apartments if their renters have no place to park their car. Some of them don't tell their tenants until the winter comes so that they will rent from them. It's understandable, but so hard for the tenants.
 - > • Another person I know has one parking space in her building, but she often has visitors and they can't park near her building in the winter.
 - > • When a person's car is blocks or miles away from their home, it prohibits and limits their ability to react to emergencies.
 - > • Due specifically to the winter parking ban, some constituents have replaced their personal green space with cement/concrete space as a way to create additional parking. Many others are pursuing the same avenue.
- > The need for emergency vehicles to have access through the streets and the ability for police, fire, and DPW to do their jobs is of utmost importance to all. This is true at all hours of the day in all seasons. Parking regulations for each street should only allow enough parking to let those vehicles get through. Emergencies can be called when there is a big storm coming to ban parking only on those days, probably at most 10 days in a winter. That seems much more reasonable and fair.

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> To me the issue is one of equity for people of all economic backgrounds to be able to own a car and to keep it near their home. Too many of our residents are struggling from this parking ban. I imagine that all councilors have cars and don't have to get up at 5:30 to move them from a school parking lot. I personally have a driveway, but I strongly feel the injustice of this regulation.

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> I also hate to think of the hours and hours of police time wasted going up and down the streets in the middle of the night to give out tickets. And the pain that some residents endure by simply paying those tickets when they can't make it to the school lots on particular nights.

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> Thank you for your time reading my thoughts, and thank you for considering changing this regulation,

> Charlo Maurer

Winter parking ban in Watertown

From Phyllis Ivany <pmi02472@yahoo.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 8:09 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Councilors,

I am in favor of keeping the winter parking ban for several reasons.

If you vote to change it, please consider allowing on street parking on only one side of the street.

Thank you,

Phyllis Ivany
19 Fairfield St
Watertown, MA

Support for lifting winter parking ban

From Regene DePiero <regenedepiero@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 7:04 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

I support lifting the winter parking ban. The winter parking ban puts a burden on people that do not have off street parking available. Towns with much smaller streets and more cars are able to utilize snow emergency alerts to guarantee clear streets for plows. We should be able to use the same systems.

We also do not seem to get that much snow to justify a blanket ban for 4 months of the year. Asking people to walk for blocks and blocks at night, in the cold, and be up early in the morning to move vehicles is unsafe for a variety of populations aside from its general inconvenience.

Arguments made for preventing people parking from Belmont is a separate issue from a winter ban. I have lived on one of these streets near Belmont and do not find this an inconvenience during the rest of the year. It does not justify preventing people from parking near where they live for 4 months of the year.

I would ask how many people support maintaining it have had to deal with the burden of walking a mile at night or early in the morning to move a vehicle.

I love living in Watertown but this is a serious issue that makes it a very unattractive place to live in the longer term.

Regene DePiero
20 Carver Rd

Parking Ban

From Robert Airasian <robert.airasian@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 8:53 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I ran out of time and wanted to finish my thoughts.

A lot of the activity (deliveries, ride sharing, increase in side street traffic due to quicker routes, additional travelers) I spoke of happens during the day but my larger point was that we are becoming more dense and allowing street parking is opening the floodgates and inviting more cars and parking abuse on the streets. Landlords, guests, residents will crowd the streets day and night. In less than 12 months you'll have a new list of residents upset and inconvenienced and we'll be right where we are today. There are consequences with every alternative.

I think we can alleviate a lot of pain points with partnerships with private developers, and continued and formal consideration with the WPD for those that have special conditions.

Happy to discuss more anytime.

Thank you again.

Bob Airasian

Please abolish Winter parking ban

From Rvarnum1964 <rvarnum1964@gmail.com>

Date Thu 1/16/2025 11:17 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I support abolishing the winter parking ban and hope the City of Watertown would at least remove it for the rest of this winter season immediately as a trial run. It could then plan on continuing this practice addressing issues as they happen while using the decades old knowledge gained by Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston to smoothly transition to this new ordinance. Our single family neighborhood members should no longer restrict the use of this tool at the expense of those of us who live in multi family neighborhoods.

I have lived in Watertown since 1996 and have lived in and owned a two family on Boylston Street since 1998. I am one of the lucky, two family, home owners with two legal driveways. When a home owner sneaks in an illegal 2nd driveway it creates drainage and property over crowding issues. When you have two families, or more likely 4-6 working adults with 4-6 cars sharing a single driveway (or even two driveways) it becomes a constant challenge parking tandem in a driveway or searching out legal public parking. I see the inconvenience created for my neighbors every week.

With our adjacent proximity to Cambridge and Boston it is time for our City to leap into the 21st Century and model after some of those Cities use of on street overnight parking use. For the remainder of this season the rules used to relax the ban during the holidays could be used to extend the ban for the next few months. Unless of course I am missing something that I haven't seen addressed yet. Feel free to contact me if you wish.

Best regards,

Robert Varnum
121 Boylston Street

Robert Varnum
617-823-3687

parking ban

From Rose Centola <dilly1958@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 9:19 AM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

For the safety of all residents, fire department and police department I vote not to change the parking ban rules and regulations.

Thank you

Rose Centola

Registered Voter in Watertown

Sent from my iPad

Parking Ban Public Comment

From samghilardi@gmail.com <samghilardi@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 5:55 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear City Councilors,

I wanted to provide public comment for tonight's hearing on the winter parking ban. It is clear that street parking is the a 3rd rail in Watertown local politics. I think it is clear that the winter parking ban and the city's overall street parking policies, including the 2-hour parking limit, are not meeting our current needs, but it is not clear what is the better alternative. Therefore I would suggest that the city council create a special "street parking commission" composed of representatives from DCDP, fire and police departments, the DPW, parking enforcement, as well as a diverse and multi-modal (pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and drivers) selection of citizens tasked with the following objectives :

- 1) conduct a comprehensive study of regional and national best practices for street parking management, including but not limited to alternate side parking, resident parking permit programs, and snow emergency policies.
- 2) write a report, due no later than January 15th, 2026, with recommendations to the city council for street parking reform.

For their part, The city council should pledge to take up the report as a high priority item next term. While there will always be tradeoffs with parking policy changes, I think this is the best path forward to make sure we develop a policy that would provide the most benefit to residents.

Best,
Sam Ghilardi
22 Springfield St

Sent from my iPhone

Parking Ban

From cut@verizon.net <cut@verizon.net>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 8:50 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

To the Council

I'm in favor of keeping the winter ban in effect as long as the fire and police departments feel it's necessary. The safety of the city and its inhabitants is the most important thing.

Sandra Narinian

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

Testimony to support REMOVING the winter parking ban

From Sara Sadownik <ssadownik@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 4:45 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Good afternoon,

I regret that I am not able to attend the City Council meeting in person tonight, so I wanted to send my testimony directly:

Sara Sadownik
400 Mt Auburn St
Watertown, 02472

I strongly support removing the winter parking ban in Watertown, primarily because being able to park on the street supports affordable housing efforts. In two- and three-family homes and apartment buildings, having a sufficient number of dedicated parking spots consumes land that could be used for green space or more housing, and adds significantly to building costs.

I live in a two-family house on Mt Auburn street with one parking spot allocated to each home. My partner and I share one car, and we do not want another car at this time. But if our circumstances changed and we needed a second car, for example an offer of new jobs that required driving to work, our choices would be to reject the job offers or move away from Watertown. Buying a single family house in Watertown is as unrealistic an option for my family as moving a car every morning from a public lot.

While I don't want to encourage more cars, the reality is that it's hard not to have a car here. In effect, the parking ban causes a car constraint, and this constraint is mostly just for people who live in multiple family homes and apartment buildings, not for single family homes where there is enough space for wide driveways. Removing the winter parking ban would allow Watertown to keep more affordable housing, keep green spaces, and keep its current diverse character.

Thank you,
Sara Sadownik

400 Mt Auburn St
Watertown, 02472

Parking Ban

From Steve Teager <steveteager@yahoo.com>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 2:07 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

I live on Standish Rd.

As it is now, my street can become barely passable as monstrous SUVs park on both sides of this narrow road. I shudder to think of how an emergency vehicle might get to the homes of myself and my neighbors quickly in the event of an emergency. Add in the diminished roadway width as streets are plowed, and the problem gets worse.

For the greater good, please leave the ban as it is.

Sincerely

Steve Teager
138 Standish Rd

Please end the winter parking band

From steven panacek <stratosteven@gmail.com>

Date Thu 1/9/2025 11:26 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Watertown City Councilors,

I'm pasting a pre-written message below from Better Parking Watertown. Although it's impersonal it raises good points.

However I wanted to start by briefly stating my personal hope that we can end the winter parking ban in Watertown. My household is affected by the ban more acutely than others, as my three story building shares one tandem 3 space driveway. My neighbor and I work varied hours, often at nights and weekends, and the landlord's son takes the third space. It's a daily struggle of texting and car shuffling late at night or early in the morning. And when we inevitably make mistakes and forget, it ends up being very costly.

If I could just leave my car in the driveway all winter I would, but my daily commute to Back Bay, often at odd hours, is often tripled by waiting for the #1 bus as opposed to getting in the car.

I'm privileged to live in such a great town and community, and the parking ban sometimes seems like a small price to pay, but I'm having a hard time seeing how the benefits of the ban outweigh the costs for the many folks like myself.

Regardless of your position, I appreciate your attention to the matter.

Yours,

Steve Panacek

I'm writing as part of a rapidly growing legion to plead for your help.

We need your help with the winter parking rules in Watertown. The current winter parking **ban** was put in place many decades ago, in a different place and time, and was perhaps even somewhat successful at its commencement. But Watertown has changed so much over the years, and we ask kindly for you to bring this issue up to date as well. You may or may not be aware that thousands of your constituents are suffering the wrath of this decades old ban.

Did you know:

- women of our town are walking alone in the cold darkness of the night to park their car in lots many blocks from their home. This is a wildly dangerous ask of our neighbors, family, friends.
- many people have to find childcare or eldercare during this time of night. Or worse yet, need to leave children or elderly alone.
- when a person's car is blocks or miles away from their home, it prohibits and limits their ability to react to emergencies.
- due specifically to the winter parking ban, some constituents have replaced their personal green space with cement/concrete space as a way to create additional parking. Many others are pursuing the same avenue.
- when people have to move their cars (to/from the lot) it increases the chance of impaired driving, accidents, and produces more emissions.
- when women asked for the right to vote in the 1800s, most people thought it was too extreme. It took decades for that law to be passed. Please don't let that happen here.

Too many of our residents are struggling - all for nought.

The need for emergency vehicles to have access through the streets and the ability for police, fire, and DPW to do their jobs is of utmost importance for all. This is why we believe your solution to allow parking on one side of the street during snow emergencies is a win for all. It allows access for emergency vehicles and eliminates the need to park far from home. Here is a suggested path forward:

From December 15 through March 15, when a snow emergency is declared:

within 4 hours after a snow emergency is declared, cars may only be parked on one side of the street or move to a city-owned municipal lot (during which time meter payment is not required).

Fines include:

Failure to move your car to the proper side of the street: \$100

In closing, we love Watertown, and we are here to support you in this pivot to make Watertown safer for all. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Steven Panacek
(386) 801-4322

Parking ban

From Sarah R <srauhut@gmail.com>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 6:26 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hi!

As a resident since 2009, I support relaxing the winter parking ban.

We own our 2-family house and share the narrow driveway with another 2-family house on the other side.

Generally we 4 households have no parking issues until winter when we are all trying to stagger our cars so they fit in the driveway. It's pretty awful!

If the ban was canceled, it could still be activated at a moments notice, the same as when we receive notifications of a "state of emergency" as happened in expectation of tonight's snow. Then everyone would have time to remove cars from the streets prior to the weather event.

Warm regards,
Sarah Rauhut

Public comment regarding special town meeting on parking ban

From Susie Bresney <sbresney@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 4:58 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

I am writing to provide my opposition to the winter parking ban as it currently exists in Watertown, and to provide support for eliminating the parking ban, except for specific rules during snow emergencies, as is done in nearby cities. The parking ban disproportionately impacts our renting and low-income residents as they typically do not have the means or ability to create sufficient parking on the property where they live, and often live in more densely developed neighborhoods where there is not adequate space for off-street parking. Additionally, for residents who work varying hours, have children, care for elderly or disabled individuals, or face other challenges, expecting a resident to move their car to a parking lot that may be a mile walk away after 7pm and then before 6 or 7 am is unreasonable and unfair. Particularly when the amount of snow the city has received in the past few years and is projected to receive in the future is minimal considering climate change. The snow storms we've received so far this year have happened during the day, and the snow has been significantly cleared prior to the ban even starting at 1AM, demonstrating that snow removal is perfectly possible with the cars on the street. Neighboring cities that are even more densely developed than Watertown and have narrower streets such as Cambridge, Somerville, Medford and Boston do not have such parking bans, and are able to adequately and safely remove snow during the winter and still ensure safe access for emergency vehicles on streets year-round. How is Watertown so different?

While to me, eliminating the parking ban is a clear means to achieving more equity and better well-being for our residents, at very little risk to snow removal challenges, I also want to point out how the ban doesn't align and in many cases, fully contradicts other plans and goals the city has developed. Eliminating the ban will help the city achieve many of its goals and at no direct cost to the city:

Open Space and Recreation plan:

- The plan identifies "Managing stormwater and improving the quality of the City's water resources" as one of the natural resource protection needs, noting that the city landscape is 57% impervious surface, generating a lot of stormwater that goes into the Charles River untreated, negatively impacting water quality. While the city has made strides to implement green stormwater infrastructure, the parking ban effectively requires that we have double the amount of impervious surface for parking than needed. It requires houses to have off-street parking that could otherwise be greenspace, while sufficient street-parking space exists but goes unused during the winter, simply there only to generate stormwater. Not only does this generate a larger quantity of stormwater, but particularly in the winter, generates more pollution as there are significantly more areas covered in salt and de-icing agents than necessary. With this approach, the city will never be able to effectively reduce stormwater volumes nor improve

stormwater quality. Allowing for homeowners to eliminate or downsize their driveways helps the city achieve their stormwater goals at no cost to the city.

- According to the plan, "The Stormwater Advisory Committee and DPW continue to advocate for the City's use of green infrastructure to mitigate stormwater runoff and improve local water quality." Eliminating the parking ban would allow for a win-win approach across multiple municipal departments by no longer requiring homeowners to pave a portion of their property for a driveway if they need/want to have a car.
- In the same plan it is stated that "Enhancing natural systems, adding more open space and green space, and minimizing the impacts of development on the natural environment can all help increase resiliency to natural hazards and climate change. Watertown recognizes that climate change is the most pressing issue of these times." As mentioned above, eliminating the parking ban would allow homeowners to remove or reduce their driveways and convert them to open space and green space, which would help the city achieve their goal of increasing greenspace and improve climate resiliency, at no cost to the city. As it exists now, homeowners are effectively required to have a portion of their property paved for off-street parking during the winter. Stormwater volumes will only continue to increase with climate change, putting an even larger burden on the city's existing stormwater system. One of the easiest ways to reduce stormwater volumes is by removing impervious surfaces. One way to do this at no cost to the city is to allow homeowners to remove their driveways because they can reliably park on the street.
- The same plan discusses the urban heat island effect: "Watertown's residents are vulnerable to the heat island effect, which is a phenomenon where urban, highly impervious landscapes absorb and reflect heat more than greener areas, resulting in urban "islands" or pockets of higher temperatures." Oftentimes, the urban heat island effect disproportionately impacts low income residents who live in more densely developed neighborhoods. Eliminating the parking ban would allow impervious surfaces on private property currently used for parking to be converted to greenspace, reducing overall impervious surface and the urban heat island effect

Watertown Comprehensive Plan

- Strategy H in the plan is "Ensure equitable distribution of climate mitigation and adaptation investments like tree canopy and green stormwater infrastructure to prioritize environmental justice neighborhoods (those with higher proportions of low-income and minority residents)." Environmental justice communities are typically located in more densely populated neighborhoods with significantly more impervious surfaces. Allowing for the removal of impervious surface currently being used for off street parking would create an opportunity to carry out this strategy and achieve this goal. Particularly in areas where re-development or development of new parks and greenspace is challenging due to the density of existing development.
- The plan emphasizes the importance of trees (both on public and private property) and small pocket parks, for mitigating stormwater. Driveways that could be converted to greenspace would achieve the same stormwater goals as these approaches, with no cost to the city.

Design Guidelines Book

- According to the design guidelines: "Development should consider the pedestrian first, then bicyclists, then transit and then the automobile." The parking ban directly conflicts with this guideline as a residential property will not be valuable if it does not have off-street parking under the current restriction, forcing developers to prioritize off-street parking for new residential development or re-development.

- The guidelines also state that "Opportunities for shared parking must be pursued to increase development potential wherever possible and diminish the impact of the automobile." The parking ban directly conflicts with this guideline, as it effectively requires that there is sufficient space to park all cars off street during the winter, while there is still sufficient space to park those same cars on the street during all other months.
- A strategy of the guidelines is to encourage reduced parking requirements, and discourage surface parking in front of buildings which the parking ban again, directly contradicts as the front of a building is typically the only place for off-street parking in residential areas.
- The design standards and the Watertown Zoning ordinance discourage/prohibit surface parking in setback zones but the parking ban effectively requires just that, as the setback zone in front of a residential property is typically the only place accessible for a car for parking during the winter.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,
Susan Bresney
65 Boylston Street

END WINTER PARKING BAN

From Sydney Garner <sydgarner4@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/6/2025 12:11 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

The winter parking ban is horrible and dumb and you need to end it otherwise I will vote you off city council.

-Resident of Watertown

Parking ban is a good thing

From Teresa Leonard <teresaleonard00@yahoo.com>

Date Thu 1/16/2025 4:59 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

I am writing to let you know I am not in favor of discontinuing the overnight parking ban during the winter.

Thank you,

Teresa Leonard

Watertown Winter Parking Ban - Resident / Constituent Feedback

From Timothy Halbach <tim.halbach@gmail.com>

Date Mon 1/20/2025 8:39 PM

To Nicole Gardner <ngardner@watertown-ma.gov>; Feltner, Lisa <lfeltner@watertown-ma.gov>; Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>; Izzo, Emily <eizzo@watertown-ma.gov>; John Airasian <jairasian@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Bays, Caroline <cbays@watertown-ma.gov>; Gannon, John <jgannon@watertown-ma.gov>; Palomba, Anthony <apalomba@watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

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To the Watertown City Council:

My wife and I are residents and owners on Union Street. We are writing in favor of keeping the Winter Parking Ban in place for Watertown. We're attaching two photos that we took today, January 20, 2025, at around 3pm, after 4 inches of snow, and which were taken about one block away from each other. One is of Cambridge (Thingvalla Ave), where there are cars parked such that the snow couldn't be cleared, making it extremely difficult and dangerous to navigate. The other is from Watertown (Brimmer Street), where the street is perfectly clear and is easy to both park and navigate. The streets are roughly the same width and carry about the same amount of traffic. We would very much prefer to live on the street in Watertown versus the street in Cambridge.

Streets get narrower in the winter when it snows, because plows can't plow the full width of the street. This is a safety issue for the fire and police departments, as they will be unable to navigate the streets with cars parked on narrowed streets. Even without snow, we've witnessed numerous instances on Union Street of school buses, delivery trucks, and even fire trucks who are unable to navigate the street because of people parking carelessly on the street, well away from the curb. This is even more of a concern in winter as residential fires are more common in winter when heat is in use, and we very much want the fire department to be able to reach our house in case of an emergency.

We have also lived in towns that don't have winter parking bans, and navigating the streets in winter and trying to find parking has been miserable. One of the key reasons we decided to move to Watertown was because of the winter parking ban. We still have PTSD from the winter of 2015. Opponents of the parking ban are arguing that we don't have snow, but that winter was just 10 years ago, where 8 of 10 winters from 2005-06 to 2014-15 had above average snowfall; we consider ourselves lucky that we haven't had too many major Nor'easters over the past 10 years. We are also very concerned that our property values will fall if the parking ban is lifted, as we (and others) consider the ban to be a large benefit of living in Watertown.

We see ban opponents discussing using snow emergencies as the way to ensure streets get clear. But, first, we don't always declare snow emergencies (see the attached photo of Cambridge for what this would look like). Second, if we don't have an enforced winter parking ban, if residents aren't forced to prearrange parking, where will they put their cars when there is a snow emergency? The public parking spaces available during the parking ban are already limited. In addition, if there is not a general winter parking ban, Watertown is likely to have more people moving in with more cars, or the existing residents choosing to add more cars, which will take up even more parking spots than are currently available.

Many of the people we see complaining about the parking ban are new renters who came to Watertown because of the lower rents, but who were unaware of the parking ban. Shame on them for not doing their research. However, if that is truly a concern, then the solution is not to lift the parking ban, but to instead require landlords to disclose the parking ban via an ordinance requiring a mandatory lease addendum notifying renters of the winter ban, and providing substantial fines for non-compliance.

We also see many people complaining about having to walk several blocks due to safety. First, if Watertown is that unsafe (it's not), then we first need to address the safety issue. Second, if the parking ban is lifted, then people coming home late at night may still need to walk several blocks because there is no parking available close to their house, as happens often in Somerville

and Cambridge, especially since people will no longer need to find off-street parking. Finally, many people in Watertown do still take the bus; is Watertown so unsafe that people can't feel safe walking home from the bus stop? No, Watertown is a very safe community, and this is a straw man argument.

If the Watertown city council were to decide to lift the winter parking ban, we will need to ensure that residents of our neighboring towns which do have parking bans (ex: Newton, Belmont) aren't able to take advantage of our open parking. As such, we would need to be much more strict about enforcing our 2-hour parking limit during the day. We should also consider implementing parking permits for residents, with a limited number of permits per address, so that we are able to limit who can park on Watertown streets for extended periods of time to residents who truly need it.

Finally, as an aside, we understand that city council member Tony Palomba was the primary writer of the petition to lift the parking ban, and has helped orchestrate much of the process for getting the lifting of the ban in front of the city council. Meanwhile, in his messages to the community, he explicitly stated that this should be a resident-driven initiative. This is a clear conflict of interest, and Mr. Palomba must recuse himself in the discussion of and voting on this initiative.

Sincerely,

Tim & Anna Halbach
34 Union St #1, Watertown, MA

Bann on Parking Meeting

From Will <clfmustang@aol.com>

Date Sun 1/19/2025 6:16 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen, I obtained a copy of the below poster from Gymit on Arlington St:

"END THE WATERTOWN WINTER BAN!

City Council will be holding a meeting dedicated to the winter parking issue on January 21, 6PM. We urge you to be present, bring your friends, neighbors, and family, even your children! The council likes the Ban. We need to show them that the people they represent do no! This will only happen if we show strength in numbers. Should you wish to speak, you will be offered a chance to make a 2-minute statement at the podium."

My purpose in sending this email is twofold: alert you to the possibility of a very, very large attendance that will likely overcrowd the Mastrangelo Council Chamber and adjacent area; and to present my take on the consequences of ending the ban, without physically attending subject meeting.

The parking ban has been in effect for more than 6 decades, providing a strong safety measure for the movement of snowplows, and first responder vehicles. The snowplows can easily negotiate their function without fear of damaging/destroying privately owned motor vehicles and perform a thorough removal of snow from the streets. The First Responder vehicles can rapidly arrive at their emergency destinations without undue delay by snow clogged and vehicle barricaded streets in order to perform their life saving duties.

There are occasions, weather permitting, when the Police Department announces the temporary lifting of the Parking Ban; I submit that the city's population can depend on the judgement of our Police Department to lift said Ban when conditions permit.

There certainly are more articles of justification to retain the Parking Ban, and I will leave that recitation to others that are more articulate and cogent than me.

Please vote to retain the Parking Ban. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Clifford
93 Riverside St

Watertown MA Parking Ban

From Xavier Clair <xavier@are-bos.com>

Date Fri 1/17/2025 12:28 PM

To City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>; Palomba, Anthony <councilorpalomba@gmail.com>

Hello

I just wanted to reach out as a resident and property owner in Watertown. I stand against the move to allow parking through the winter. There is a large vocal group who wants to remove the ban, and understand this would be a mistake. There are numerous streets blocked up by cars for emergency vehicles without any snow as it is, allowing parking through the winter will be a mistake. Even one person negatively affected in a medical emergency should be considered. Secondly it will help with the "green" push, if cars have no where to park, there will be less cars on the road. Third, other local communities have similar bans (some even year round) and cars nor parking overnight seem to be an issue. In fact, those communities use Watertown in the summer for overnight parking when close enough to walk back to their municipality. Should parking be an issue it can be addressed when new construction/renovations/updates in zoning laws occur to allow for more off street spots. I urge you to consider keeping the parking ban in full effect, it was brought into law for a reason and should stay there.

Thanks

--

Xavier Clair

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Parking Ban

From Zoe Doucette <z3doucette@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/21/2025 7:32 PM

To McCarthy, Brendan <bmcCarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Hello,

My name is Zoe and I live at 8 Phillips St. I'm an owner of a unit in a multi family with four units. Our driveway has enough space to accommodate enough cars for the residents, but it is all tandem parking. We are thinking about starting a family in the next few years, and are actually considering selling our home and leaving Watertown before trying to have a family. This is largely because the idea of going into labor, or having an emergency complication and being parked in by three other people is terrifying. The only current alternatives are having to stay up late and wake early enough to be the last one in and the first one out (compromising the sleep needed to keep both myself & baby healthy), or tear out our little patch of grass and pollinator garden (lowering our curb appeal and our property value). Please consider implementing other solutions including permit parking, single sided parking.

Thank you,
Zoe

FEBRUARY 11, 2025



Watertown City Council

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, 7:00 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 149 MAIN STREET

MINUTES

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on February 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
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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, Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk, and Doug Newton, Municipal Policy Analyst

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants in Public Forum.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes from City Council Meeting January 14, 2025

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

The motion carried unanimously in a Voice Vote.

B. Minutes from City Council Meeting January 28, 2025

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

The motion carried unanimously in a Voice Vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris thanked the Public Works and Public Outreach staff for their work during the recent snow emergency. He encouraged the community to sign up for the Everbridge notification system as it is a valuable tool for public notifications in town.

6. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing the Memorialization Committee

City Manager Proakis noted this item relates to Item 7A, and that it will be on the next agenda as a public hearing and vote.

B. Discussion and Vote on Two Proposals from the Community Preservation Committee for Funding

Chair of the Community Preservation Committee Mark Krackiewicz presented the two proposals as follows:

Willow Park Redevelopment

- Preservation of Affordable Housing and the Watertown Housing Authority request \$4,000,000 to redevelop Willow Park by demolishing and reconstructing 60 existing units while creating an additional 78 new units.
- Mix of 100% affordable units to 80% Area Median Income units
- Includes 3 sensory-accessible and 7 mobility-accessible units

- Structure is expected to meet Passive House energy standards and comply with Special Stretch Code
- Seeking a comprehensive permit through “friendly” 40B filing and plans to close by late 2026
- The total project estimation cost is \$107,517,792 will be financed with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Mass Housing, construction loans, and other state programs

1630 and 1930 Geographical Paintings

- \$14,503 requested by the Historical Society of Watertown and the Department of Community Development and Planning to continue work on restoring two historic paintings in residence at City Hall
- Previous efforts to restore the paintings were approved at \$33,000, which lead to much improved paintings, but they were in worse shape than anticipated, and the current proposal is to further the restoration process

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Willow Park Redevelopment proposal and Council Feltner seconded.

Councilor Piccirilli remarked that the Council has prioritized affordable housing, and that he is proud that this proposal is now before the Council. He believes that the seven funding conditions in the proposal are important and will allow the Council to maintain a level of control and influence in the development.

Councilor Palomba echoed his appreciation to the CPC for this proposal. He added that the scale of the project is particularly impressive.

Councilor Feltner extended her congratulations to the CPC. She asked for further explanations on accessible and passive housing.

A representative replied that the accessible units are customized to fit the needs of specific disabilities – features may include walk in showers, larger doorways, and modified appliances.

Councilor Gannon congratulated the CPC and remarked that it is unfortunate that that federal funding has dried up in the field, but that he is encouraged with partnerships like Preservation Of Affordable Housing. He asked for a representative of POAH to speak more on their work.

Senior Vice President of Preservation of Affordable Housing Cory Mian stated that they were founded in 2001 and have worked to build affordable housing in the Midwest as well as the east coast, including about 5,000 apartments in Massachusetts. She continued by saying that she has worked on similar projects as Willow Park where they maneuver a redevelopment without displacing the tenants.

Councilor Gardner remarked on the impressive degree of interaction POAH has had with tenants and the neighborhood on the whole regarding the entire process.

Councilor Gannon asked to confirm that Watertown Housing Authority will maintain a level of control of the property.

Cory Mian replied that WHA will maintain a ground lease to the land as well as a 27.5% partnership in the entity that will control the project.

The WHA will also maintain tenant interest in the development.

President Sideris thanked the CPC, the community, and POAH for their efforts. He believes that this investment represents a very important message that Watertown has skin the game.

The motion carried unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Historic Painting Restorations proposal and Councilor Feltner seconded.

President Sideris remarked on his appreciation for the work being done to restore the paintings.

The motion carried unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on December 16, 2024 – Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

Recommend the City Council Bring Forward a First Reading of the Amended Draft Ordinance to Establish a Memorialization Committee

Councilor Gannon read the report.

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

Councilor Gardner asked for clarification if the Library and Schools would be included in public spaces concerning memorialization.

President Sideris replied, no, that those spaces are in the power of the School Committee and Library separately, but the issue can be addressed when the actual ordinance is up for discussion.

The motion carried unanimously in Voice Vote.

- B. Committee on Public Works Report regarding its meeting on February 3, 2025 – Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the City Council that Joseph Ganno be appointed to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a term ending July 15, 2025

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council agree with the naming of the intersection of Dexter Avenue and Hazel Street for Arshile Gorky subject to the coordination with the Department of Public Works for a sign similar in size of Veterans signs with the location and wording being approved by the Department of Public Works

Councilor Piccirilli read the report.

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

The motion carried unanimously in a Voice Vote.

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

The motion carried unanimously in a Voice Vote.

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

The motion carried unanimously in a Voice Vote.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Public Arts & Culture Committee

City Manager Proakis requested the confirmation of Jesse Needleman's appointment as a member of the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2027.

President Sideris stated that this referral goes to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning.

B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Environmental & Energy Efficiency Committee

City Manager Proakis requested the confirmation of Wallace Cole's appointment as a member of the Watertown Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2027.

President Sideris stated that this referral goes to the Committee on Climate and Energy.

City Manager Proakis announced a Watertown Chats event on February 25th at the Four Seasons Cafe and that City buildings will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

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

There were no Requests for Information.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba announced a meeting of the Committee on Parks and Recreation to discuss lights in parks during the night hours.

Councilor Feltner announced her annual meeting on February 24th at the Parker Annex.

11. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants in Public Forum.

12. 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 7:44 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, and ___ present on February 25, 2025.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
s:/BTM

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

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
Administration Building, 149 Main Street
List of Documents

1. Proposed Memorialization Committee – Item 6A
2. FY25 CPC Proposals to City Council – Item 6B
3. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report 12/16/24 – Item 7A
4. Committee on Public Works Report 2/3/25 – Item 7B
5. Request for Confirmation – PACC – Item 8A
6. Request for Confirmation – WE3 – Item 8B

**ADDENDUM TO THE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY
11, 2025 CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

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- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM
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 - B. Minutes from City Council Meeting January 28, 2025
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- 6. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
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 - B. Discussion and Vote on Two Proposals from the Community Preservation Committee for Funding
- 7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - A. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report regarding its meeting on December 16, 2024 - Gannon, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

Recommend the City Council Bring Forward a First Reading of the Amended Draft Ordinance to Establish a Memorialization Committee

- B. Committee on Public Works Report regarding its meeting on February 3, 2025 - Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the City Council that Joseph Ganno be appointed to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a term ending July 15, 2025

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend that the City Council agree with the naming of the intersection of Dexter Avenue and Hazel Street for Arshile Gorky subject to the coordination with the Department of Public Works for a sign similar in size of Veterans signs with the location and wording being approved by the Department of Public Works

- 8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 - A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Public Arts & Culture Committee
 - B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee
- 9. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
- 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 11. PUBLIC FORUM
- 12. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Council President

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Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
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John G. Gannon,
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District D Councilor

CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	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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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: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	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 adopt the minutes from City Council Meeting January 14, 2025

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	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 adopt the minutes from City Council Meeting January 28, 2025



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

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Watertown, MA 02472
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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: February 5, 2025

RE: Agenda Item – First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing the
Memorialization Committee

I respectfully request that the attached ordinance be included on the agenda for the City Council's meeting on February 11, 2025, as a First Reading.

At the November 12, 2024 City Council Meeting, there was a First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing the Memorialization Committee, which was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances for further review. The Committee on Rules and Ordinances convened on December 16, 2024, to discuss this proposed ordinance. At that meeting, the committee was satisfied with the changes discussed to the draft and recommended that City Council accept the ordinance for a First Reading to create a Memorialization Committee as amended.

Please find the attached ordinance for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Watertown City Council

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ORDINANCE #

O-2025-

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to create a uniform process for the naming of public spaces, streets, squares, intersection, and City buildings under the City Manager's jurisdiction as well as for the installation of memorial objects in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, in undertaking this process, the City Council seeks to establish a permanent committee to undertake the review of and make recommendations on proposals for such namings and installations; and

WHEREAS, a Memorialization Committee established for this purpose may make recommendations to the City Council for the naming of these spaces and installation of these objects based on established policies and procedures, including consideration of the contribution honored individuals have made to the City as well as their representation of the broad diversity of those who have contributed to the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the Watertown Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by deleting Subchapter I of Chapter 38, Naming of Squares or Intersections for Non-Veterans, in its entirety, and Subchapter II, Flag and Delta Lighting Policy and the subsections therein shall be renumbered accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Watertown Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding new Subchapter V of Chapter 36, entitled Memorialization Committee, as follows:

§36.16 Purpose

The City Council believes that the naming of public spaces and the installation of memorial objects in public spaces is a matter of substantial or significant public interest and deserves careful consideration, and the City Council will have sole authority for the naming of public spaces and installation of memorial objects in public spaces under the control of the City of Watertown. Public spaces include but are not limited to parks, playgrounds, and other open spaces; streets, squares, and intersections; and City buildings under the City Manager's jurisdiction.

- a. The City Council understands that such namings and memorials may have long-lasting effects and will span future generations, whose perceptions and values may change.
- b. The City Council intends to be cautious in exercising its authority to name public spaces or install memorial objects in public spaces.

§36.17 Establishment

There is hereby established a Memorialization Committee (the "Committee"), consisting of five voting members. The Committee is established to provide a systematic, consistent, and transparent approach for making recommendations to the City Council for the naming of all public spaces and the installation of all memorial objects in public spaces, except for veteran memorials and dedications. Veteran memorials and dedications are separately processed through the Veterans' Services Officer and approved by the City Council.

§36.18 Membership and Term

- (1) Composition. The composition of the Committee and the appointment authority for the Committee members is as follows:
 - a. City Manager or their designee
 - b. Representative member of the City Council as designated by the City Council President
 - c. Three residents of Watertown appointed by the City Manager, subject to City Council confirmation
- (2) Term. The appointed resident members first appointed shall have staggered terms, with one initially serving a one-year term and the remaining two each serving a two-year term. Thereafter, all appointments and reappointments for resident members shall be for a period of two years. Resident members may be reappointed for additional terms.
- (3) Vacancy. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (4) Qualifications. Resident members appointed by the City Manager should, when possible, have relevant experience and knowledge related to Watertown's diversity and local history.
- (5) Any resident member who ceases to be a resident of Watertown shall promptly provide written notification of their change in residence to the Committee chair and to the City Clerk. The Committee member may serve as a hold-over until a successor is appointed.

§36.19 Meetings and Officers

- (1) Meetings. The Committee shall meet as necessary. Notice of all meetings shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18 through 25, as may be amended. A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a quorum. The committee shall keep a written record of its proceedings.
- (2) Officers. At the first meeting of the Committee, and annually thereafter, the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and may elect such other officers, adopt

procedural rules and regulations, and establish such subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

§36.20 Process

- (1) The Committee shall review a matter involving memorialization upon referral by the City Manager or the City Council and develop a recommendation for the City Council.
 - a. The Committee shall adopt policies and procedures for making such recommendations.
 - i. The Committee shall allow for public participation in establishing those policies and procedures and in the Committee's review and recommendation process.
 - ii. The policies and procedures may include differing considerations depending on the memorialization matter the Committee is reviewing, as determined by the Committee; as an example, memorial trees may have a different threshold for consideration than the naming of a recreational facility.
 - iii. The Committee shall review and update its policies and procedures as necessary but shall strive to maintain consistency in its approach to memorialization.
 - b. To the extent the Committee recommends naming public spaces in honor of specific individuals, the Committee shall consider the following:
 - i. The public interest to be served by honoring the individual.
 - ii. The leadership role or distinguished service of the individual, considering the quality of contribution along with the length of service.
 - iii. The association the individual has with the proposed naming location.
 - c. The Committee shall seek to honor those who represent the broad diversity of individuals who have contributed to the City.
 - d. The Committee may recommend that the requestors for the installation of memorial objects in public spaces pay a reasonable fee to cover associated costs of the purchase, installation, and maintenance of the object.
- (2) Recommendations made by the Committee are not binding and are subject to consideration by the City Council in their discretion.

§36.21 Review

The City Council has sole authority to remove or replace the naming of any public space or memorial object if, with the passage of time, it determines the public interest is no longer being served by such naming.

AND FURTHER, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Council Member

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

Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

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

Motion to approve the Willow Park Redevelopment proposal from the CPC with stated financial provision

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<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 geographic Watertown paintings restoration proposal from the CPC



FY 2025 CPA FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Submitted to the City Council
by the Community Preservation Committee

February 5, 2025



CITY OF WATERTOWN

Community Preservation Committee

Mark Krackiewicz, Chair
Jonathan Bockian, Vice Chair
Bob DiRico
Dennis J. Duff
Allen Gallagher
Abigail Hammett
Jamie O'Connell
Elodia Thomas
Matthew Walter

Date: February 5, 2025

To: The Honorable City Council

At its January 16, 2025, meeting, the Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend to the City Council a total expenditure of \$4,014,503 in CPA funds for two (2) projects. The CPC determined that the Willow Park Redevelopment project would meet the goals expressed in the Community Preservation Plan, provide a public benefit, address a need, and demonstrate ability to leverage substantial non-CPA funds, among other factors. The other recommendation is to fund a budget overage in the 1630 and 1930 Geographical Paintings project.

If approved by the City Council, private organizations must enter into a Grant Agreement with the City and City Departments must comply with the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement with the CPC. All entities are required to submit regular progress and budget reports. Additional specific conditions are listed as applicable to each project.

CPA FY 2025 PROJECT RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY			
CPA CATEGORY	RECOMMENDED SOURCE	RECOMMEND AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE (less recommendation)
Community Housing	CPA Fund Balance	(\$4,000,000) (to be encumbered)	\$11,537,616
Historic Preservation	Historic Preservation Reserve	(\$14,503)	\$2,035,887

Category Reserves are one of three eligible CPA spending purposes. 10% of CPA total annual revenue was allocated to each category reserve in FY2025. The **Budgeted Reserve**, to which 65% of CPA annual revenue was allocated in FY 2025, is available for any CPA spending purpose. The **CPA Fund Balance** is available for appropriation for any CPA spending purpose. At the end of the year all unspent funds including administrative funds (5% allocated) and budgeted reserve funds drop to the CPA fund balance. At the time of this recommendation, the CPA Fund starting balance is \$15,537,616. There is \$2,050,390 in the Historic Preservation Category Reserve. While \$2,160,000 is available in the Community Housing Category Reserve, the CPC anticipates recommending funds for the 103 Nichols Avenue Group Home construction project using that reserve as the funding source. The Open Space Category Reserve has \$365,000 available and the FY 2025 Budgeted Reserve has a balance of \$2,372,500.

PROJECT TITLE:	Willow Park Redevelopment
PROJECT LOCATION:	8 Quimby Street
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION:	Preservation of Affordable Housing and Watertown Housing Authority
PROJECT MANAGER:	Mel Miller
CPA CATEGORY:	Community Housing
CPC RECOMMENDED FUNDING AMOUNT:	\$4,000,000
CPC RECOMMENDED FUNDING SOURCE:	CPA Fund Balance

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and the Watertown Housing Authority (WHA) request \$4,000,000 to redevelop Willow Park by demolishing and reconstructing the 60 existing apartments and creating 78 new apartments. The project involves incorporating an additional 0.11-acre parcel into the development plan of the current 2.2-acre site. A mix of 100% affordable units ranging from deeply affordable public housing units to housing at 80% Area Median Income would be created. Spread across three buildings, the total 138 units will include 3 sensory-accessible and 7 mobility-accessible units. Overall, the development is expected to meet Passive House energy standards and comply with the Specialized Stretch Code.

POAH and WHA assembled a development team that brings significant experience to the project. The team includes MASS Design (Architect), Copley Wolff (Landscape Architect), Nitsch Engineering (Civil Engineer), and Howard Stein Hudson (Traffic Engineer).

POAH is seeking a comprehensive permit through a “friendly” 40B filing. Contingent on receiving zoning and financing approvals, the proponents expect to close on financing in late 2026. The total project cost is currently estimated at

\$107,517,792. A variety of sources are to be used to finance the project, principally Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, but supplemented by a mortgage from Mass Housing, a construction loan, and other state programs, including workforce housing and the Public Housing Innovations Demonstration Program. Importantly, only the mortgage finance will require debt service payments after project completion, meaning that



Willow Park Rendering

project rental income should be sufficient to cover operating and maintenance costs, plus debt service on the mortgage finance. Commitment of CPA funds to the Willow Park Redevelopment project is deemed essential to show to state funding agencies strong local commitment to the project.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On December 9, 2024, by a vote of 9-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriation of \$4,000,000 for the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Agreement and

the overall purposes summarized in this document. On January 16, 2025, the committee voted to recommend funding from the CPA Fund Balance and that full financing be secured with 18 months of the City Council vote.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN 2021-2025

The project would align with the guiding principles and priorities outlined in the Community Preservation Plan as well as the following community housing goals:

- Support economic and demographic diversity by funding the creation of community housing.
- Preserve long-term affordability for existing income-restricted housing units.
- Support community housing initiatives that include local preference policy under the limits of the law and regulations set by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

PROJECT OUTCOME

This project would increase the supply of affordable housing, serving low- and moderate-income families, seniors, and those with disabilities. The project would provide the current residents with the right to return and strive for up to 70% local preference consistent with the state's guidance to balance local housing needs with serving a diverse and inclusive population.

SPECIFIC FUNDING CONDITIONS

- Grantee shall furnish copies of executed legal agreements between or among, Preservation of Affordable Housing and Watertown Housing Authority, and its closely controlled entities related to long-term lease of Willow Park land, and operation and management of the project as set out in the grantee's application to the CPC.
- Grantee shall demonstrate that prior to disbursement of CPA funds, the project's full financial closing has occurred, and sufficient financing has been secured (including CPA funds) to cover construction hard costs as well as then remaining soft costs. Further, the then current operating cost proforma must demonstrate comparative revenue and operating and maintenance costs to assure financial feasibility.
- CPA funds shall be available for disbursement for up to 40 months after City Council approval; extension beyond that must be requested in writing 60 days prior to the 40-month deadline.
- CPC shall seek to be a Joinder for any Lender Advisory Agreement for cost review and construction monitoring services entered into by financing entities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the project.
- All owners and the ground lessee of the project property shall enter into a perpetual affordable housing restriction consistent with the state of Massachusetts affordable housing restriction.
- The grantee shall strive to secure up to 70% local preference in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

STANDARD FUNDING CONDITIONS

- Prior to disbursement of any CPA funds, the grantee shall enter into a CPA grant agreement with the City for the project as set out in the grantee's application to the city.
- Notification of Community Preservation Coordinator about key events of project implementation such as project kick-off events, initial site meetings with contractors, initial plan reviews, and site visits when construction milestones are reached.
- No disbursements of funds may occur until the project has received all necessary governmental and third-party approvals, the project budget has been approved by the CPC, and all other sources of funds have been committed, as necessary, to complete the project.

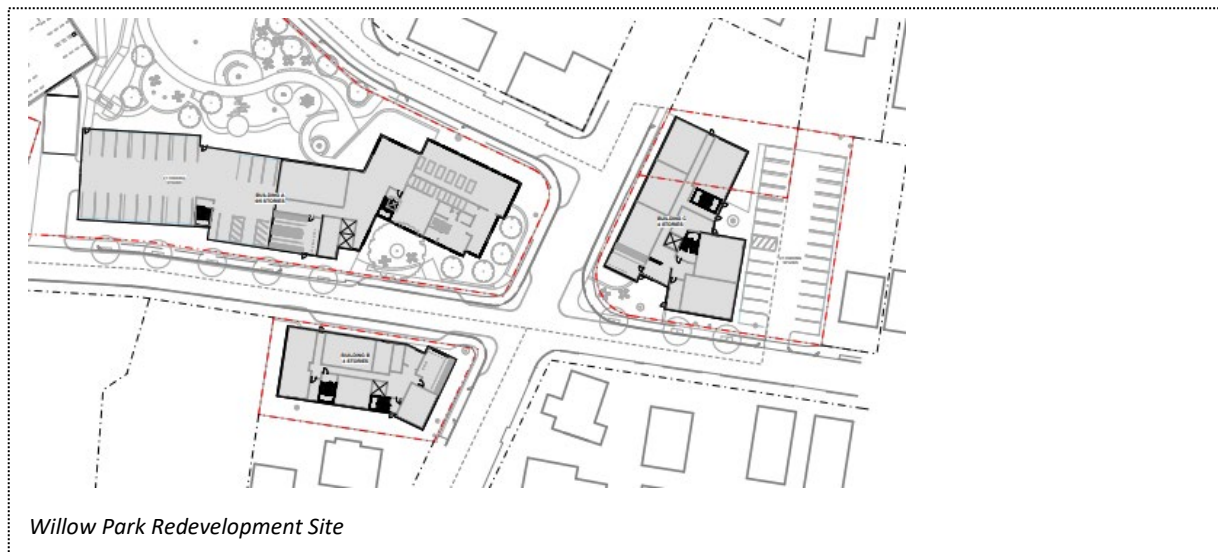
- Any CPA funds appropriated but not used for the stated purposes of this project must be returned to the Watertown Community Preservation Fund.
- Other conditions as deemed necessary and defined within the Agreement.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED TIMELINE (revised January 21, 2025)

Date	Task
Winter/Spring 2025	Secure zoning approvals
Fall/Winter 2025	State funding pre-applications
Q1 2026	State funding applications
Q2 – Q3 2026	Secure state project financing
Q3 2026 – Q2 2027	Relocate families, Close on project financing
Q2 – Q3 2027	Construction begins

PROJECT BUDGET

Item	Other Sources	CPA Request
Construction	\$73,735,298	\$4,000,000
Acquisition	2,485,151	
Soft Costs	19,214,754	
Reserves	1,791,572	
Paid Developer Fee	6,291,018	
TOTAL	107,517,792	\$4,000,000



The full proposal is available at: [Record CPF-24-5 - ViewPoint Cloud](#)

PROJECT TITLE:	1630 and 1930 Geographical Paintings
PROJECT LOCATION:	149 Main Street, City Hall
APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION:	Historical Society of Watertown and Department of Community Development and Planning
PROJECT MANAGER:	Joyce Kelly
CPA CATEGORY:	Historic Preservation
CPC RECOMMENDED FUNDING AMOUNT:	\$14,503
CPC RECOMMENDED FUNDING SOURCE:	Historic Preservation Reserve

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

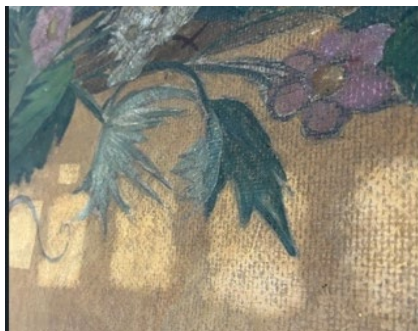
At its April 21, 2022, meeting, the CPC voted to recommend \$33,000 in funding for the restoration of the City Hall 1630 and 1930 Geographical Paintings. All the project components below were completed except for the final bullet point:

- Deinstallation and transport of the paintings to the fine art conservator's studio
- Stabilization of the painting panel edges with conservation grade adhesives
- Cleaning of the paintings
- Filling of holes, scratches, abrasions, and other paint loss with conservation grade paint
- Refurbishment of existing portions of brass frames and fabrication of missing sections with wood covered in metal leaf over materials toned to match the brass of the surviving sections.
- Construction of a steel and wooden barrier
- Panels featuring the names of the paintings, descriptions of the paintings and related Watertown history, and acknowledgement of CPA funding

At its January 16, 2025, meeting, the CPC voted to recommend an additional \$13,503 requested by the Historical Society of Watertown, plus \$1,000 for project sign panels. As described in [Joyce Kelly's letter \(project manager\)](#) and [Louise Orsini's letter \(conservator\) linked](#) to this document, the conservator's costs increased for a number of reasons. First, the project was held up for one year due to contract delays in the procurement department. Meanwhile, the conservator stored the paintings in her home as they were too large to fit in her studio. As a funding condition, the CPC required the paintings be insured, adding an unanticipated cost of \$990 to the conservator's budget.



Comparison of pre- and post-cleaning of mural section. Left side is cleaned



Cleaning test swatches

During treatment, the paintings were discovered to be much dirtier than they appeared on the initial visual inspection when the original cost estimate was made in the fall of 2021. Further, during the delay, the cost of materials increased significantly and could no longer be absorbed as first estimated. Though there was a communication failure and process breakdown when the conservator tallied her hours for cleaning after already completing the work, the conservator performed skilled and careful restoration work. Though the project contingency covered the art transport company's small increase for fuel and labor, it only covers a portion of the conservator's cost overrun.

Additionally, the conservator will perform more work to touch up the focal points of the murals now that mismatched lighting was made consistent with bulbs of the same brightness recommended by the conservator. She will also apply paint to soften the appearance of screws used to reinstall the painting.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND REVISED PROJECT BUDGETS

As previously mentioned, due to extensive delays in contracting the one-year proposed timeline for this project extended the project for another year and quotes were two and one-half years old. In addition, the CPC requested design changes to the sign panels that will increase costs by \$1,000, from \$1,815 to \$2,815.

Revised Budget Comparison

Item	Original Budget	Actual	Difference
Conservator/Restoration	8,675	30,207*	+21,532
Art Transport, Deinstallation and Reinstallation	4,993	5,831	+838
Frame Restoration	4,150	4,150	-
Barrier Construction and Installation	4,500	4,500	-
Signage	3,300	2,815	-485
Project Management (In-kind) Historical Society of Watertown	(1,375)	(1,375)	-
Contingency	7,382	7,029	-353
TOTAL	\$33,000	\$47,503	+14,503
	Less original	\$33,000	
*Includes original fee and the total requested overage	New Request	**\$14,503	
**Assumes contingency of \$7,029 used to cover a portion of the cost overrun.			



*The Towne Upon Charles River Shall be Called Watertown
(Restored with protective barrier)*



*View of Watertown from Airplane 1930
(Restored with protective barrier)*

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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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 report from the Committee on Rules and Ordinances meeting from December 16, 2024



City Council Committee on Rules and Ordinances
Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, with hybrid remote participation
149 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Watertown, MA 02472

Present: Councilors John Gannon, chair; John Airasian, vice chair; Lisa Feltner, secretary.
Also present: City Manager George Proakis, Deputy City Manager Emily Monae, Councilor Vincent Piccirilli; and Councilor Palomba via zoom.

Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and asked staff to present the proposed language establishing a Memorialization Committee (attached). The goal is to provide a consistent way and reasons for naming public spaces and objects, including streets, squares, buildings, facilities, benches, trees, etc.

The proposed establishment of a Memorialization Committee, by modifying the existing process under Council Resolution #85 (2019 attached), began in earnest through discussions between the City Manager, Deputy City Manager and Council President in January; it is separate from the process for memorials and dedications for veterans (2016 attached). It is much broader than just the naming of “squares and intersections” and includes public spaces and memorial objects.

The City Council will make the final decision on naming, upon recommendation of the new Memorialization Committee. (Council also votes on veteran memorials). Thus, the committee agreed to move existing resolution language and make amendments to proposed text, as follows:

38.13 Process

(1) The City Council shall have sole authority for the naming of public spaces or memorial objects, including all public right-of-way areas under the control of the City of Watertown.

- a. The City Council understands that said naming may have long-lasting effects and will span future generations, whose perceptions and values might change.
- b. The City Council intends to be cautious exercising the policy to avoid over-naming public spaces or objects.

(2) Any Watertown resident, *including City Council President*, may propose in writing that a ~~square or intersection~~ *public space or object* be named for a notable non-veteran with specific ties to Watertown.

(3) The proposal shall be submitted to the City Council President, who shall refer it to the Memorialization Committee for review.

proposed (1)-(4) becomes new (4)-(7)

(8) The Memorialization Committee shall provide its recommendation to the City Council President, who may then place it on a City Council Agenda for consideration.

As the process is initiated by vote of City Council, the committee suggested clarifying the City Manager role in the proposed language of 38.10 Purpose “Upon referral to the Committee by the City Manager or the City Council of a matter involving memorialization, ...” because all referrals are approved by City Council through the Council President, and this might be interpreted that the City Manager could refer directly to the Memorialization Committee.

More questions and a discussion of the proposal included the committee recognizing this would be a new ordinance, not a mere change to the existing resolution (Ch 38), thus the text and numbering of sections for a different chapter would reflect the relevant changes in the final draft ordinance, and it would replace Resolution 85 of 2019 in its entirety if accepted by Council. Staff suggested adding this ordinance to Title III Administration, Chapter 36 Committees, as a new subchapter V; this will be confirmed with the city’s attorney KP.

Staff suggested not being overly specific on qualifications of resident members who may be interested in serving on this new Memorialization Committee. It was confirmed that interested residents would be vetted

through the Residents' Advisory Committee consistent with the process for other boards and committees. The administration also stressed that "The Committee is responsible for adopting policies and procedures for making recommendations to the City Council..." A few reasons for honoring individuals are also included, in (2).

The Rules and Ordinances committee feels it is important to note for the record, and staff concurred, that we expect opportunities for public participation in the Memorialization Committee's formulation of their rules of governance, as well in the naming of our public infrastructure, space, facilities, benches, trees, etc.

The implementation of what a memorial looks like would receive guidance and technical assistance from city administration. The Memorialization Committee would be empowered to consider different thresholds in determining worthy dedications; for example, we expect differences between naming of trees or tree donations or small memorial objects compared to naming of a park or recreational facility. These differences would also be reflected in reasonable fees and/or maintenance, as proposed in 38.13 (4).

The committee also agreed to:

- insert a beginning sentence, taken from the resolution for the proposed ordinance 38.10 Purpose, "The City Council believes that the naming of public spaces or infrastructure and objects is a matter of substantial or significant public interest and deserves careful consideration."

- add review provision (38.14), taken from the existing resolution 38.05 Review text, to conclude the proposed new ordinance with "The City Council shall have sole authority to remove the naming of any public space or object if, with the passage of time, it determines the public interest is no longer being served."

The committee was satisfied with the discussed changes to the draft. Motion by Feltner to recommend that City Council accept the ordinance for a first reading to create a Memorialization Committee as amended; staff will provide a clean copy with amendments, with KP review as is standard; seconded by Airasian; approved 3-0.

7:04 p.m. Motion to Adjourn by Feltner, seconded by Airasian, approved 3-0.

Report prepared by Lisa Feltner.

Attached:

Draft text from staff for an ordinance establishing a Memorialization Committee;
Current Council Resolution #85-2019 Naming Policy for non-veterans;
Current Policy of Veterans' Services for naming of dedications and memorials, 2016.

John G. Gannon,
Chair

John M. Airasian,
Vice Chair

Lisa J. Feltner
Secretary



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ORDINANCE #

O-2024-

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to create a uniform process for the naming of public spaces, streets, squares, intersection, and City buildings under the City Manager's jurisdiction as well as for the installation of memorial objects in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, in undertaking this process, the City Council seeks to establish a permanent committee to undertake the review of and make recommendations on proposals for such namings and installations; and

WHEREAS, a Memorialization Committee established for this purpose may make recommendations to the City Council for the naming of these spaces and installation of these objects based on established policies and procedures, including consideration of the contribution honored individuals have made to the City as well as their representation of the broad diversity of those who have contributed to the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the Watertown Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding new Subchapter III of Chapter 38, entitled Memorialization Committee, as follows:

§38.09 Establishment

There is hereby established a Memorialization Committee (the "Committee"), consisting of five voting members.

§38.10 Purpose

Upon referral to the Committee by the City Manager or the City Council of a matter involving memorialization, the Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the City Council for the naming of public spaces, streets, squares, intersections, and City buildings under the City Manager's jurisdiction. The Committee shall also make recommendations to the City Council regarding the installation of memorial objects in public spaces. The Committee shall not make recommendations for veteran memorials and dedications, which are processed through the Veteran's Services Department and approved by the City Council. Recommendations made by the Committee shall not be binding and shall be subject to consideration by the City Council in their discretion.

§38.11 Membership and Term

- (1) Composition. The composition of the Committee and the appointment authority for the Committee members shall be as follows:
 - a. City Manager or their designee
 - b. Representative member of the City Council as designated by the City Council President
 - c. Three residents of Watertown appointed by the City Manager, subject to City Council confirmation
- (2) Term. The appointed resident members first appointed shall have staggered terms, with one initially serving a one-year term and the remaining two each serving a two-year term. Thereafter, all appointments and reappointments for resident members shall be for a period of two years. Resident members may be reappointed for additional terms.
- (3) Vacancy. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (4) Qualifications. Resident members appointed by the City Manager shall, when possible, have relevant experience and knowledge related to Watertown's diversity and local history.
- (5) Any resident member who ceases to be a resident of Watertown shall promptly provide written notification of their change in residence to the Committee chair and to the City Clerk. The Committee member may serve as a hold-over until a successor is appointed.

§38.12 Meetings and Officers

- (1) Meetings. The Committee shall meet as necessary. Notice of all meetings shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18 through 25, as may be amended. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The committee shall keep a written record of its proceedings.
- (2) Officers. At the first meeting of the Committee, and annually thereafter, the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and may elect such other officers, adopt procedural rules and regulations, and establish such subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

§38.13 Process

- (1) The Committee shall adopt policies and procedures for making recommendations to the City Council for the naming of spaces and installation of memorial objects in public spaces.
- (2) To the extent the Committee recommends naming public spaces in honor of specific individuals, the Committee shall consider the following:
 - a. The public interest to be served by honoring the individual.
 - b. The leadership role or distinguished service of the individual, considering the quality of contribution along with the length of service.
 - c. The association the individual has with the proposed naming location.
- (3) The Committee shall seek to honor those who represent the broad diversity of individuals who have contributed to the City.
- (4) The Committee may recommend that the requestors for the installation of memorial objects in public spaces pay a reasonable fee to cover associated costs of the purchase, installation, and maintenance of the object.

AND FURTHER, by amending the Watertown Code of Ordinances, Subchapter I of Section 38, Naming of Squares or Intersections for Non-Veterans, as follows, with the bold language inserted and the strike-through language deleted:

§38.01 Authority of ~~Town~~ **City** Council

The ~~Town~~ **City** Council shall have sole authority for the naming of squares or intersections in the public right-of-way under the control of the ~~Town~~ **City** of Watertown.

(A) The ~~Town~~ **City** Council understands that said naming may have long-lasting effects and will span future generations, whose perceptions and values might change.

(B) The ~~Town~~ **City** Council intends to be cautious exercising the policy to avoid over-naming squares or intersections.

§38.02 Purpose and scope

The ~~Town~~ **City** Council believes that the naming of squares or intersections is a matter of substantial or significant public interest and deserves careful consideration.

(A) The ~~Town~~ **City** Council, therefore, creates this policy to establish a systematic, consistent and transparent approach for naming squares or intersections in Watertown.

(B) This policy is for non-veterans only, as there is a separate policy for naming of squares or intersections for veterans processed through the Veterans Service Officer.

§38.03 Process

Any Watertown resident may propose in writing that a square or intersection be named for a notable non-veteran with specific ties to Watertown.

(A) The proposal shall be submitted to the ~~Town~~ **City** Council President, and ~~must include documentation to support the rationale for the naming, including a broad level of community backing~~ **who shall refer it to the Memorialization Committee for review.**

~~(B) The Town Council President, upon determining the proposal is complete, shall place it on a Town Council agenda for a vote of referral to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation.~~

~~(C) The Department of Public Works shall review the proposal and provide the Public Works Committee an analysis as to the appropriateness of signage at the location, taking into account matters such as traffic conditions, sightlines, and planned road construction projects.~~

~~(DB) The Public Works Memorialization Committee shall review the proposal and the Department of Public Works analysis, and, following its adopted policies and procedures, develop a recommendation for the Town City Council.~~

(C) The Memorialization Committee shall provide its recommendations to the City Council President, who may then place the resolution on a City Council agenda for consideration.

(ED) The ~~Town~~ **City** Council ~~will~~ may consider and vote on a resolution to name a square or intersection ~~per~~ taking into consideration the ~~Public Works Committee~~ **Memorialization Committee's** recommendation.

§38.04 Criteria

~~In deciding the appropriateness of any naming proposal, the Town Council shall consider the following:~~

~~(A) The public interest to be served by honoring the individual.~~

~~(B) The leadership role or distinguished service of the individual, considering the quality of contribution along with the length of service.~~

~~(C) The association the individual has with the proposed naming location.~~

§38.054 Review

The ~~Town~~ **City** Council shall have sole authority to remove the naming of any square or intersection if, with the passage of time, it determines the public interest is no longer being served.

AND FURTHER, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Council Member

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

Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk

Mark S. Sideris, Council President



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Vice President &
District C Councilor

Caroline Bays
Councilor At Large

Anthony Donato,
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

RESOLUTION # 85

2019 – R – 85

NAMING POLICY FOR SQUARES OR INTESECTIONS FOR NON-VETERANS

WHEREAS: The Town of Watertown seeks to have a formal policy for the naming of Squares or Intersections for non-Veterans, as a formal policy for Veteran Memorials and Dedications was adopted by the Town Council on July 12, 2016.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown adopts this Naming Policy for Squares and Intersections for Non-Veterans:

1. **INTRODUCTION** – The Town Council shall have sole authority for the naming of Squares or Intersections in the public right-of-way under the control of the Town of Watertown.
 - a) The Town Council understands that said naming may have long-lasting effects and will span future generations whose perceptions and values might change.
 - b) The Town Council intends to be cautious exercising the Policy to avoid over-naming Squares or Intersections.
2. **PURPOSE** – The Town Council believes that the naming of Squares or Intersections is a matter of substantial or significant public interest and deserves careful consideration.
 - a) The Town Council, therefore, creates this policy to establish a systematic, consistent and transparent approach for naming Squares or Intersections in Watertown.
 - b) This policy is for non-veterans only, as there is a separate policy for naming of Squares or Intersections for veteran processed through the Veterans Service Officer.
3. **PROCESS** – Any Watertown resident may propose in writing that a Square or Intersection be named for a notable non-veteran with specific ties to Watertown.

- a) The proposal shall be submitted to the Town Council President, and must include documentation to support the rationale for the naming including a broad level of community backing.
 - b) The Town Council President, upon determining the proposal is complete, shall place it on a Town Council agenda for a vote of referral to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation.
 - c) The Department of Public Works shall review the proposal and provide the Public Works Committee an analysis as to the appropriateness of signage at the location taking into account matters such as traffic conditions, sightlines, and planned road construction projects.
 - d) The Public Works Committee shall review the proposal and the Department of Public Works analysis, and develop a recommendation for the Town Council
 - e) The Town Council will vote on a resolution to name a Square or Intersection per the Public Works Committee recommendation.
4. **CRITERIA** – In deciding the appropriateness of any naming proposal, the Town Council shall consider the following:
- a) The public interest to be served by honoring the individual.
 - b) The leadership role or distinguished service of the individual, considering the quality of contribution along with the length of service.
 - c) The association the individual has with the proposed naming location.
5. **REVIEW** – The Town Council shall have sole authority to remove the naming of any Square or Intersection if, with the passage of time, it determines the public interest is no longer being served.



Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, 0 present on October 22, 2019.


Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President
MWP



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Watertown Veteran Memorials and Dedications

This policy covers the issuance and presentation of Memorials and Dedications in the community to include sidewalk signs, Street dedications, Square dedications, Stones, Plaques, Parks and Buildings.

To be considered for a Veteran Memorial or Dedication, the individual to be honored must meet the following requirements:

- Watertown resident at the time of enlistment into the Armed Forces
- Veteran Killed in Action (KIA)
- **Or**
- Medal of Honor Recipient

The Process for Veterans Memorials and Dedications

- All requests for Veterans' Memorials must be submitted through the Veteran's Services Officer.
- A member of the family must make a written request indicating the name of the Veteran, service, rank and area of designation along with proof that the veteran was a Watertown resident at the time of enlistment, killed in action (KIA), or a Medal of Honor Recipient. Examples include: newspaper clipping, telegram, notice of death, DD-214 stating the veteran was killed in action, etc.
- The Veteran's Services Officer will verify the applicant's eligibility.
- The Veteran's Services Officer will forward the completed request to the Town Council.
- The Town council shall approve or disapprove any Memorial or Dedication by resolution.
- The Town Manager, upon approval by the Town council, shall implement the Memorial or Dedication requested.
- The name is then placed on a permanent list of Memorial dedications tracked by the Veteran's Services Department.
- The Veteran's Services Officer shall be the caretaker of all Veteran Memorials.

Mail the application and all supporting documents to:

ATTN:
Watertown Veterans' Services Department
Memorial and Dedications
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	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 </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </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 report from the Committee on Public Works meeting from February 3, 2025

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	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 </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </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 the first action item from the Committee on Public Works meeting report of February 3, 2025

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

	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 </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NICOLE GARDNER	<u> X </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 the second action item from the Committee on Public Works meeting report of February 3, 2025

Watertown City Council
Committee on Public Works

Councilor Piccirilli, Chair, Councilor Feltner, Vice Chair, Councilor Palomba, Secretary

Committee Report – February 3, 2025

Presented to the City Council – February 11, 2025

The Committee on Public Works met on Monday, February 3 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Councilor Piccirilli, Chair, Councilor Feltner, Vice-Chair, and Councilor Palomba, Secretary. Also present was Councilor Gardner.

For the first agenda item, the Committee moved to the Council Office to interview Joseph Ganno for appointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee

Mr. Ganno explained that he had first applied to be on the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, but was not selected. Then the Resident Advisory Committee reached out to him to see if he would be interested in serving on the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC). He expressed a strong interest in serving and felt his particular contribution would be in public outreach and education.

Councilor Piccirilli shared the two challenges facing Watertown regarding stormwater - meeting the federal regulations and taking steps to prevent leaks from sewer systems into the stormwater systems.

Mr. Ganno said he has attended two SAC's monthly meetings and read the minutes of other meetings. He was impressed with the extensive knowledge of the members and the DPW staff regarding key stormwater-related issues. He expressed a willingness to learn about the technical aspects and the federal regulations that impact stormwater.

Councilor Feltner asked if Mr. Ganno would have a problem meeting at 4:30 PM when the SAC meets. Mr. Ganno said this would not be an issue and if he was not able to attend a particular meeting in-person he would join via zoom.

Mr. Ganno wondered if he would have to be interviewed again since he will be fulfilling a vacancy on the SAC with a term ending in five and a half months. Council Piccirilli responded that he would have to meet again with the Committee.

Councilor Palomba made the following motion:

The Committee on Public Works recommends to the City Council that Joseph Ganno be appointed to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a term ending July 15, 2025.

Council Feltner seconded the motion, and it was passed 3 - 0.

At 6:20 PM the Committee moved back to the Council Chambers to take up the second agenda item to discuss a proposal to name the intersection of Dexter Avenue and Hazel Street for Arshile Gorky. Joining the meeting were Erika Oliver Jerram, Director of Community Design; Liz Helfer, Public Arts and Cultural Planner; and resident Jack Dargon.

The meeting began with a presentation by Ms. Helfer about the request to name the intersection of Dexter Avenue and Hazel Street for Arshile Gorky. She explained that the request was being put forth by a Working Group, including herself, Mr. Dargon, and representatives of the Armenian Museum of America, the Mosesian Center for the Arts and the Historical Society of Watertown. The Working Group is part of a larger coalition of organizations who are collaboratively to celebrate “100 Years of Arshile Gorky”. Ms. Helfer referenced the letter to City Manager Proakis from the Working Group (attachment 1) that provides a brief history of Mr. Gordy’s contribution to the arts community and the school of Abstract Expressionism, his experience as an immigrant from Armenia, and the period of time (1920-1925) he lived in Watertown. She mentioned that the Working Group will work with the Department of Public Works on where in the intersection a pole and plaque should be placed and that it would be similar to what is used to name an intersection for a veteran.

The location changed from the original Council agenda item on October 8, 2024 that requested Artsakh St and Elton Ave (attachment 2). Ms. Helfer noted the Working Group, based on feedback from the Armenian community, felt Dexter and Hazel would be more appropriate.

Ms. Helfer also provided the Committee a draft flyer (attachment 3) that announced a series of events celebrating “100 Years of Arshile Gorky” that would be kicked off at the commemoration of the naming of the intersection. In addition, she shared the design of two plaques honoring Mr. Gorky that would be placed near the homes where he and his family lived while in Watertown – 86 Dexter Avenue and 14 Coolidge Hill Road.

There was some concern that the request to name the intersection might not align with our present policy “Naming Policy for Squares and Intersection for Non-Veterans” that is described in the Watertown Code. See <https://ecode360.com/42229328#42229328>. In addition there was concern that Mr. Gorky’s stay in Watertown was very short and there are other luminaries who have connections with Watertown. However, Mr. Gordy’s national reputation in the arts community qualified him for an intersection in his name.

Councilor Feltner made the following motion:

The Committee on Public Works recommends that the City Council agree with the naming of the intersection at Dexter Avenue and Hazel Street for Ashile Gorky subject to the coordination with the Department of Public Works for a sign similar in size of Veterans signs with the location and wording be approved by the Department of Public Works.

Councilor Palomba seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

The Committee also discussed the proposed sidewalk markers (attachment 4), which will be provided under a grant from the Cultural Council, and their location, size, and materials. Ms. Helfer said the DPW will include the coordination of these sidewalk markers, along with the intersection sign. The Committee requested the Council be advised of the DPW assessment of the sign and sidewalk markers before implementation.

Councilor Palomba made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Feltner and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 and the minutes were prepared by Councilor Palomba.

Attachments:

1. Revised request for naming dated September 9, 2024
2. Original request for naming dated February 28, 2024
3. 100 Years of Arshile Gorky Flyer
4. Proposed Sidewalk Markers

George Proakis, City Manager
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

September 9, 2024

Dear Manager Proakis,

A working group of Watertown cultural organizations, Watertown resident and artist, Jack Dargon, and the Public Arts & Culture Planner, Liz Helfer, have been collaborating on commemorating artist Arshile Gorky who lived and painted in Watertown between 1920 and 1925, and returned regularly throughout his life. Gorky is a luminary of 20th century art in America, and conceiver of the New York School of art, commonly referred to as Abstract Expressionism. The working group has identified a square in the east end of Watertown and requests that it be named after Arshile Gorky.

Commemorating Gorky's time in Watertown will help call attention to the City's past and present welcoming tradition, and history of offering refuge and opportunity to immigrants newly arrived from countries around the world and concurrently pay tribute to Watertown's large Armenian community to which Gorky belonged. Today, immigrants continue to be drawn to Watertown because of its history and reputation as a welcoming community and a public commemoration of Arshile Gorky would serve as a reminder of the City's values, its living history, and serve as an educational opportunity for residents and visitors alike. As part of the planned multi-faceted commemoration, the working group hopes to oversee the permanent placement of markers at the homes where the artist lived and establish a self-guided Arshile Gorky walking tour which would include the newly named "Gorky Square." Given the Gorky's international reputation, the working group anticipates an economic benefit to Watertown from visitors to greater Boston eager to see where Arshile Gorky began his maturity and training as an artist.

The story of Arshile Gorky is one of determination and resilience. In Watertown there was pressure within the community, and sometimes from within the artist's own family, to put aside his artistic ambitions and take up manual labor like most of his contemporaries. Instead, Gorky established relationships within the small artistic community in Watertown that was part of the Armenian immigrant diaspora and began taking art classes in Boston where he quickly advanced to teaching classes. The name Arshile Gorky is synonymous with Abstract Expressionism, and inseparable from the historic gravitational shift of the world of art from Paris to New York in the 1950's. Arshile Gorky arrived in Watertown in 1920 in the immediate aftermath of witnessing his mother's death by starvation and after surviving the political persecution and ethnic cleansing of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. His perseverance beyond all odds is a tribute to the human spirit.

The working group has identified the intersection of Dexter Ave and Hazel St for naming. After arriving in Watertown from New York's Ellis Island, Arshile Gorky lived at 14-16 Coolidge Hill Road in Watertown with his sister Akabi and her family before the family purchased and relocated to 86 Dexter Ave. Coolidge Hill Road and Dexter Ave are located directly west and east of the heart of Watertown's historical Armenian cultural district between Elton Road and Bigelow Ave, almost epicenter of both homes. The working group requests the city name this location "Arshile Gorky Square" and include subtitles of the artist's Armenian birth name, Vostanik Adoian.

With your support, this initiative for commemorating Arshile Gorky in Watertown will move forward. A map of the proposed location is included. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Helfer, Public Arts & Culture Planner.

Sincerely,
100 Years of Arshile Gorky Working Group

Jason Sohigian,	The Armenian Museum of America
Boriana Kantcheva,	The Mosesian Center for the Arts
Joyce Kelly,	The Historical Society of Watertown
Jack Dargon,	Watertown Resident
Liz Helfer,	Public Arts and Culture Planner

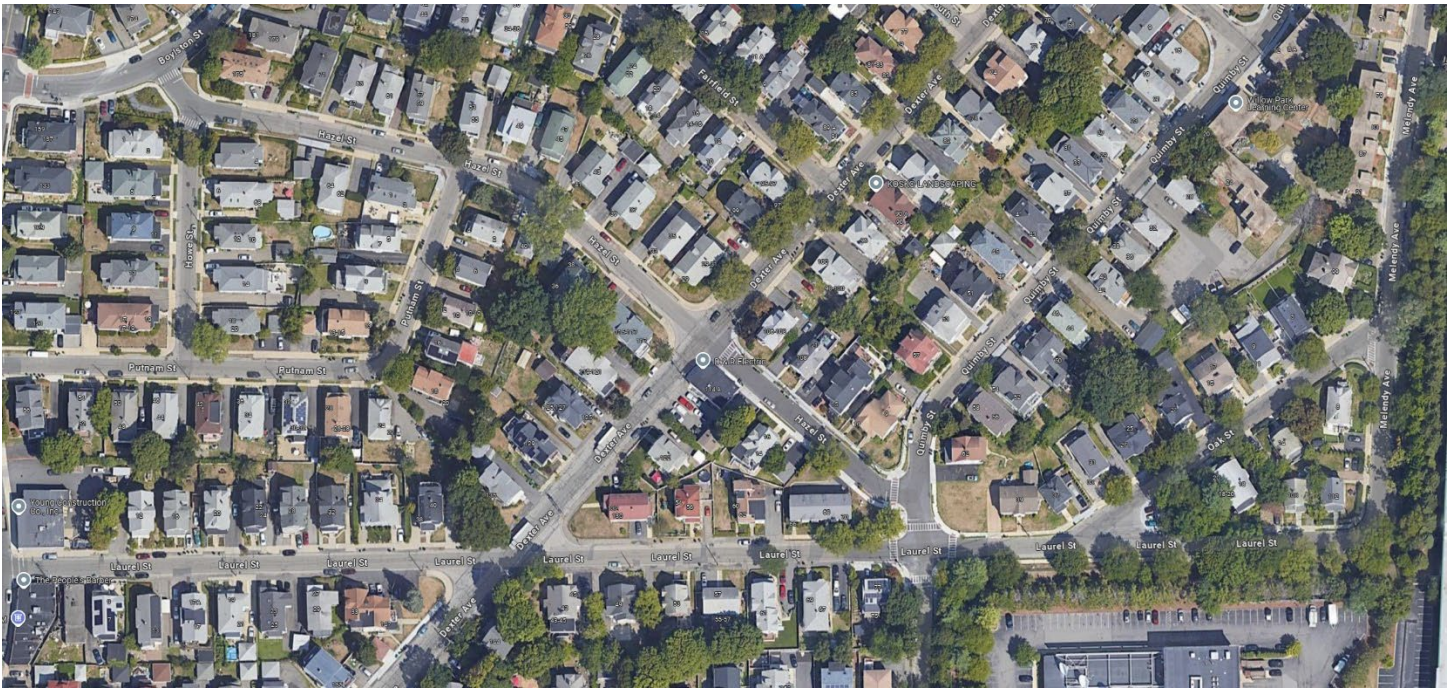


Image from Google Maps.



Image from Google Street View.

George Proakis, City Manager
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

February 28, 2024

Dear Manager Proakis,

A working group of Watertown cultural organizations, Watertown resident and artist, Jack Dargon, and the Public Arts & Culture Planner, Liz Helfer, have been collaborating on commemorating artist Arshile Gorky who lived and painted in Watertown between 1920 and 1925, and returned regularly throughout his life. Gorky is a luminary of 20th century art in America, and conceiver of the New York School of art, commonly referred to as Abstract Expressionism. The working group has identified a square in the east end of Watertown and requests that it be named after Arshile Gorky.

Commemorating Gorky's time in Watertown will help call attention to the City's past and present welcoming tradition, and history of offering refuge and opportunity to immigrants newly arrived from countries around the world and concurrently pay tribute to Watertown's large Armenian community to which Gorky belonged. Today, immigrants continue to be drawn to Watertown because of its history and reputation as a welcoming community and a public commemoration of Arshile Gorky would serve as a reminder of the City's values, its living history, and serve as an educational opportunity for residents and visitors alike. As part of the planned multi-faceted commemoration, the working group hopes to oversee the permanent placement of markers at the homes where the artist lived and establish a self-guided Arshile Gorky walking tour which would include the newly named "Gorky Square." Given the Gorky's international reputation, the working group anticipates an economic benefit to Watertown from visitors to greater Boston eager to see where Arshile Gorky began his maturity and training as an artist.

The story of Arshile Gorky is one of determination and resilience. In Watertown there was pressure within the community, and sometimes from within the artist's own family, to put aside his artistic ambitions and take up manual labor like most of his contemporaries. Instead, Gorky established relationships within the small artistic community in Watertown that was part of the Armenian immigrant diaspora and began taking art classes in Boston where he quickly advanced to teaching classes. The name Arshile Gorky is synonymous with Abstract Expressionism, and inseparable from the historic gravitational shift of the world of art from Paris to New York in the 1950's. Arshile Gorky arrived in Watertown in 1920 in the immediate aftermath of witnessing his mother's death by starvation and after surviving the political persecution and ethnic cleansing of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. His perseverance beyond all odds is a tribute to the human spirit.

The working group has identified the intersection of Artsakh St and Elton Ave for naming. After arriving in Watertown from New York's Ellis Island, Arshile Gorky lived at 14-16 Coolidge Hill Road in Watertown with his sister Akabi and her family before the family purchased and relocated to 86 Dexter Ave. Coolidge Hill Road and Dexter Ave are located directly west and east of the heart of Watertown's historical Armenian cultural district between Elton Road and Bigelow Ave, almost epicenter of both homes. The working group requests the city name this location "Arshile Gorky Square" and include subtitles of the artist's Armenian birth name, Vostanik Adoian.

With your support, this initiative for commemorating Arshile Gorky in Watertown will move forward. A map of the proposed location is included. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Helfer, Public Arts & Culture Planner.

Sincerely,
100 Years of Arshile Gorky Working Group

Jason Sohigian,	The Armenian Museum of America
Boriana Kantcheva,	The Mosesian Center for the Arts
Joyce Kelly,	The Historical Society of Watertown
Jack Dargon,	Watertown Resident
Liz Helfer,	Public Arts and Culture Planner



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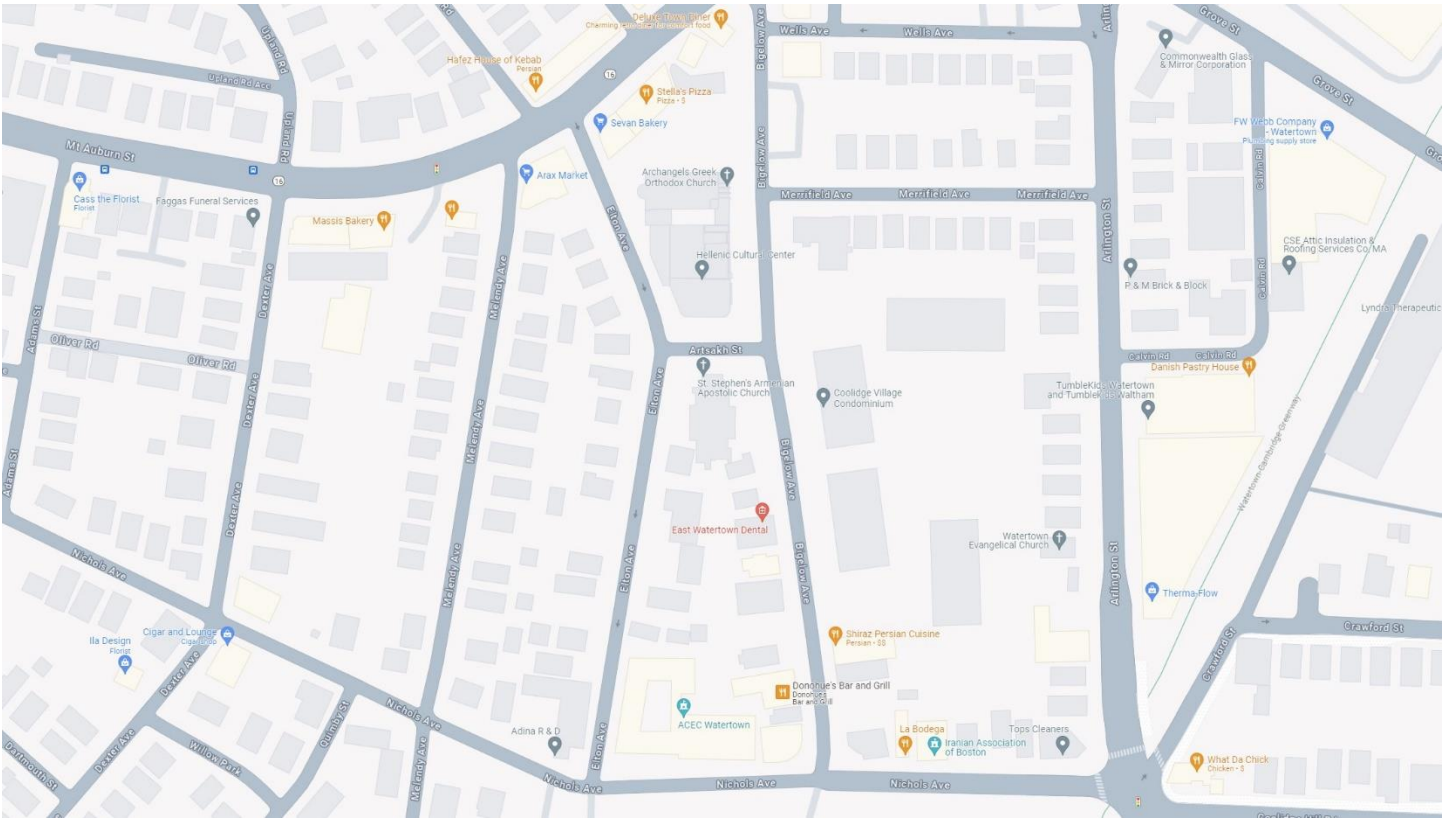


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100 Years of Arshile Gorky

In 2025, Watertown, MA, is celebrating the life and work of artist Arshile Gorky (born Vosdanig Adoian). Arshile Gorky is a seminal figure of the Abstract Expressionist movement in the United States. After surviving the 1915 Armenian genocide and its aftermath, Gorky arrived in Watertown in March 1920, as part of a third wave of Armenians immigrants arriving in the United States to escape persecution. He lived in Watertown with his sisters until early 1925, when he moved to New York City. Gorky's impact on art history and his continued influence on contemporary art cannot be overstated. One hundred years later, we celebrate Gorky's legacy as an artist, an immigrant, and a luminary of Watertown.

Commemoration: Naming a Square
Dexter Avenue and Hazel Street

March 1

Arshile Gorky Capsule Collection
Watertown Free Public Library

March 1 - 31

Exhibition: Gorky and the Language of Drawing
Mosesian Center for the Arts

March 7 - April 25
Reception: March 13, 5:30-7:30pm

Film Screening: "Finding Gorky"
Mosesian Center for the Arts

March 28, 7:30pm
Panel Discussion following

Mural Reception: Legacy of Gorky
by artist Brandon Marshall
Reception at the Grove Street underpass
on the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway

June 12, 5:30-7pm

Guided Tour: Walk with a Doc
Live Well Watertown's Walk Series

June 12, 1-2pm

Exhibit curated by Kim Theriault
Armenian Museum of America

Fall 2025
Reception: date forthcoming

Self-Guided Tour: "Arshile Gorky in Watertown"
Discover where he lived and worked



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Mural by Brandon Marshall
Grove St underpass
Watertown-Cambridge
Greenway

Former Residence
86 Dexter Ave

Former Residence
14 Coolidge Hill Rd

Arshile Gorky Square
Intersection of Hazel & Dexter

Former Hood Rubber
behind the Watertown Mall

Mosesian Center for the Arts
321 Arsenal St

Arshile Gorky in Watertown

**86 Dexter Avenue
Arshile Gorky
(born Vosdanig Adoian)
c. 1904 – 1948**

Artist Arshile Gorky lived at 86 Dexter Avenue from 1920 to 1924. It was here that Gorky began to develop his artistic style and ideas that remain central to modern art. After moving to New York City, the artist returned to Watertown regularly until 1944, a year before his sister Akabe sold the house.

Arshile Gorky in Watertown

**14 Coolidge Hill Road
Arshile Gorky
(born Vosdanig Adoian)
c. 1904 – 1948**

Arshile Gorky lived at 14 Coolidge Hill Road in March 1920, after surviving the 1915 Armenian Genocide. The future luminary of the art world and originator of Abstract Expressionism settled into what was then an informal rooming house for Armenian men. Six members of Gorky's family also resided here in 1920, including his sister Akabe, who managed the property.



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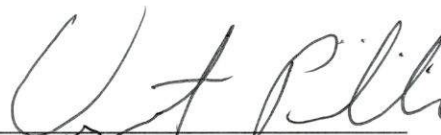
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RESOLUTION # 13

2025 – R - 13

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GANNO TO THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED: That pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby confirms the appointment of Joseph Ganno to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a term to expire on July 15, 2025.



Council Member

I hereby certify that at a 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 February 11, 2025



Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: February 6, 2025

RE: Request for Confirmation – Appointment to the Public Arts & Culture Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of the Watertown Home Rule Charter and Town Council Ordinance 2007-46, An Ordinance on the Timing and Process of Appointments to Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees, I hereby submit a request for the appointment to the Public Arts & Culture Committee, which requires Council confirmation.

- Jesse Needleman - Appointment as a member of the Public Arts & Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2027

Thank you for your anticipated consideration in this matter.



George J. Proakis
City Manager

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: February 4, 2025

RE: Request for Confirmation – Appointment to the Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee

In accordance with the provisions of the Home Rule Charter and Town Council Ordinance 2007-46, An Ordinance on the Timing and Process of Appointments to Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, I am transmitting herewith a request for appointment to the Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee which requires Council confirmation.

- Wallace Cole - Appointment as a member of the Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2027

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.



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PROCLAMATION HONORING ARSHILE GORKY

WHEREAS, Arshile Gorky, born Vostanig Adoian circa 1904, is regarded as one of the most influential artists of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Gorky's innovative art, marked by emotional depth and a unique blend of personal history and universal themes, profoundly shaped the development of modern art with his unique fusion of abstraction and surrealism; and

WHEREAS, Gorky's Armenian heritage, shaped by the trauma of the Armenian Genocide, profoundly influenced his creative vision; and

WHEREAS, Gorky arrived in Watertown, Massachusetts, a town with a strong Armenian community, on March 1st, 1920; and

WHEREAS, Gorky became a significant figure in the cultural and artistic life of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Gorky's struggle with personal hardship, and his resilience in the face of adversity have made him an enduring symbol of artistic perseverance and vision; and

WHEREAS, Gorky's legacy continues to inspire and enrich Watertown, serving as a testament to the power of art to transcend boundaries and tell stories of resilience;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Watertown hereby proclaims March 1, 2025 as Arshile Gorky Day in honor of his contributions to the art world, his Armenian roots, and his lasting connection to Watertown.

In Witness Whereof,

I have hereunto set our hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Watertown
to be affixed this 25th of February, 2025

Mark S. Sideris, Council President



George J. Proakis
City Manager

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: February 5, 2025

RE: Agenda Item – First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing the
Memorialization Committee

I respectfully request that the attached ordinance be included on the agenda for the City Council's meeting on February 11, 2025, as a First Reading.

At the November 12, 2024 City Council Meeting, there was a First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Establishing the Memorialization Committee, which was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances for further review. The Committee on Rules and Ordinances convened on December 16, 2024, to discuss this proposed ordinance. At that meeting, the committee was satisfied with the changes discussed to the draft and recommended that City Council accept the ordinance for a First Reading to create a Memorialization Committee as amended.

Please find the attached ordinance for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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ORDINANCE #

O-20254-

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to create a uniform process for the naming of public spaces, streets, squares, intersection, and City buildings under the City Manager's jurisdiction as well as for the installation of memorial objects in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, in undertaking this process, the City Council seeks to establish a permanent committee to undertake the review of and make recommendations on proposals for such namings and installations; and

WHEREAS, a Memorialization Committee established for this purpose may make recommendations to the City Council for the naming of these spaces and installation of these objects based on established policies and procedures, including consideration of the contribution honored individuals have made to the City as well as their representation of the broad diversity of those who have contributed to the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that the Watertown Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by deleting Subchapter I of Chapter 38, Naming of Squares or Intersections for Non-Veterans, in its entirety, and Subchapter II, Flag and Delta Lighting Policy and the subsections therein shall be renumbered accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Watertown Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding new Subchapter VIII of Chapter 36, entitled Memorialization Committee, as follows: which will replace Subchapter I of Chapter 38, Naming of Squares or Intersections for Non-Veterans, in its entirety;

~~§38.00 Establishment~~

~~There is hereby established a Memorialization Committee (the "Committee"), consisting of five voting members.~~

~~§36.168.10 Purpose~~

~~The City Council believes that the naming of public spaces and the installation of memorial objects in public spaces is a matter of substantial or significant public interest and deserves careful~~

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consideration, and the City Council will have sole authority for the naming of public spaces and installation of memorial objects in public spaces under the control of the City of Watertown.

- a. The City Council understands that such namings and memorials may have long-lasting effects and will span future generations, whose perceptions and values may change.
- a-b. The City Council intends to be cautious in exercising its authority to name public spaces or install memorial objects in public spaces.

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§36.17 Establishment

Upon referral to the Committee by the City Manager or the City Council of a matter involving memorialization, the

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There is hereby established a Memorialization Committee (the "Committee"), consisting of five voting members. The Committee is established to provide a systematic, consistent, and transparent approach shall be responsible for making recommendations to the City Council for the naming of all public spaces, streets, squares, intersections, and City buildings under the City Manager's jurisdiction. The Committee shall also make recommendations to the City Council regarding and the installation of all memorial objects in public spaces. The Committee except for veteran memorials and dedications, tee shall will shall not make recommendations for vVeteran memorials and dedications, which are separately processed through the Veteran's Services Officer Department and approved by the City Council.

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Public spaces include but are not limited to parks, playgrounds, and other open spaces; streets, squares, and intersections; and City buildings under the City Manager's jurisdiction. The Watertown Public Library building as well as buildings, structures, and facilities located on school property are excluded. Recommendations made by the Committee shall not be binding and shall be subject to consideration by the City Council in their discretion.

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§36.188-44 Membership and Term

- (1) Composition. The composition of the Committee and the appointment authority for the Committee members ~~shall be~~ as follows:
 - a. City Manager or their designee
 - b. Representative member of the City Council as designated by the City Council President
 - c. Three residents of Watertown appointed by the City Manager, subject to City Council confirmation
- (2) Term. The appointed resident members first appointed shall have staggered terms, with one initially serving a one-year term and the remaining two each serving a two-year term. Thereafter, all appointments and reappointments for resident members shall be for a period of two years. Resident members may be reappointed for additional terms.
- (3) Vacancy. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (4) Qualifications. Resident members appointed by the City Manager ~~shall~~ should, when possible, have relevant experience and knowledge related to Watertown's diversity and local history.
- (5) Any resident member who ceases to be a resident of Watertown shall promptly provide written notification of their change in residence to the Committee chair and to the City Clerk. The Committee member may serve as a hold-over until a successor is appointed.

§36.198-42 Meetings and Officers

- (1) Meetings. The Committee shall meet as necessary. Notice of all meetings shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18 through 25, as may be amended. A majority of the members of the Committee ~~shall constitute~~ a quorum. The committee shall keep a written record of its proceedings.
- (2) Officers. At the first meeting of the Committee, and annually thereafter, the Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and may elect such other officers, adopt procedural rules and regulations, and establish such subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

~~§36.208-13~~ Process

- ~~(1) The Committee shall review a matter involving memorialization upon referral by the City Manager or the City Council and develop a recommendation for the City Council.~~
 - ~~a. The Committee shall adopt policies and procedures for making such recommendations to the City Council for the naming of spaces and installation of memorial objects in public spaces.~~
 - ~~i. The Committee shall allow for public participation in establishing those policies and procedures and in the Committee's review and recommendation process.~~
 - ~~ii. The policies and procedures may include differing considerations depending on the memorialization matter the Committee is reviewing, as determined by the Committee; as an example, memorial trees may have a different threshold for consideration than the naming of a recreational facility.~~
 - ~~iii. The Committee shall review and update their policies and procedures as necessary but shall strive to maintain consistency in their approach to memorialization.~~
 - b. To the extent the Committee recommends naming public spaces in honor of specific individuals, the Committee shall consider the following:
 - i. The public interest to be served by honoring the individual.
 - ii. The leadership role or distinguished service of the individual, considering the quality of contribution along with the length of service.
 - iii. The association the individual has with the proposed naming location.
 - c. The Committee shall seek to honor those who represent the broad diversity of individuals who have contributed to the City.
 - d. The Committee may recommend that the requestors for the installation of memorial objects in public spaces pay a reasonable fee to cover associated costs of the purchase, installation, and maintenance of the object.

- ~~(2) Recommendations made by the Committee are not binding and are subject to consideration by the City Council in their discretion.~~

§36.21 Review

The City Council has sole authority to remove or replace the naming of any public space or memorial object if, with the passage of time, it determines the public interest is no longer being served by such naming.

~~AND FURTHER, by amending the Watertown Code of Ordinances, Subchapter I of Section 38, Naming of Squares or Intersections for Non-Veterans, as follows, with the bold language inserted and the strike-through language deleted:~~

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Commented [EM10]: Per Committee discussion; modified language from Naming of Squares or Intersections for Non-Veterans policy.

§38.01 Authority of Town ~~City~~ Council

The Town ~~City~~ Council shall have sole authority for the naming of squares or intersections in the public right-of-way under the control of the Town ~~City~~ of Watertown.

(A) The Town ~~City~~ Council understands that said naming may have long-lasting effects and will span future generations, whose perceptions and values might change.

(B) The Town ~~City~~ Council intends to be cautious exercising the policy to avoid over-naming squares or intersections.

§38.02 Purpose and scope

The Town ~~City~~ Council believes that the naming of squares or intersections is a matter of substantial or significant public interest and deserves careful consideration.

(A) The Town ~~City~~ Council, therefore, creates this policy to establish a systematic, consistent and transparent approach for naming squares or intersections in Watertown.

(B) This policy is for non-veterans only, as there is a separate policy for naming of squares or intersections for veterans processed through the Veterans Service Officer.

§38.03 Process

Any Watertown resident may propose in writing that a square or intersection be named for a notable non-veteran with specific ties to Watertown.

(A) The proposal shall be submitted to the Town ~~City~~ Council President, and must include documentation to support the rationale for the naming, including a broad level of community backing ~~who shall refer it to the Memorialization Committee for review.~~

(B) The Town Council President, upon determining the proposal is complete, shall place it on a Town Council agenda for a vote of referral to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation.

(C) The Department of Public Works shall review the proposal and provide the Public Works Committee an analysis as to the appropriateness of signage at the location, taking into account matters such as traffic conditions, sightlines, and planned road construction projects.

(~~DB~~) The Public Works ~~Memorialization~~ Committee shall review the proposal and the Department of Public Works analysis, and, ~~following its adopted policies and procedures,~~ develop a recommendation for the Town ~~City~~ Council.

(C) The Memorialization Committee shall provide its recommendations to the City Council President, who may then place the resolution on a City Council agenda for consideration.

(~~ED~~) The Town ~~City~~ Council will may consider and vote on a resolution to name a square or intersection per taking into consideration the Public Works Committee ~~Memorialization Committee's~~ recommendation.

§38.04 Criteria

~~In deciding the appropriateness of any naming proposal, the Town Council shall consider the following:~~

~~(A) The public interest to be served by honoring the individual.~~

~~(B) The leadership role or distinguished service of the individual, considering the quality of contribution along with the length of service.~~

~~(C) The association the individual has with the proposed naming location.~~

~~§38.054 — Review~~

~~The Town City Council shall have sole authority to remove the naming of any square or intersection if, with the passage of time, it determines the public interest is no longer being served.~~

AND FURTHER, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Council Member

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

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§36.16 Purpose

The City Council believes that the naming of public spaces and the installation of memorial objects in public spaces is a matter of substantial or significant public interest and deserves careful consideration, and the City Council will have sole authority for the naming of public spaces and installation of memorial objects in public spaces under the control of the City of Watertown.

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Order Confirmation

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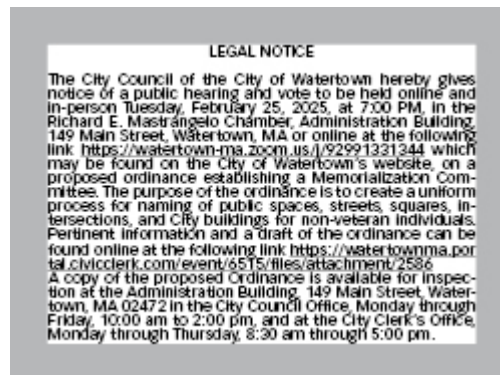
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To: Honorable City Council

From: George Proakis, City Manager

Date: February 4, 2025

RE: Agenda Item - Transfer of Funds Request

I am requesting to transfer \$38,000 from the City Council Reserve to the City Manager's full-time salaries account to fund the creation of a Human Services Director position. The creation of this position is recommended by the Health & Human Services study that was recommended for endorsement by the Council's Health & Human Services Committee at their January 16, 2025, meeting.

For administrative simplicity, I am requesting to transfer funding to the City Manager's Office budget only for the remainder of FY 2025. The FY 2026 budget will include an administrative reorganization plan establishing a new Human Services Department for the Council's consideration as well as a separate budget for the department.

I respectfully request the attached transfer be considered at the February 25, 2025, City Council meeting.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

cc: Megan Langan, City Auditor



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Megan Langan
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Telephone: (617) 972-6460
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TO: GEORGE PROAKIS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: MEGAN LANGAN, CITY AUDITOR 
DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2025
RE: AGENDA ITEM – TRANSFER OF FUNDS REQUEST

Per your request, please find attached a Transfer of Funds request in the amount of \$38,000 for the purpose of funding the creation of a Human Services Director position as recommended by the Health & Human Services study for Fiscal Year 2025.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

TRANSFER AMOUNT: \$ 38,000

FROM: FY 2025 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE \$ 38,000
0111152-570780

TO: FY 2025 CITY MANAGER FULL TIME SALARIES \$ 38,000
0112351-510111

I hereby certify to the availability, authority of funding source, mathematical accuracy
and appropriate fiscal year.

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George Proakis, City Manager

Date: February 19, 2025

RE: Agenda Item - Transfer of Funds Request

I respectfully request that the attached transfer be considered at the City Council meeting on February 25, 2025. As outlined in the attached memorandum from City Auditor Megan Langan, there is a need for additional appropriation. This request stems from the budget amendment approved by the Honorable City Council on November 12, 2024, which allocated \$400,000 for a feasibility study for the proposed Middle School Project. However, upon reviewing the proposal from the Owner's Project Manager (OPM), an additional \$45,000 is required to adequately complete the feasibility study.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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TO: GEORGE PROAKIS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: MEGAN LANGAN, CITY AUDITOR 

DATE: February 19, 2025

RE: AGENDA ITEM – TRANSFER OF FUNDS REQUEST

Per your request, please find attached a Transfer of Funds request for the Middle School Feasibility Study for \$45,000 for Fiscal Year 2025.

As you are aware, the Honorable City Council approved a budget amendment at the November 12, 2024, Council meeting which funded \$400,000 towards a feasibility study for the proposed Middle School Project. However, upon receipt of the proposal from the OPM, an additional \$45,000 is necessary to properly complete the feasibility study.

As such, we are respectfully requesting a transfer from City Council Reserves to cover these additional costs.

I respectfully request the attached transfer be placed on the February 25, 2025, City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

TRANSFER AMOUNT: \$ 45,000

FROM: FY 2025 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE \$ 45,000
0111152-570780

TO: FY 2025 TRANSFER TO CAP PROJECT - PUBLIC BUILDINGS \$ 45,000
0193059-596509

I hereby certify to the availability, authority of funding source, mathematical accuracy and appropriate fiscal year.

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: February 19, 2025

RE: Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the attached Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. This amendment pertains to the acquisition of land located at 138/148 Waltham Street.

I kindly request that this Amendment be placed on the City Council Agenda for February 25, 2025, as a First Reading to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



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TO: GEORGE PROAKIS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: MEGAN LANGAN, CITY AUDITOR 
DATE: February 19, 2025
RE: AGENDA ITEM – PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Below please find for your review a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The proposed amendment is for the acquisition of 138/148 Waltham Street, commonly referred to as the Sterritt Lumber Site.

REVENUE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH	\$ 9,300,000	\$ 11,300,000
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	\$ 9,300,000	
EXPENDITURES	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
ACQUISITION OF LAND 0194000-580950	\$ 8,800,000	\$ 8,800,000
CITY COUNCIL RESERVE 0111152-570780	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,327,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENT	\$ 9,300,000	

Given this Amendment, the Fiscal Year 2025 Revenues and Expenditures will each be increased by \$9,300,000. Therefore, the revised Fiscal Year 2025 Revenues and Expenditures would be \$216,579,923.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

REVENUE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
UTILIZATION OF FREE CASH	\$ 9,300,000	\$ 11,300,000
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 9,300,000</u>	

EXPENDITURES	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
ACQUISITION OF LAND 0194000-580950	\$ 8,800,000	\$ 8,800,000
CITY COUNCIL RESERVE 0111152-570780	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,327,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 9,300,000</u>	



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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: February 20, 2025

RE: Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request

I respectfully request that the attached transfer be considered at the City Council meeting on February 25, 2025. As outlined in the attached memorandum from City Auditor Megan Langan, the Transfer of Funds request in the amount of \$500,000 is for the purpose of funding the deposit to execute the Purchase and Sale agreement for the acquisition of 138/148 Waltham Street.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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TO: GEORGE PROAKIS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: MEGAN LANGAN, CITY AUDITOR 

DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2025

RE: AGENDA ITEM – TRANSFER OF FUNDS REQUEST

Per your request, please find attached a Transfer of Funds request in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of funding the deposit to execute the Purchase and Sale agreement for the acquisition of 138/148 Waltham Street, commonly referred to as the Sterritt Lumber Site.

Please be advised that a budget amendment utilizing free cash to replenish the funds transferred from City Council Reserve for this deposit as well as to fund the remaining balance required for the purchase has been presented to the Honorable City Council for their consideration to be taken up as a vote on the March 11, 2025 City Council Meeting.

TRANSFER AMOUNT: \$ 500,000

FROM: FY 2025 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE \$ 500,000
0111152-570780

TO: FY 2025 ACQUISITION OF LAND \$ 500,000
0194000-580950

I hereby certify to the availability, authority of funding source, mathematical accuracy and appropriate fiscal year.

2/19/25
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CITY AUDITOR



Committee on Rules and Ordinances Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber – Second Floor

M I N U T E S

Committee Members Present: Councilor John Airasian, Vice Chair (Zoom); Councilor Lisa Feltner, Secretary; Councilor John Gannon, Chair

1. Call to Order

Councilor Gannon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and announced that the meeting was a hybrid format and that questions from Zoom participants should be directed to Councilor Airasian at jairasian@watertown-mass.gov.

Present at meeting:

Councilor Nicole Gardner; Doug Newton, Watertown Municipal Policy Analyst

Zoom participants: Councilor Caroline Bays; Brian Hebeisen, Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee (WE3C); City Manager George Proakis

2. Meeting Discussion

- A. Continuation of Proposed Ordinance Establishing Memorialization Committee
 - City Manager Proakis said that there was a meeting regarding the memorialization committee in December 2024. The item in committee was sent back to full council, however it is not on tomorrow night's city council agenda in order to sort out the minutes and make sure that the right sections are added to the right sections. He is awaiting feedback and expects that it will be discharged to committee at the next meeting.
 - City Manager Proakis added a summary of the proposed Memorialization Committee. Because of the many requests made by residents to name buildings, etc., in memory of people (excluding the process of name intersections after veterans), the committee would establish parameters, standards, and appropriate circumstances for recognition.
 - City Manager Proakis concluded by saying that there was a good draft, he appreciated that it was on the agenda and hoped that the full council is supportive.
 - Councilor Feltner stated that she had reviewed the draft minutes and ordinance, and forward to KP Law.

-Councilor Airasian said he had no further comments and looked forward to it being presented to the full council.

B. Proposed Food and Beverage Single Use Items Ordinance

-Councilor Gannon recognized Councilor Gardner to discuss the proposed food and single use ordinance.

-Councilor Gardner stated that the proposed ordinance would ban restaurants from putting utensils and condiments in takeout bags unless requested, which would lead to a reduction in waste, and save restaurants money. She indicated that the restaurant owners she has spoken to appreciate this proposal, and added that Newton has passed a much broader ordinance, and Needham and Wellesley are considering a similar ordinance.

-Councilor Gannon asked Councilor Gardner if this ordinance is in line with the climate action plan, and she responded yes.

-Councilor Feltner asked Councilor Gannon for his thoughts before opening the discussion to the public.

-Councilor Gannon responded that he had spoken with City Manager Proakis who offered staff help, in addition to Doug Newton. He added that the next step would be to defer to City Manager Proakis and Doug Newton, and there would be a robust discussion once the ordinance was drafted.

-Councilor Airasian thanked Councilor Gardner for her work on the issue and said he believes it is an important issue. He added that it would be nice to know if restaurant owners have offered input.

-Councilor Feltner stated that she would like to learn more about Newton's policy, beyond restaurant containers, before a draft is created.

-Councilor Gardner responded to Councilor Airasian that she has spoken with a few restaurants; was talking with businesses and getting buy-in from the public. She stated that the goal is less plastic, less plastic in the ocean. She then responded to Councilor Felton that it has been a while since she read Newton's ordinance, but that it did include black plastic, Polystyrene (thick Styrofoam), and helium balloons.

-City Manager Proakis introduced the topic of ordinance language and consistency and streamlining of ordinance process, noting that it is relevant to this agenda item as well as the next. To that end, he would like to train five people in city government to be the best ordinance writers, with a common understanding of how new Watertown laws should be written. He would like Watertown's Sustainability Manager, Laurel Schwab, and Doug Newton to be two of these people.

-City Manager Proakis left the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

-Both Councilor Gannon and Councilor Airasian agreed with City Manager Proakis' approach in making the ordinance process consistent and with direction coming from the council.

-Brian Hebeisen (via Zoom) said he had participated in the drafting of the climate plan and believed the ordinance would fit with climate change and W3C. He supported reaching out to restaurants since ordinances can put them at a competitive

disadvantage. He suggested reaching out to surrounding cities and towns working on a similar ordinance.

-Councilor Gannon suggested making a motion to recommend to the full council that Doug Newton be assigned to research policy direction and ordinances and bylaws of other communities.

-Councilor Feltner suggests that a motion is not necessary because it's regular business.

-After discussion of whether or not a motion is needed, Councilor Gannon instructs that the minutes should reflect that the committee is seeking direction on how to move forward before discussion. In addition, it is the consensus of the committee that Doug Newton is directed/authorized to proceed in recommending and researching policy areas of regulation, and analysis of other communities' attempts. There were no further comments.

C. Proposal to Amend Noise Ordinance

- Councilor Gannon provided a quick introduction to the noise ordinance, that from September 2017 through March 2021 the committee discussed a noise ordinance, with the result a 7-1 vote opposing the draft, with one abstention. The full council has referred to the committee to begin again and create a straightforward, easy-to-understand draft ordinance.
- Councilor Feltner said she is glad to be revisiting the subject. She considered one of the biggest frustrations to be a lack of understanding about how humans are affected by sound.
- Councilor Gannon added that there are four new councilors since the last iteration of the draft.
- Councilor Airasian noted that he is one of the new councilors and that he considers it an opportunity for improvement. He would like to see work on transitional neighborhoods, and he thanked Doug Newton for the research information.
- Councilor Gannon recognizes Doug Newton. He introduced three broad issues: use of decibel limits, science of sound, level of comprehensiveness.
- Councilor Fetner asked Doug Newton if he had discovered any criminal violations in his research. He responded that police don't want to "go there."
- Other issues discussed included leaf blowers being separated from noise ordinances, baseline sound (health department), lack of clarity at public parks (police), continuity of sound, regulation inside apartment complexes, and that the last ordinance was seen as unclear and unenforceable.
- Doug Newton stressed that the goal is to achieve compliance; not be punitive. He added that the main news complaint is construction noise, followed by apartments in Arsenal Yards neighborhood. Focus should be on construction noise, and he gave caution on the issue of landscaping because it will require a lot of time, energy, and public input.
- Councilor Feltner suggested that based on the last go around, leaf blowers should have a separate ordinance. She said she was interested in background noise and how it's measured, repetitive noises, and tonal noise.

- Councilor Gardner agreed that persistent noise from labs is a big issue, and leaf blowers should have their own ordinance. She used the example of Newlywed Foods, in her district, that is working with sound engineers for their issues.
- Councilor Bays (Zoom) countered that from her experience working on the last iteration of the ordinance, many people complained about leaf blowers, and she believes they should be covered by the noise ordinance.
- Responding to Councilor Bays question about how other communities deal with leaf blowers, Doug Newton said that Newton has a separate ordinance for landscaping equipment. Councilor Gannon added that Somerville also has a separate ordinance.
- Councilor Gardner asked if leaf blowers will be included in this ordinance. Councilor Feltner responded that the consensus, without official vote, was to keep them separate.
- Councilor Gannon opened time for public comment. Cedar Pruitt (Zoom) introduced herself as a Newton resident, behind Russo's, who has been dealing with industrial sound being carried by the water of the Charles River, as well as the callousness of the businesses causing noise. She asked the committee to consider the issue of continuous noise.
- Ellen Rotham (Zoom) voiced her concern about leaf blowers as a public health threat.
- Rita Colafella, 56 Cuba Street, said she liked the noise ordinance "as is," and she liked Doug Newton's recommendations for tonal effects and decibel levels. She agreed that law enforcement shouldn't have to deal with nuisance laws. She stated that she believes that over enforcement is classist; limiting landscapers' ability to make a living.
- Linda Scott, 55 Olcott Street, said that focus should be on tonal noise first, citing the Charles River and Walker Pond as bodies of water carrying sound, and its effects on birds.
- Councilor Gannon asked for any other comments or recommendations for the next meeting.
- Councilor Feltner said her understanding is that Doug Newton and City Manager Proakis may attend the next meeting with staff. She suggested looking at a separate leaf blower ordinance. She added that she would like to hear input from Laurel Schwab.
- Councilor Airasian would like to see the ordinance be as comprehensive as possible, and simple and enforceable.
- Councilor Gannon agreed with Councilors Airasian and Feltner, and that Doug Newton should continue focusing on the common, consensus issues addressed this evening. He suggested requesting City Manager Proakis bring his staff to the next meeting. He would also like to hear from the police, health, and building departments.
- Councilor Feltner made a motion to continue, which was seconded by Councilor Airasian. All were in favor (8:26 p.m.).

3. Adjournment

Councilor Feltner made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Airasian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Watertown City Council Committee on Human Services Thursday, February 6, 2025

Members Present: Councilor Tony Palomba, Chair; Councilor Caroline Bays, Vice Chair; and Councilor John Gannon, Secretary

The Committee on Human Services held a public meeting on February 6, 2025, at 5:30pm to discuss the appointment of Jessica Malenfant, MPH, CSPO, as a member of the Board of Health to a term expiring February 7, 2028.

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Palomba called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and introduced the other committee members present: Caroline Bays, Vice Chair; and John Gannon, Secretary. Also present was Jessica Malenfant.

Chair Palomba started the meeting by asking Ms. Malenfant why she wanted to be a part of the Board of Health. She replied that she enjoys living in Watertown and wants to get more involved in the community. Her career has been focused on furthering public health initiatives. She has a Masters Degree in Public Health from Boston University, with a focus on epidemiology, and a Master's Degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Applied Health Sciences Informatics. She is an epidemiologist with an emphasis on interpreting and analyzing electronic health data and technology, for use in the clinical and public health fields. She has, for example, worked on infectious disease epidemiology and surveillance. She stated that her prior experience working with the Massachusetts Department of Health and providing technical assistance to the boards of health of multiple Massachusetts municipalities would be directly relevant to her service on the Watertown Board of Health.

Action Item: Councilor Bays made a motion that the full Council vote to approve Jessica Malenfant as a member of the Board of Health to a term expiring February 7, 2028. Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Councilor Bays made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilor Gannon. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The meeting concluded at 5:50pm.

Minutes prepared by John Gannon



Committee on Human Services Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber – Second Floor

M I N U T E S

Committee Members Present: Councilor Tony Palomba, Chair; Councilor Caroline Bays, Vice Chair; Councilor John Gannon, Secretary

Present at meeting:

Rob Buchanan, Principal at Health Management Associates (HMA); Rita Colafella; Tyler Cote, Community Engagement Specialist; Patrick George, Veterans' Services Officer; Steve Magoon, Assistant City Manager for Community Development and Planning; Marcy Murningham; Domenica Puleo, Community Development and Planning Administrative Specialist; Jacky van Leeuwen; and Stephanie Venizelos, Community Wellness Program Manager.

Zoom participants: Rachel Kay, School Committee; Tara Kelly, Health Management Associates; Councilor Vinnie Piccirilli, Jacob Smith, and Linda who did not provide her full name.

1. Call to Order

Councilor Palomba called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and introduced those present and attending via Zoom.

2. Meeting Discussion – Discussion on the Health and Human Services Assessment

Councilor Palomba invited Rob Buchanan to make his presentation after which he planned to open the discussion to the community and councilors. (The slide presentation is attached.)

Before Rob Buchanan began his slide presentation, Councilor Gannon clarified that although there had been previous meetings with the community and a presentation at a city manager's meeting, this was the first presentation before the Committee on Human Services.

Rob Buchanan introduced his colleague, Tara Kelly, who was attending/assisting him with the slide deck via Zoom. He then proceeded to describe the background of the assessment, beginning with a community forum at the library approximately one year ago, followed by approximately twenty interviews with members of the city council, departments, and community-based organizations. The project timeline was presented, which showed the start as fall of 2023 and the final report presentation as January 2025. He described the three components of the assessment: gap assessment, organizational review, and recommendations. In addition, he presented slides that listed the interviews and focus groups conducted and described the efforts to engage as many members of the community as possible.

Rob Buchanan presented the recommendations that came out of the study. The first recommendation was to create a human services director position for the city with a key task

being the development and implementation of a human services strategic plan. The second recommendation was to create a Watertown health and human services cabinet. This would serve as a way to formalize a lot of the informal work that's presently being done.). The third recommendation was to improve digital front door awareness and access to Watertown's health and human services. The fourth recommendation was to establish a physical front door to Watertown's health and human services. Use of the Parker Annex Building was suggested for this office, as well as a new home for the Watertown Food Pantry. The fifth recommendation was to establish relationships with community-based organizations (CBO) for key programs and services. The sixth recommendation was to improve access to food supports. The seventh recommendation was to develop a DEI approach. Some of the recommended functions of a DEI approach included creating a DEI director, integrating DEI into municipal strategic planning, engaging the community on DEI issues, and developing an official statement on inclusion. The eighth recommendation was to establish a language access program. The ninth and final recommendation was to prioritize health promotion and wellness with key functions including developing a health promotion and wellness strategic plan and integrating Live Well wellness into Human Services and prioritizing strategic planning and alignment.

Community feedback included concerns from Live Well about staffing and resources, housing supports, including renters, the need for strategic planning and policy advocacy to enhance Watertown's food access and infrastructure, concerns around DEI strategies, and making sure that mobility access issues aren't forgotten. Lastly, improving accessibility and green space was deemed important by community members.

Following Rob Buchanan's presentation, Councilor Palomba recognized Jacob Smith and Linda who joined the meeting via zoom. He asked Tara Kelly from HMA if she would like to add anything to the presentation. She replied that she was happy to answer questions.

Councilor Palomba invited the community's questions. Marcy Murningham, 134 Fayette Street, congratulated the team on doing a wonderful job on the Assessment. She added that she disagrees with the recommendation regarding the structural home of Live Well Watertown. Instead, she suggested that it stay where it is in the Office of Community Development and Planning, for the moment. (An email to the members of the Committee from Ms. Murningham is attached.)

Jacky van Leeuwen, 32 Whites Avenue, stated that she appreciated the thoroughness of the Assessment. Her comments were specific to housing. She hoped that the Committee would consider a housing specialist who would have their finger on the pulse of housing in Watertown, as well as locally, regionally, and nationally, and would be able to build relationships and develop creative programs. (Attached is a statement from Housing for All Watertown regarding this issue.)

Rita Colafella, 56 Cuba Street, noted that the one thing she found troubling about the Assessment was putting disability under DEI. She stated her belief that disability should have its

own officer or director. (Attached is a letter from the Commission on Disability regarding this issue.)

Councilor Palomba paused to recognize that School Committee member Rachel Kay had arrived at the meeting on zoom and to invite anyone else who would like to speak to do so.

Rob Buchanan thanked the Watertown community for making the project so enjoyable due in great part to the passion, knowledge, and expertise of the community.

Rachel Kay apologized for being late to the meeting. She added that she thought the Assessment was well done and that her opinions overlapped with Rita regarding the role of disability. Also, she would like to see more about the role of schools in the recommendations, how the City could connect with the schools vis-à-vis implementation.

Councilor Palomba then asked Councilors Bays and Gannon for their comments and questions.

Councilor Bays began by saying she loved the Assessment, particularly recommendation number two to establish a health and human services cabinet. She questioned the discrepancy between the reference to Health and Human Services throughout the report and the position being named Human Services Director. Rob Buchanan acknowledged that it is confusing, and little consistency was found in the way that other cities and towns handle it. Councilor Gannon added his perspective and experience on the matter, but ultimately believes that having a human service department, as opposed to a health and human service department, would better serve the needs of the community. Councilor Bays offered that it might make sense to consider the title of Human Services and Community Wellness Director.

Councilor Bays asked if there is currently any access to tenant-landlord counseling and mediation in Watertown. Rob Buchanan answered, no. She went on to ask about the Somerville Housing Stability Office and whether that was something Watertown could aspire to. Rob Buchanan answered that it is the larger cities like Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston that have it, but it is something Watertown could work toward. Councilor Gannon suggested that they defer to City Manager Proakis who oversaw that office in his role as Somerville Planning Director.

Councilor Gannon said that he was impressed with the Assessment. He liked the outreach and community engagement. He commented on the difference between the Health Department and Human Services. He highlighted the new grant manager role and how that would mesh well with a Human Services department, and how impactful the role could be for Watertown.

Councilor Palomba offered his reflections and concerns. He echoed everybody's compliments on a great Assessment. He said the establishment of the position is critical. He also raised the question of this new department needing administrative support and a budget. He liked the idea of the cabinet, but voiced concern over accountability. In addition, he suggested the cabinet needs to include community folks with lived experience... He liked the idea of a

physical front door but wondered who would staff it and how residents would learn about it. He said he believes it is important to use CBO to gather data. He said he is very supportive of the expansion of the food pantry. He emphasized the importance of the strategic plan that will be one of the first responsibilities of the new director.

Councilor Gannon raised the topic of ADA in conjunction with the DEI coordinator position. He said he envisions a DEI coordinator to fight for all residents, taking on a larger role that would encompass advocacy to include residents with disabilities. Rob Buchanan clarified that the thinking around the DEI Director is that it is a standalone position. Marcy Murningham addressed the problematic nature of the term DEI and encouraged the committee to consider alternative terminology.

Councilor Gannon made a motion that the Committee on Human Services recommend that the City Council endorse the Health and Human Services Assessment and request that the City Manager take action to implement its recommendations. Councilor Bays seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Adjournment

Councilor Gannon made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Bays seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Ann Korte.



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Watertown Health and Human Services Assessment

Watertown City Council Human
Services Committee Meeting
Final Presentation

January 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.



WELCOME

Health and Human Services Assessment Report

- Rob Buchanan, Health Management Associates
- Tara Kelly, Health Management Associates

BACKGROUND OF ASSESSMENT

- » Watertown engaged **Health Management Associates (HMA)** to conduct a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the community's health and human service needs, determine the scope of services presently available to meet those needs, identify remaining disparities in services, and recommend resources to fill those gaps.
- » HMA facilitated extensive community outreach and data gathering efforts in 2024 to elicit a range of community perspectives regarding the strengths and needs of health and human services in Watertown.
- » Assessment includes relevant descriptive and quantitative data about Watertown's health and human services needs from publicly available national, statewide, and local sources.

Community Engagement

- » **20 interviews** with representation from the City Council, City of Watertown department heads and staff, and leaders of community-based organizations (CBOs)
- » **8 focus groups** composed of representatives from public and private health and human services organizations, CBOs, and residents from historically marginalized and underserved populations, including those who do not presently access health and human services
- » **2 community meetings** for all residents, including a follow-up survey
- » **Draft report feedback** was solicited from Watertown residents about the community draft report.

TIMELINE



COMPONENTS OF THE ASSESSMENT

The assessment is composed of three parts:

- » **Health and Human Services Gap Assessment.** Evaluates public and private health and human service organizations that serve Watertown. Describes available services and identifies populations that are being served or inadequately served.
- » **Health and Human Services Organizational Review.** Reviews the operation of the various health and human services functions within Watertown and summarizes staffing, management, and organizational structure.
- » **Recommendations.** Includes recommended organizational and program efficiencies and enhancements, as well as an implementation timeline

Through engagement and analysis, key community priorities emerged with a focus on programs and services relating to:

- **Housing security**
- **Food security**
- **Wellness promotion**
- **Disability supports**
- **Older adult supports**
- **Communications and language access**
- **Immigrant supports**
- **Veterans' services**
- **Public health**
- **Physical and behavioral health**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – INTERVIEWS

- [Lydia McCoy](#), Watertown Director of Senior Services
- [Patrick George](#), Watertown Veteran's Services Officer, ADA Coordinator, Liaison to Commission on Disability
- [Stephanie Venizelos](#), Watertown Community Wellness Program Manager, Live Well Watertown
- [Anthony Palomba](#), Watertown City Council, Councilor-at-Large; HHS Committee Chair
- [Abbey Meyers](#), Watertown Public Health Director
- [Caroline Bays](#), Watertown City Council, Councilor-at-Large; HHS Committee member
- [Laura Kurman](#), Senior Program Manager, Wayside Multi-Service Center
- [Sophia Suarez-Friedman](#), Wayside Multi-Service Center Social Service Resource Specialist Clinician and Program Coordinator

- [Michael Boudreau](#), Director of Public Health, Town of Natick
- [MaryAnn O'Conner](#), Director of Public Health, City of Medford
- [Nina Nazarian](#), Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, City of Medford
- [Samantha Stone](#), Woburn Assistant to the Mayor for Community Outreach and Communication
- [Olivia Fields](#), Director of Resident Services, Watertown Housing Authority
- [Christina Lupica](#), Youth Engagement Specialist, Wayside Multi-Service Center
- [Tia Tilson](#), Executive Director, Watertown Community Foundation
- [Maysa Ramos](#), Wayside Multi-Service Center Social Service Resource Specialist Clinician
- [Colleen Leger](#), Director of HHS, Town of Arlington

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – FOCUS GROUPS

- Veterans
- Older Adults (*Residents over the age of 60 years*)
- Immigrants (*Watertown Project Literacy*)
- Watertown Housing Authority Residents
- Watertown Commission on Disability
- City of Watertown Health and Human Service Departments
- Community Organizations – Health Services (*Advocates Community Behavioral Health Center, and Mt. Auburn Hospital*)
- Community Organizations – Human Services (*Springwell, Helen Robinson Wright Fund at the First Parish, Marshall Home Fund, Watertown Boys & Girls Club, Watertown Community Foundation, Watertown Police Department*)

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1: CREATE A WATERTOWN HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR POSITION

- » Watertown needs designated leadership to address Watertown residents' human service needs, particularly in relationship to coordinating and championing services that address housing insecurity, food insecurity, migrant supports.
- » Under the direction of the City Manager, Watertown should create a Director of Human Services position. The role would oversee the planning, direction, management, and operation of Watertown's human services programs and referral pathways, including services that address housing insecurity, food insecurity, economic insecurity, and migrant supports.
- » The director also would oversee Watertown's partnership with Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, including the Watertown's Social Services Resource Specialist (SSRS) program.
- » As part of coordinating Watertown's initiatives to combat food insecurity, the Director of Human Services would promote food assistance programs and oversee the Watertown Food Pantry, which is currently part of the Senior Services Department. The role would also administer the Live Well Watertown program.
- » From community feedback a key task for the incoming Human Services Director will be prioritizing housing supports as a central focus of the role and assessing the need for additional staff in the future.

Key job functions:

- Develop and Implement Human Services Strategic Plan
- Oversee Policy and Workflow Development
- Lead Community Outreach
- Administer and Manage Partnerships with CBOs
- Advance Housing Insecurity Interventions
- Administer and Champion Food Security Programs
- Implement Data-Driven Approaches to Understanding Community Needs
- Manage Grant and Philanthropic Opportunities
- Oversee Budget Planning and Allocation
- Enhance Interdepartmental Coordination
- Develop and Advocate for Supportive Policies
- Convene the Health and Human Services Cabinet

RECOMMENDATION 2: ESTABLISH A WATERTOWN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CABINET

- » As Watertown navigates a rapidly evolving landscape of community health and human service needs, a dedicated, cross-functional HHS Cabinet could significantly enhance resident well-being through a comprehensive and coordinated approach to health and social services.
- » The cabinet should include key participants, such as the Human Services Director, Public Health Director, Senior Services Director, VA Officer, Community Wellness Program Manager, Housing Authority representative, Recreation Director, Public Library representative, Schools Liaison, Police Liaison, and organizations contracted to provide key services to the City.
- » The cabinet should establish a meeting structure, communications plan, cadence, and charter.

Key functions of HHS Cabinet:

- Develop and Implement Human Services Strategic Plan
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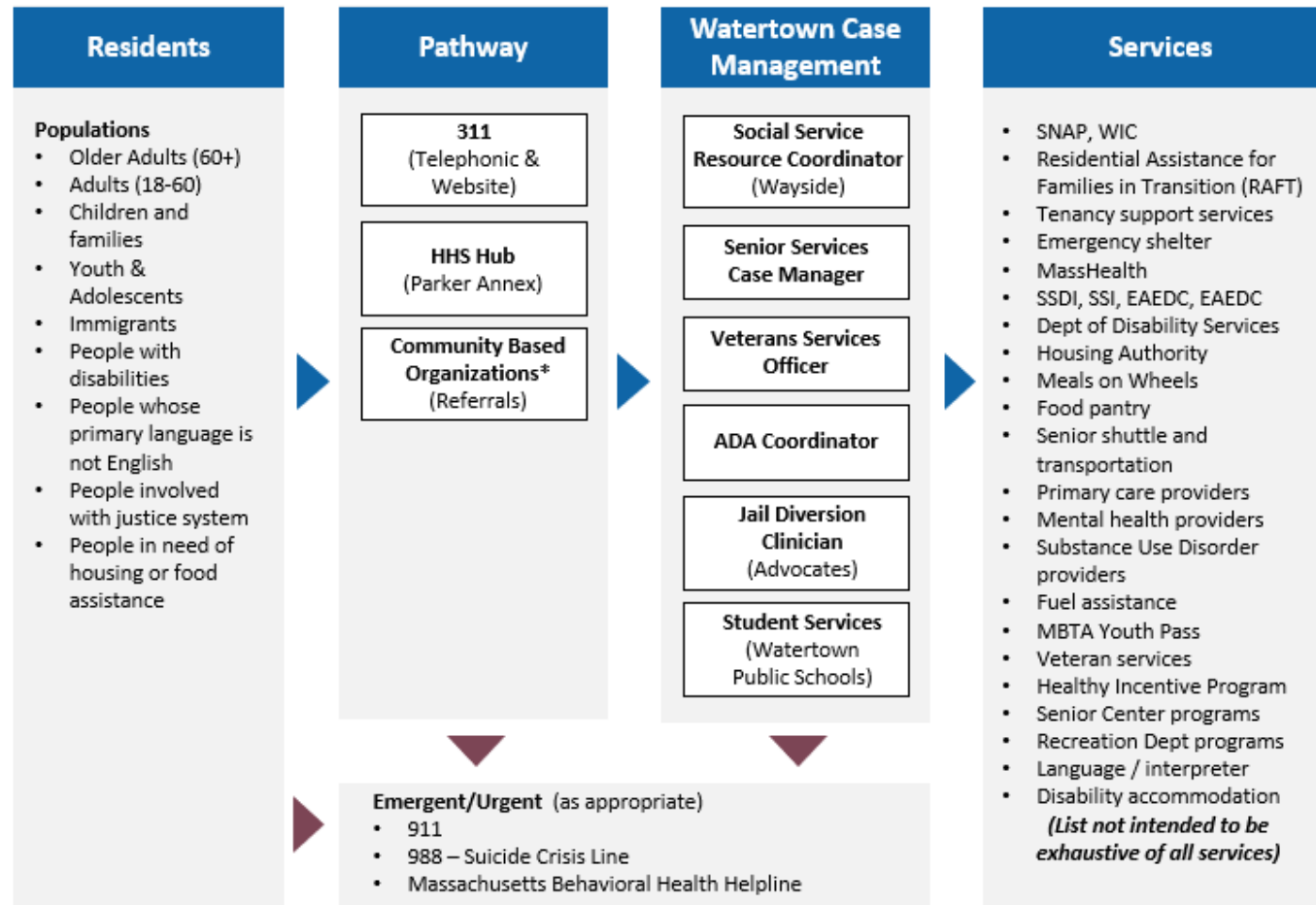
RECOMMENDATION 3: IMPROVE DIGITAL FRONT-DOOR AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO WATERTOWN'S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- » For Watertown to better serve residents with its existing health and human services improving awareness and access through the front door can enhance user experience and increase visibility and utility of current services.
- » The front door awareness and access campaign could include leveraging 311 infrastructure as an information source to connect residents with resources for health and human services
- » Additional functions of the campaign include develop a comprehensive online and print Welcome Packet for both new and existing residents that includes an up-to-date and detailed list of available health and human services; and use email and mail campaigns to advise residents of health programs, upcoming events, and important health tips.

Key functions of Digital Front Door:

- Website Modifications
- Leverage 311 Infrastructure as an Information Source to Connect Residents with Resources
- Welcome Packet
- Email and Mail Campaign

ENSURING RESIDENTS RECEIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



***Community Based Organizations:** Includes broad continuum of public, private, and non-profit organizations that serve the needs the of Watertown residents and provide formal and informal referral and supportive services (e.g., Wayside Multiservice Center, schools, Watertown Police Department, health providers, churches, etc.)—all of which provide an important referral pathway into health and human services

RECOMMENDATION 4: ESTABLISH PHYSICAL FRONT DOOR TO WATERTOWN'S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- » To enhance access and streamline navigation, Watertown should establish a physical front-door location to its health and human services. This HHS hub would serve as a single, physical point of contact where residents can obtain information, receive assistance, and access a range of health and human services.
- » As a City-owned building, the City of Watertown will ensure the Parker Annex Building will be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant and therefore could serve as a hub for HHS.
- » The location could incorporate routine on-site presence from key health and human service organizations, such as Wayside Multi-Service Center and the Watertown Housing Authority, to provide specialized support and ensure a comprehensive range of services.

Key functions of Physical Front Door

- Information and Referrals
- Resource Center
- Education Campaign
- Representation from Key Organizations

RECOMMENDATION 5: ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH CBOS FOR KEY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- » The community engagement process highlighted the need for Watertown to develop long-term partnerships with local CBOs for the provision of key programs and services.
- » Opportunities exist to deepen existing relationships or formally establish new partnerships with local CBOs to provide needed services, such as tenancy navigation and support.
- » Watertown can work with organizations to build a more robust foundation of data to understand the community's needs and underlying service gaps.

Key functions of CBO Partnerships:

- Develop Partnerships for Housing Supports
- Strengthen Referral Pathways for Eligible Services
- Promote Cultural Competency.
- Implement Regular Updates and Information Sharing
- Coordinate with Funders to Avoid Duplication

RECOMMENDATION 6: IMPROVE ACCESS TO FOOD SUPPORTS

- » Under the leadership of the Director of Human Services, Watertown should improve access to food supports through multiple strategies.
- » The Watertown Food Pantry should move to location that could accommodate expanded access. A location change will enable extension of the food pantry's hours of operation to accommodate a broader range of schedules.
- » To improve awareness about available food assistance programs, Watertown should continue to develop easy-to-understand visuals and guides to convey information quickly and clearly.

Key functions of Food Support Expansion:

- Relocate and Expand Food Pantry Services
- Food Pantry Oversight to HHS Dpt
- Expand Awareness of Food Insecurity Programs
- Simplify Messaging for Food Assistance Programs

RECOMMENDATION 7: DEVELOP DEI APPROACH

- » To foster a more inclusive and equitable community, Watertown should establish a comprehensive diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategy.
- » Watertown could establish a DEI Director who will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating related initiatives, integrating DEI principles in the municipal strategic planning processes, developing an official statement that affirms the City's commitment to inclusion, developing and implementing awareness and education programs to promote inclusion, and actively engaging with the community on DEI issues.
- » The functions of Watertown's ADA Coordinator should be transitioned to the DEI Director to ensure that compliance with the law is integrated into the broader DEI framework, enhancing support for people with disabilities and promoting a more inclusive environment.
- » Community feedback indicated the importance to further develop a more integrated approach to addressing accessibility and inclusion, ensuring that the needs of individuals with disabilities are met with greater attention and resources. One community member from the feedback process suggested the position be called the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access Director.

Key functions of DEI Approach:

- Establish a DEI Director
- Integrate DEI into Municipal Strategic Planning
- Develop an Official Statement on Inclusion
- Promote Inclusion
- Engage with the Community on DEI Issues
- Train Staff on DEI
- Transition ADA Coordination Functions to DEI Director
- Promote Language Access

RECOMMENDATION 8: ESTABLISH A LANGUAGE ACCESS PROGRAM

- » To address the growing need for effective language access services, Watertown should establish a language access program either through a vendor, dedicated language access coordinator, or a relationship with one or more CBO(s).
- » This approach could provide a centralized resource for managing and coordinating language access services.

Key functions of Language Access Program:

- Assist Staff Communication
- Collaborate with City Staff for Dynamic Public Engagement
- Translation of Documents
- CART (Communication Access Real-time Translation)
- Interpretation in Meetings
- Over the Phone Interpretation
- Video Relay Interpretation
- Auto-Generated Captioning

RECOMMENDATION 9: PRIORITIZE HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS

- » Watertown should develop a comprehensive Health Promotion and Wellness Strategic Plan that outlines key initiatives for improving community health and wellness and foster more integrated and direct collaboration between the Health Department, the proposed Human Services Director, and Live Well Watertown.
- » This approach will support the prioritization of health promotion and wellness by ensuring that resources and efforts are aligned toward preventive and proactive care.
- » The plan should explicitly include substance use disorder awareness, support, and prevention. To enhance coordination and focus on wellness program, Live Well Watertown should be incorporated within the new Human Services Department.
- » As part of the community feedback, HMA recommends that the incoming Human Services Director prioritize strategic planning and alignment of programs and resources with LWW.

Key functions of Health Promotion and Wellness:

- Develop a Health Promotion and Wellness Strategic Plan
- Explicitly Include SUD Awareness, Support, and Prevention
- Integrate Live Well Wellness into Human Services and Prioritize Strategic Planning and Alignment.

TIMELINE

#	Recommendations	Timeline
1	Create a Watertown Human Services Director Position	January 2025
2	Establish a Watertown Health and Human Services Cabinet	January 2025
3	Improve Digital Front-Door Awareness and Access to Watertown's Health and Human Services	March 2025 – June 2026
4	Establish Physical Front Door to Watertown's Health and Human Services (Parker Annex Building)	January – March 2025
5	Establish Deeper Relationships with CBOs for Key Programs and Services (e.g., tenancy navigation and support)	July 2025 – ongoing
6	Improve Access to Food Supports (under leadership of Human Services Director)	July 2025 – ongoing
	Relocate Food Pantry	November 2025
7	Establish a Comprehensive DEI Strategy	December 2025 – June 2026
	Create a DEI Director Position	July 2026
8	Establish a Language Access Program	November 2024
9	Develop a Health Promotion and Wellness Strategic Plan	July 2025 – June 2026

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON DRAFT REPORT

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Process: HMA presented draft recommendations to the residents of Watertown on October 21. Our team collected feedback both via meeting, and feedback submitted through email through November.

LiveWell

We received comments regarding LWW with information including:

- Concerns regarding staffing and resource needs required to effectively run its diverse programs, such as food security initiatives and community engagement efforts.
- Concerns for moving LWW under Human Services Director position and the potential risk of deprioritizing LWW initiatives. Many suggested that LWW should be its own separate entity.

Housing Supports

We received comments regarding the need for specialized housing leadership in human services including:

- Concerns that the responsibilities assigned to the Human Services Director are too extensive for one person to manage effectively
- An immediate need for dedicated resources and leadership in housing services given that housing insecurity is a critical issue for the city.
- Request to include renters in language regarding housing supports.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON DRAFT REPORT

Food Security and Access

We received comments regarding advocacy for food security including:

- A strong emphasis on the need for strategic planning and policy advocacy to enhance Watertown's food access infrastructure
- Increased support of the management of current and proposed food access programs

Location Challenges of the Parker Annex

We received concerns about access to the Parker Annex including:

- Concerns about HHS hub location including its distance from Watertown Square and lack of public transportation access
- Concerns about ADA compliance and accessibility

DEI Implementation

We received concerns regarding DEI including:

- An ask for the early implementation of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) strategies and the potential establishment of a new DEI position within the Human Services Department
- Concerns regarding the lift of duties for one FTE
- Recommendation to include “Access” in the position title

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Disability Services

We received references including:

- Name ADA coordinator in the report, when other positioned were referenced
- Improving accessibility and access to green space in Watertown
- Ensuring access to city buildings including the Parker Annex building to eliminate long walkways to food pantry.

Data and Strategic Planning

We received references including:

- Strong support for data collection to better understand residents' needs and inform future budget planning.

Modifying the display of Comparable Communities Data

We received references requesting:

- Summarize comparable communities' data and incorporate FTEs

DISCUSSION

APPENDIX

SUMMARY OF REPORT CHANGES

- **Recommendation 1: Human Services Director.** Added the following: “During the community feedback process on the draft version of this report, a variety of community members expressed concerns that too few resources would be dedicated to addressing housing insecurity. A key task for the incoming Human Services Director will be prioritizing housing supports as a central focus of the role and assessing the need for additional staff in the future.”
- **Recommendation 4: Physical Front Door.** Added the following: “The City of Watertown is reviewing the need for any improvements necessary to ensure the Parker Annex Building complies with the ADA. Through the community feedback process, some individuals expressed concern about the location and accessibility of the Parker Annex Building.”
- **Recommendation 7: DEI Approach (bullet - Transition ADA Coordination Functions to DEI Director).** Added the following: “As part of this transition, it will be important to further develop a more integrated approach to addressing accessibility and inclusion, ensuring that the needs of individuals with disabilities are met with greater attention and resources. One community member from the feedback process suggested the position be called the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access Director.”
- **Recommendation 9: Health Promotion and Wellness (bullet - Integrate Live Well Wellness into Human Services).** Added the following: “As part of the community feedback process from draft version of this report, LWW participants in the community highlighted the significant value and contributions LWW brings to Watertown and expressed concerns about the prioritization and visibility of the program. Based on this input, HMA recommends that the incoming Human Services Director prioritize strategic planning and alignment of programs and resources with LWW.”
- **New Appendices:**
 - **Appendix 1.13:** Health and Human Service Budget and FTE Information – Comparable Communities (summarizes budget information across the comparable communities)
 - **Appendix 1.14:** Watertown Community Meeting Regarding HHS Assessment (highlights from October community meeting)

THANK YOU

Housing for All Watertown's Proposal to add to HMA' HHS Recommendations

**Establish a Director/Office within the Human Services Department,
dedicated to Housing Services and Stability**

We are advocating that Watertown prioritize assistance to low-income and workforce residents, by hiring a housing services expert to be part of the forming of the new Cabinet.

The Housing Services and Stability Director's responsibilities would include:

1. **Create a physical and digital point person/place for landlords and tenants** and for the community in the areas of housing-related education, assistance, mediation.
 - To provide a referral way-station for referrals to Wayside, Senior Center, Veterans Services, Advocates, and to legal services, for tenants' rights information, etc.
 - To advocate and seek funding for long-term Direct Assistance, landlord incentives, etc..
 - With increase in inclusionary zoning units, to support tenants and landlords, mediate rent increases, provide accountability.
 - To support migrant and other low-income families in housing searches, negotiating with landlords, in assisting to seek proofs of tenants' financial stability and character etc.
 - To support landlords willing to rent to low- and moderate-income families and are incentivized by long-term access to housing stability staff and resources.
 - To assist with efforts related to building our current pool of participating landlords willing to rent to low and moderate income families, including voucher holders.
 - To educate the community about tenants' rights, discriminatory practices, housing gaps/needs, outcomes of existing services, etc.
 - To address and refer complaints about discrimination.
2. **Convene a Watertown Housing Task Force**
 - to evaluate needs and best practices
 - to build partnerships, including with renters, landlords
 - to connect and strengthen front-line housing assistance providers
3. **Seek funds to fill in gaps.** Housing-related funding is unique and complicated; and larger grants than currently managed by Wayside are needed.
4. **Create a system of data-collection** to
 - Assist with accurate needs and outcomes assessments, and to inform data-driven decision-making.
 - Create a reporting system of homeless and unhoused residents from Schools, Library, Police, Food Pantry, Wayside, residents, and others.
 - Advocate for a Rental Registry

My statement on Live Well Watertown at tonight's hearing

Marcy Murningham <marcy.murningham@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 16, 2025 at 8:00 PM

To: Tony Palomba <apalomba@watertown-ma.gov>, John Gannon <jgannon@watertown-ma.gov>, Caroline Bays <cbays@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Tony, John, and Caroline,

Below is a copy of what I sent Tara Kelley at Health Management Associates on November 1, 2024, in response to their request for feedback on the Health and Human Services Assessment report. It pertains to the structural "home" for Live Well Watertown — for the moment, at least.

Before doing that, let me add a new piece, involving the outgoing Biden Administration.

As many have said, LWW is a multi-faceted entity, a literal and figurative "force of nature" that cuts across departmental divisions. Moreover "wellness" is an elastic term, be it applied to individuals, institutions, and / or communities. It's not just about blood and bandages, but the range of human and ecological well being — physical, emotional, behavioral, and spiritual.

Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, outgoing Surgeon General, elaborated on this in his *Parting Prescription for America* released two weeks ago. Drawing on his service to two different Presidents, Dr. Murthy provides a lovely exegesis on how we might cultivate health, happiness, and fulfillment by centering our attention on relationships, purpose, and service. He dubs this "the triad of fulfillment" and core pillars of community. Wise words, indeed, and central to the Human Services mission you're serving.

Now, to my Tara Kelley email sent November 1, 2024:

Dear Tara,

Here's a summary of my considered reactions to HMA's very thoughtful and well-written *Health and Human Services Assessment* for the City of Watertown. Overall, it's a superb effort that was a joy to read. What stands out is HMA's recognition of the interdependence and *intradependence* of key municipal functions with respect to sustainable municipal "thriving." Ours is an unfolding story that, as innovations occur, speak to new institutional configurations and design to meet the moment effectively. Thank you for helping we residents engage in this informed deliberation.

That said, my concern lies primarily with the structural recommendation regarding Live Well Watertown, set forth in Recommendation 9. In it, you state that LWW should be moved into the new Department of Human Services.

I respectfully disagree.

Amidst all the moving parts — affecting actions to date, those that occur within the HHS project's timeline, and recommended steps taken over the next few years — what stands out for me is that Live Well Watertown is a unique initiative. That's because it relies on multiple relationships and collaborations across the City of Watertown's organizational chart and beyond. It's a cherished part of the Watertown community, encompassing residents, civil society institutions, and local businesses.

For these reasons, I view LWW as not easily categorized as belonging in this or that department, a recognition of intersectionality you hint at in your report. Indeed, as you acknowledge in your assessment, LWW takes a holistic view of health and wellness, a systems frame that HMA utilizes in its work, too.

Put another way, using systems thinking, I view LWW as a "node" within a web of interrelated parts. Its multifaceted operation features not only the Farmer's Market but a range of both **people** and **place-based** activities affecting food access and security; sustainable design and climate resilience; substance abuse and mental health; transit mobility; intergenerational physical, emotional, and spiritual health and well-being; and community-based engagement.

I view that as a good thing, particularly within an environment that elevates interdisciplinarity and collaborative engagement with policymakers, practitioners, and the public. Indeed, as we move into an era with renewed recognition of the virtues of metropolitan area planning and development, this trans-discipline and trans-border quality takes on greater significance.

All this said, I believe that **LWW ought to remain where it is at the moment**, within the Department of Community Planning and Development, pending further strategic planning carried out on the part of the proposed Health and Human Services Cabinet, described in Recommendation 2. As you propose, LWW will be a member of this cabinet, so is in a good position to help discern where its future organizational home should lie.

Indeed, given its unique mission and composition, I envision **future elevation of LWW as a "node" within Watertown's municipal governance system**, one that is dedicated to the guiding ethic and principles articulated in:

- **Watertown's Preamble** to our revised Home Rule Charter, approved by voters three years ago tomorrow on 2 November 2021. As the *Preamble's* primary author, I point specifically to that governing ethic and those guiding principles, along with language emphasizing transparency and accountability, performance excellence, community engagement and public trust, and;
- **Watertown's 2023 Comprehensive Plan, 2023–2030 Open Space and Recreation Plan, and 2022 Climate and Energy Plan**; and, more broadly,
- the "smart growth" principles articulated by the **Metropolitan Area Planning Council** (MAPC), of which the City of Watertown is a member.

Moving LWW into a newly-constituted human services department that concentrates primarily on addressing underserved members of our community runs the risk of draining LWW of its vitality and vibrancy. Keeping it where it is at the moment, with an eye toward more "independent-but-connected" standing, helps to preserve and nurture both the social entrepreneurship and high regard LWW enjoys in our community.

Moreover, given the fact that it will take awhile for the reorganization to settle in and its operating culture to be developed and refined, keeping LWW within the DCPD with an eye toward separate standing will enable continuity while more effectively embracing and co-creating what's to come.

I'm happy to discuss any of this, but fear I've gone on too long. Nevertheless, I appreciate all your efforts, and look forward to the next stage.

Wishing you well,

Marcy.

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City Manager George Proakis
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January 10, 2025

Dear City Manager Proakis:

The Watertown Commission on Disability has read, with great interest, the recent Health and Human Services Study. We appreciate the attention that the study pays to all aspects of life in Watertown, including accessibility for members of the disability community.

We do, however, find the combining of the ADA Coordinator position with that of the new Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion problematic. We worry over the ability of one person to encompass so many duties and responsibilities, especially the critical duties and responsibilities of the ADA Coordinator which is much more than a title.

Our current ADA Coordinator, Patrick George, is also the Veteran Services Coordinator. He has been an excellent liaison to the Commission in his ADA capacity, but his work has included so much more than that. Between meetings, he has followed up with city departments, such as the Department of Public Works, to convey our concerns and discuss solutions and timelines. He has contacted different businesses and done site visits to examine particular accessibility and residents' issues at the site, as well as the Commission's concerns. He has coordinated with agencies in and beyond Watertown to assure us that our residents' needs are being met at all points at which a disability may limit access.

We value the intent of the DEI Director to make opportunities for inclusion available to all residents, but opportunities for inclusion are one of many challenges for residents with disabilities. There are specific and concrete needs to which an effective ADA Coordinator must be aware of and attend to, and these issues are often forgotten or overlooked in the broader DEI context. The Commission believes that meeting ADA compliance is just the minimum requirement for true accessibility, and we need to ensure the ADA Coordinator will be able to help us achieve our goals in this realm. Our most urgent concern is that some of the required functions may be lost under a DEI Director position.

We hope to see our concerns addressed before this position is posted. We would be happy to meet with you and/or your team to have further discussion. We'd appreciate the chance to discuss how this position might be structured so as to be best situated for creating a welcoming and safe community for people with disabilities in Watertown.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Charlson, WCOD Chair

CC: Patrick George, ADA Coordinator

Sarah Zoen, Human Rights Commission, Co-Chair

Mel Poindexter, Human Rights Commission, Co-Chair



George J. Proakis
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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: February 19, 2025

RE: Parker Building Renovations

Attached, please find a memorandum on the subject from Steve Magoon, Assistant City Manager for Community Development & Planning.

I will present this under Communications from the City Manager at the City Council Meeting on February 25, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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To: George Proakis, City Manager
From: Steve Magoon, Assistant City Manager for DCDP
Date: February 19, 2025
Subject: Parker Building Renovations

As the Honorable City Council is aware, the City is preparing to renovate a portion of the Parker Building to accommodate the offices of the Department of Community Development and Planning. We are also making a number of improvements to offices for other City staff. Ai3 is the architect, and Liro Hill is OPM, that the City is utilizing to design the improvements for DCDP.

The Public Buildings Department has also contracted with Code Red, to design fire suppression sprinklers throughout the building, and Gale Associates to look at exterior work to maintain the building envelope, and Fitzmeyer and Tocci for the electric service upgrade and emergency generator install.

The improvements for DCDP include spaces 2 B, C, D F, G, and H. This will provide adequate space to hold all of the Divisions and Teams of the Department within one large space, except for the Commanders Mansion Events Team, who will remain at the Commanders Mansion. It also will utilize 2E as a public meeting room, which Public Buildings is doing mostly in house, and expects to have ready as a meeting space by May 1.

The Cities IT Department, Health Department, and Public Buildings Departments are currently in spaces on the 3rd floor of the building, and on the first floor space 1F is being converted to house the Food Pantry. As a result of the extent of the cumulative improvements, it is required that we evaluate the entire building for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and make necessary improvements.

As a result, Ai3 has contracted a subcontractor, KMA, to evaluate the building. As a result, there are a number of improvements that have been added to the project scope, some improvements that we will request an extension for, and lastly some elements that we will request a waiver from MAAB for due to the details of the building.

The improvements associated with the renovation of space for DCDP is estimated at

\$2,870,518, including the renovation of space for the Food Pantry which is estimated at \$326,890, immediate code related upgrades at \$1,069,663, for a total cost of \$3,940,181.

In order to pay for this work there are a number of strategies that will be pursued. There is \$152,000 in ARPA funds allocated for the Food Pantry improvements, the City will borrow for a majority of the costs, and where improvements include tenant spaces, there will be negotiations related to cost sharing.

As for schedule, Ai3 has created 100% design drawings, we now need to coordinate the various pieces with our OPM to get the project out to bid. We had hoped to have the project out to bid now, but that is delayed until the end of February. We expect construction to occur May to October, when we will be able to occupy the renovated space.



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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: February 18, 2025

RE: Victory Field Phase II – Park Project (Winter Update)

Attached, please find a joint memorandum on the subject from Steve Magoon, Assistant City Manager for Community Development & Planning; Erika Oliver Jerram, Director of Community Design; and Michelle Moon, Open Space Planner.

I will present this under Communications from the City Manager at the City Council Meeting on February 25, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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TO: Mr. George Proakis - City Manager

FROM: Mr. Steve Magoon, Assistant City Manager and DCDP
Ms. Erika Oliver Jerram, Director of Community Design
Ms. Michelle Moon, Open Space Planner

DATE: February 18, 2025

RE: Victory Field Phase II – Park Project (winter update)

On November 6, 2024, CDM Smith presented the 75% Construction Drawings (CDs) for Victory Field Phase II. The past and current site plans are at the end of this memo. Presentation slides are posted on the Victory Field Phase II project webpage: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/1422/Victory-Field-Phase-II>

This winter the City received 90% CDs in January 2025 and provided comments that CDM is working to incorporate. The City and CDM will continue to finalize the design and anticipate presenting this spring to the City Council before putting the project out to bid.

CDM's November 2024 presentation provided an overview of the current project and highlighted the differences between what was in the Ad Hoc Committee Report (2018) and the current design. The main differences include the following items listed below.

Ad Hoc Committee Report – 75% - 90% Design Changes Summary

F. PERIMETER WALLS AND FENCES

There are no significant changes to this area from the Ad Hoc Committee Report.

Also, the Orchard Street fence has also been moved a few feet from the sidewalk to help with maintenance. As part of the 75% CDs, there were brick pillars every 19 ft along the ornamental fence. As part of the 90% CDs, there is just an ornamental fence with brick pillars only at the entrances to help reduce costs.

G. OTHER EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, LANDSCAPING, AMENITIES

Since the November 2024 Community Meeting where the 75% CDs were presented, there has been a seating area to the west of the playground. This change was based on community input from the community meeting and staff input.

DCDP - PLAN REVIEW REQUESTS (FROM FALL 2024)

DCDP requested the following site amenities be added to the site plan: trash cans, bike racks, drinking fountain, picnic tables and/or benches along Orchard Street, landscaping at the entrance, landscape border for some sections along Orchard Street, consider adding a few more perennials to the plant palette, and set fence back from the sidewalk to reduce potential damage from snow removal.

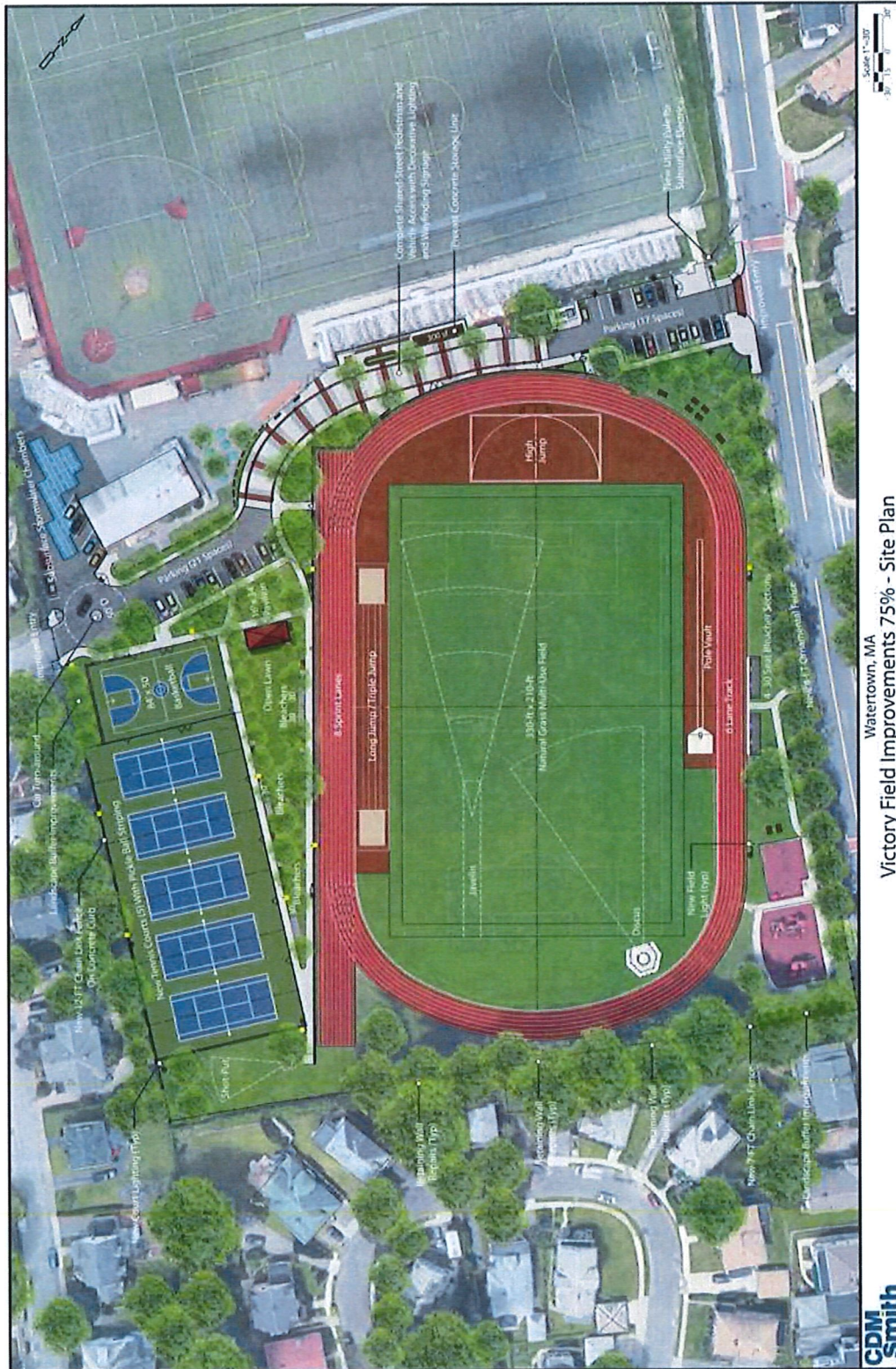
Victory Field Phase II - Concept Plan (Ad Hoc Report; June 28, 2018)



Victory Field Phase II - Concept Plan (Town Council; June 25, 2019, Presentation)



Victory Field Phase II 75% CD - Site Plan (Community Meeting; November 6, 2024)





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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: February 19, 2025

RE: Civil Service Revocation

As you may recall, at the May 14, 2024 City Council Meeting, the City Council voted to revoke its prior acceptance of M.G.L Chapter 31, the Civil Service Law, for all positions of the rank of Patrol Officer within the Police Department.

Attached, please find correspondence from Chief of Police Justin M. Hanrahan requesting the removal of supervisor ranks from the civil service system. The Police Supervisors' Union has agreed to this change. We have negotiated a new internal promotional policy that mirrors the civil service system while providing greater flexibility and local control. This policy ensures a fair, merit-based promotional process and allows us to select candidates who best meet our department's and community's evolving needs.

I will bring this matter up under Communications from the City Manager at the February 25, 2025 City Council Meeting.



WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

JUSTIN M. HANRAHAN
CHIEF OF POLICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: GEORGE PROAKIS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: JUSTIN M. HANRAHAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

DATE: February 19th, 2025

SUBJECT: CIVIL SERVICE REVOCATION – Watertown Police Supervisor Ranks

As we continue to refine and improve our ability to recruit and promote the most qualified personnel, I respectfully request your assistance in placing this request before the Honorable City Council for its review and action. To maintain continuity with our prior decision to remove the patrol officer's rank from the Massachusetts Civil Service System, and to provide greater latitude in selecting those best suited for leadership positions, I am requesting the removal of the supervisor ranks from the civil service system as well. The police supervisor's union has voted and agreed to this change.

With the guidance of city labor counsel, we have successfully negotiated with the union to implement a new internal promotional policy that largely mirrors the structure of the civil service system while providing greater flexibility and local control. This policy ensures a fair, merit-based promotional process while allowing us to select candidates who are best suited to meet the evolving needs of our department and community.

The civil service system, while originally designed to prevent nepotism, favoritism, and corruption in hiring and promotions, has become increasingly outdated and restrictive. The bureaucratic hurdles associated with the system hinder our ability to efficiently promote the most qualified candidates. In today's policing environment, concerns about unfair hiring and promotion practices can be effectively addressed through transparent and structured internal processes, rigorous background checks, and adherence to professional standards.

By removing the supervisor ranks from the civil service system, we will:

- Regain local control over the promotional process, ensuring that leadership positions are filled by individuals best suited to lead in a modern policing environment.
- Streamline the promotional timeline, reducing delays caused by civil service testing and administrative requirements.

- Expand our ability to develop and implement policies that support professional growth and leadership development within our department.
- Maintain a promotional process that aligns with civil service principles while allowing for necessary flexibility to address department-specific needs.

The removal of the patrol officer rank from the civil service system has been an enormous success as it has allowed us to recruit and hire trained and certified officers, while speeding the process of filling existing vacancies.

Given these factors, I believe that this transition will significantly enhance our ability to attract and develop strong leadership within our department. This change will improve operational efficiency and ultimately benefit both our officers and the community we serve.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or to discuss this matter further.

Proposed City Council Motion for Civil Service
as developed by KP Law

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 4, Section 4B, I move that the City of Watertown revoke its prior acceptance of G.L. c. 31, the Civil Service Law, for all police officer positions within the Watertown Police Department above the rank of patrol officer.



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To: Honorable City Council

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RE: Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption

Attached, please find a joint memorandum on the subject from Steve Magoon, Assistant City Manager for Community Development & Planning; Earl Smith, Assessor; Sean DelRose, Assistant Assessor; and Larry Field, Senior Planner.

I will present this under Communications from the City Manager at the City Council Meeting on February 25, 2025. I respectfully request that the Honorable City Council refer the matter to Committee for policy consideration and guidance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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Date: February 18, 2025

Re: Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption

SUMMARY

At its November 26, 2024 meeting, the Honorable City Council voted to request the Administration provide an analysis of a 2023 state law allowing a local option property tax exemption to promote affordable housing.

Watertown's existing property tax exemptions are targeted at a small number of households (e.g., veterans with disability), designed to mitigate hardship, and come with a modest cost (about \$183,000 in FY24). The affordable housing exemption is aimed at influencing the rent-setting decisions of residential property owners. Given the large number of property owners and diversity in Watertown's housing stock, it is difficult to know how much a broad exemption would change those decisions and at what cost in lost property tax revenue. Even a much narrower exemption (e.g., only two-families) involves many properties and varying circumstances. There also are significant administrative burdens associated with implementing such an exemption, with that burden rising as the exemption applies to more properties.

All these points suggest that Watertown should wait to enact this local option exemption or start with a highly targeted pilot program.

STATE STATUTE

The 2023 Economic Development bill allowed municipalities to enact a property tax exemption for owners who rent to income-qualifying persons at affordable rates on a year-round, annual basis. G.L. c. 59, § 50 (attached as "A.") The provision provides considerable flexibility to cities/towns in structuring the exemption:

- (1) The exemption may apply to any "class one residential" unit. This can range from a single-family home to a large apartment building.

- (2) The units must be rented to income-qualifying persons; the thresholds may be set by the municipality as long as they are in accordance with HUD guidance/regulations and are not more than 200% of area median income.
- (3) Similarly, the affordable rent must be no higher than the maximum rent set by HUD for the applicable household income level.
- (4) The exemption amount is set locally but cannot be more than the unit's tax obligation.
- (5) The municipality may elect to require that the unit owner live on the property. Similarly, the municipality may elect to require a deed-restriction but, unlike units designated by the state as "affordable," the municipality may also allow the owner to offer an affordable rent for only one year.

Once enacted, the **exemption cannot be repealed for three years.**

Although the exemption is authorized by state law, the state will not reimburse the city for any lost revenue.

The statute requires that an applicant seeking the exemption must submit "any documentation the city or town deems necessary, including but not limited to, a signed lease and poof of the occupying person or persons' household income, to confirm the eligibility of the property for the exemption." However, the Commonwealth's Division of Local Services issued Guidelines in March 2024 requiring that qualifying income be established through federal and state income tax returns. (DLS Guidelines, attached as "B"). The DLS Guidelines also require that the application be filed annually on or before the tax abatement deadline, which is the due date of the first actual tax bill.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: INCOME LIMITS AND MAXIMUM RENTS

To illustrate the qualifying income levels that could be used for an affordable housing property exemption, below is a selection from the HUD income limits chart issued in April 2024 (they are issued annually):

HUD Income Limits Applicable to Watertown 2024-2025			
Household size	50%	65%	80%
1	\$57,100	\$74,230	\$91,200
2	\$65,300	\$84,490	\$104,200
3	\$73,450	\$95,485	\$117,250
4	\$81,600	\$106,080	\$130,250

Maximum rents for these income levels are based on bedroom configurations and include a utility "allowance" based on the type of utilities that serve the unit. Below are the maximum rents for the four most common bedroom configurations:

Maximum Rents Applicable to Watertown 2024-2025

Bedrooms	50%	65%	80%
Studio	\$1,428	\$1,856	\$2,280
1BR	\$1,633	\$2,122	\$2,605
2BR	\$1,836	\$2,387	\$2,931
3BR	\$2,040	\$2,652	\$3,256

MARKET RENTS IN WATERTOWN

It is hard to match up maximum rents for affordable units and market rents because of the varied ways that information on market rents are collected. One approach is to use “average rent” as collected by those who follow the commercial real estate market. These average rents tend to be higher because the information is gathered from larger property owners. Below is one such chart, based on CoStar Group’s database as cited by Apartments.Com:

Average Rents in Watertown January 2025

Bedrooms	Rent
Studio	\$2,528
1BR	\$2,956
2BR	\$3,618
3BR	\$4,851

Another approach is to use US Census Bureau’s data. According to its American Community Survey (ACS) data, the median rent for 2019-2023 was \$2,357 (this combines all bedroom configurations and owner types).¹ The ACS also contains rent distribution percentages for the 2017-2021 period, suggesting that Watertown rents (all bedroom configurations/owner types) were equally split between rents below and above \$2,000 during this period.² Given the significant rent growth since 2017, it is likely that a much higher percentage is now over \$2,000.

RELEVANT PROPERTY TAX DATA

There are 16,778 “Class 1 residential” units in Watertown. (Assessor’s Office Data, attached as “C.”) This includes the following building types: 2,853 single family; 4,033 condominium units; 5,224 units in two-family buildings; and 3,576 in apartment and mixed-use buildings. The taxes per unit vary, with the average property tax per unit for an apartment at \$3,343 and two-family at \$4,976.

Watertown currently has property tax exemptions for certain households. Below is a chart setting forth the exemption categories, exemption amounts and abatement totals for fiscal 2024.

¹ The ACS uses sampling over multiple years to develop data on a municipality level. When rents rise over the sampling period, this obviously affects the median.

² The surprising percentage of rents under \$2,000 may suggest that some owners offer below market rents because of their interest in tenant stability, their relationship with the tenant, or the unit’s condition. These units may not turnover frequently and thus not be available to those looking in the general market.

Name	Clause	# Exemptions Granted	Exemption Amount	Total Abated
Surviving Spouses, minors, or persons 70+ years old	17D	15	\$350	\$5,250
Veterans 10% Disabled	22A	52	\$800	\$41,600
Veteran Surviving Spouse, Service Connected Death	22D	8	Full Taxes	\$47,186
Veterans 100% Disabled	22E	25	\$2,000	\$50,000
Blind	37A	25	\$1,000	\$25,000
Elderly Income Based	41C	14	\$1,000	\$14,000
				\$183,036

ANALYSIS

Watertown would be the first municipality to enact a property tax exemption for affordable housing.³ This section asks the following questions: 1) would a tax exemption increase the affordability of rental units in Watertown—and at what cost in lost revenue? and 2) what are the administrative issues in enacting such an exemption?

A. Trade-off between increasing affordability and lost property tax revenue

The primary goal of this property tax exemption is to provide an incentive for owners to offer below market rent to income-qualified households.⁴ While other considerations could affect that decision, the statute's premise is that the exemption amount would substitute for the owner's lost rental income.

There is a substantial gap between market and affordable rents in Watertown's commercial real estate market. For example, the monthly gap between average and affordable rent for a one-bedroom unit is reportedly \$351. To influence such an owner, the exemption would likely need to exceed \$4,000. In contrast, all but one of Watertown's existing exemptions offer \$2,000 or less.

On the other hand, the gap between market and affordable rent varies in smaller buildings, e.g., a two- or three-family. Some of the units, particularly in buildings that have recently been constructed or renovated, may approach the rents in apartment buildings. Others may be similar in rent to deed-restricted affordable units (or even lower). An exemption amount that influences one owner to offer the unit at a lower rent may lead another owner to obtain the exemption without

³ We confirmed this with the Division of Local Services in late January 2025. On February 12, 2025, Boston City Council approved an "order" generally accepting the state statute. The next step is for the Mayor's office to design a tax exemption program for the Council's review and approval.

⁴ It is also possible that the exemption is viewed as a "reward" for owners already offering below market rent.

lowering the rent. It is not clear, therefore, what exemption amount would increase affordability—and how much that would cost in property tax revenue.⁵

B. Administrative considerations

Complying with the DLS Guidelines for implementing the affordable housing tax exemption involves significant administrative burdens:

- (1) While the lease can be accepted as documentation, verifying the actual rent paid and appropriate utility allowance would be unmanageable for the Assessor's office.
- (2) To prove qualifying income, the applicant must produce federal and state tax returns. In households with multiple taxpayers, each return must be reviewed and then stored in a location that protects confidentiality.
- (3) The unit taxation must be calculated when there is more than one unit on the parcel.
- (4) Most property tax exemptions have a single qualifying date (July 1 or January 1). The affordable housing exemption would require a supplemental filing (or more than one) if a change of tenant occurs. The Assessor's office is likely to receive applications and supplemental filings throughout the year.

CONCLUSION

Given the many questions about whether an effective affordable housing exemption can be created, Watertown should wait for experience in other municipalities in implementing the exemption or consider a highly targeted pilot program.⁶

⁵ Unlike the existing exemption categories, which in FY24 cost \$183,036, there are so many smaller buildings with rental units that even a relatively modest exemption could double or triple what is presently dedicated. For example, if 10% of the two- and three-family owners each obtained a \$1,000 exemption, the cost would be \$331,000. Also, unlike the veteran's 100% disabled exemption, none of the affordable housing exemption would be reimbursed by the state.

⁶ One such idea is to offer an exemption to an owner creating an accessory dwelling unit, as a limited number are likely to be created over a three year period.

ATTACHMENT “A”

SECTION 3. Said chapter 59 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 5N the 8 following section:-

Section 5O.

(a) In any city or town that accepts this section, the board of selectmen or select board of the town, the town council of a municipality having a town council form of government, the city manager, with the approval of the city council, in the case of a city with a plan D or plan E form of government, or the mayor, with the approval of the city council, in all other cities, may establish a property tax exemption for real property classified as Class One residential in the city or town. To qualify for the exemption, the property shall be:

- (i) rented at an affordable housing rate, as determined by the city or town and in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development guidance and regulations;
- (ii) rented on a yearly basis; and
- (iii) occupied year-round by a person or persons whose household income does not exceed an amount to be set by the city or town; provided, however, that said income shall not be more than 200 per cent of the area median income.

The property tax exemption shall be for an amount determined by the city or town; provided, however, that the amount shall not be more than the tax otherwise due on the parcel based on the full and fair assessed value multiplied by the square footage of the housing units rented and occupied by a person or persons whose household income is not more than the income limit set pursuant to clause (iii), divided by the total square footage of a structure located on the parcel. Assessment of property seeking an exemption under this section, if by an income approach to value, shall assume fair market rent for all units. The property owner seeking the exemption shall submit to the city or town any documentation the city or town deems necessary, including, but not limited to, a signed lease and proof of the occupying person or persons' household income, to confirm the eligibility of the property for the exemption under this section.

(b) A municipality may adopt ordinances or by-laws to implement this section.

ATTACHMENT “B”

DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES Informational Guideline Release March 2024 (next page)



Geoffrey E. Snyder
Commissioner of Revenue

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Senior Deputy Commissioner

Informational Guideline Release

Municipal Finance Law Bureau
Informational Guideline Release (IGR) No. 24-4
March 2024

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

(G.L. c. 59, § 50)

This Informational Guideline Release (IGR) informs local officials about a new local option affordable housing property tax exemption. It also explains local standards and procedures that may be adopted relative to the exemption.

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SUMMARY:

This Informational Guideline Release (IGR) informs local officials about a new local option, affordable housing property tax exemption. The exemption was created by section 3 of “AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE COMMONWEALTH’S COMPETITIVENESS, AFFORDABILITY AND EQUITY,” which was signed into law on October 4, 2023. [St. 2023, c. 50](#). For municipalities that accept it, this new tax exemption would apply to the property of residential unit owners who rent their units to income-qualifying persons at affordable rates on a year-round, annual basis.

GUIDELINES:

I. LOCAL ACCEPTANCE

A. Acceptance

Acceptance of G.L. c. 59, § 50 is by vote of the municipality’s legislative body, subject to charter. [G.L. c. 4, § 4](#). Following acceptance, the board of selectboard of a town; the town council of a municipality having a town council form of government; the city manager, with the city council’s approval, in a city with a plan D or E form of government; or the mayor, with the city council’s approval, in all other cities may establish the parameters of the affordable housing property tax exemption. This includes all of the locally determined amounts noted in Section II below, any other restrictions or regulations consistent with the intent of the law and any local rules and procedures. A municipality may also adopt ordinances or by-laws to implement the provisions of the exemption.

B. Effective Date

The acceptance vote should explicitly state the fiscal year in which the exemption will first be available, the first of which can be fiscal year 2025.

BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE LAW

KENNETH WOODLAND, CHIEF

C. Revocation

Acceptance may be revoked, but the city or town must wait until at least three years after acceptance. Revocation is also by vote of the legislative body, subject to charter. [G.L. c. 4, § 4B](#).

D. Notice of Acceptance or Revocation

The city or town clerk should notify the [Municipal Databank](#) that G.L. c. 59, § 50 has been accepted or revoked as soon as possible after the vote takes place.

II. SCOPE OF ABATEMENT

A. Residential Ownership

Applicants, including the trustees of a trust, must be the assessed owner of the property on which the tax to be abated is assessed and must own the property on the applicable July 1 exemption qualification date.

This exemption only applies to class one residential units. The unit is not required to be subject to an affordability restriction, but it may have one. Additionally, an accessory dwelling unit that meets the qualifications is eligible to receive the exemption.

B. Domicile

The applicant does not have to be domiciled on their property to qualify unless the municipality adopts a local rule requiring this.

C. Exemption Amount

The amount of the exemption will be determined locally but cannot be more than the tax otherwise due on the parcel (based on its assessed full and fair cash value), multiplied by the square footage of the qualifying housing units and divided by the total square footage of the structure located on the parcel.

For example, based on full and fair cash value, the tax obligation of a three-unit home is \$12,000. Each of the three units is 900 square feet. If only one of the units qualifies for the exemption, then the property owner would receive an exemption equal to 1/3 (900/2700) of the locally determined amount. As such, in this example, the maximum exemption amount would be \$4,000 for that unit.

Otherwise, if a property for which an applicant seeking an exemption is assessed by an income approach to value, then fair market rent must be assumed for all units.

D. Exemption Criteria

Residential unit owners must rent their units to income-qualifying persons at an affordable rate in order to qualify for exemption. The affordable housing rate is determined by the city or town but must be in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) guidance and regulations.

Additionally, the occupants must have an annual household income that does not exceed the amount set by the city or town; provided, however, that said income shall not be more than 200 percent of the area median income. HUD income limits are available online [here](#).

For example, a municipality determined that the gross occupant income shall not exceed 80 percent of area median income. The municipality further determined that the affordable rate shall not exceed 30 percent of the actual occupant's monthly household income. An application is submitted for an occupant household of one. The relevant area median income limit for a household of one within the statistical area in which the municipality lies was \$82,950. Under the established guidelines of the municipality as set forth above, an occupant income of \$82,950 meets the income requirement, and rent no higher than \$24,885 annually meets the affordable rate requirement.

Further, the unit(s) in question must be rented on an annual basis and be occupied by qualifying persons for the entirety of the applicable fiscal year. If a unit is occupied as such by successive but separate annual leases to qualifying persons, without a significant gap between said leases, the unit is still eligible for exemption.

There are no age-related criteria for qualifying renters.

E. Applications to Assessors

To be considered for this exemption, applicants must submit STF 50, attached below, annually to the local assessors. The applications must include, but are not limited to, a signed lease or leases evidencing an annual rental agreement (including material terms of the lease, such as the rental amount and coverage for the 12 months of the entire fiscal year at issue) with proof of the household income of the occupying person(s) as established through federal and state income tax returns. The application must be filed with the assessors on or before the abatement deadline date, which is the due date of the first actual tax bill.

Any abatements granted shall be charged against the overlay account. As such, the assessors should factor in the amounts needed to fund the exemption when determining overlay needs each year.

III. ADOPTION OF LOCAL RULES

As noted above, the board of selectmen or select board of a town; the town council of a municipality having a town council form of government; the city manager, with the

city council's approval, in a city with a plan D or E form of government; or the mayor, with the city council's approval, in all other cities may establish the parameters of the affordable housing property tax exemption. This includes all of the locally determined amounts noted in Section II above, any other restrictions or regulations consistent with the intent of the law and any local rules and procedures. A municipality may also adopt ordinances or by-laws to implement the provisions of the exemption.

A municipality should adopt rules to determine:

- The maximum amount of the exemption;
- The annual occupant household income limit;
- The affordable housing rate of rent;
- The domiciliary requirements of the owner, if any; and
- Any other restrictions or regulations consistent with the intent of the law it elects to implement.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Assessors' Use only

Date Received

Application No.

Parcel Id.

Name of City or Town

FISCAL YEAR _____ APPLICATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXEMPTION
General Laws Chapter 59, § 50

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION
(See General Laws Chapter 59, § 60)

Return to: Board of Assessors

Must be filed with assessors not later than due
date of first actual (not preliminary) tax payment
for fiscal year.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all sections fully. Please print or type.

A. IDENTIFICATION OF OWNER.

Name of Owner/Applicant: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Legal residence (domicile) on July 1, _____

Mailing address (if different)

No. Street City/Town Zip Code

Location of property: _____

No. of dwelling units: 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ Other _____Did you own the property on July 1, _____ Yes ☐ No ☐

B. IDENTIFICATION OF RENTER/LESSEE.

Name of Renter/Lessee: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Legal residence (domicile) on July 1, _____

Mailing address (if different)

No. Street City/Town Zip Code

No. Street City/Town Zip Code

Did the Renter/Lessee live in the property on July 1, Yes ☐ No ☐If no, did another qualifying Renter/Lessee live in the property on July 1? Yes ☐ No ☐Does the Renter/Lessee intend on living at the property through June 30, Yes ☐ No ☐If no, will another qualifying Renter/Lessee live in the property through June 30? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please supplement this application within 30 days of any change of Renter/Lessee.

Is the Renter/Lessee subject to an annual lease? Yes ☐ No ☐

How much rent is being charged (monthly)? _____

Are there any other charges being made upon the Renter/Lessee (whether included in the rental agreement or not)? If
so, please identify the charges and the respective amounts. _____

Please attach a copy of the signed lease(s) to this application.

Other information (as required by the local assessors): _____

C. RENTER/LESSEE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME. Copies of Renter/Lessee's federal and state income tax returns, and other documentation, may be requested to verify income.

	All Household Members
Number of persons in the household.....	
Total gross income from all persons.....	

D. PARCEL INFORMATION.

How many units on are the parcel.....	
Total square footage of the structure located on the parcel.....	
Total square footage of qualifying housing units.....	

E. SIGNATURE. Sign here to complete the application.

This application has been prepared or examined by me. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this return and all accompanying documents and statements are true, correct and complete.

Signature of Owner Applicant

Date

If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer.

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS' USE ONLY)

Ownership ☐	GRANTED ☐	Assessed Tax	\$ _____
Occupancy ☐	DENIED ☐	Prorated Exemption Amount	\$ _____
Income ☐	DEEMED DENIED ☐	Adjusted Tax	\$ _____
Rate ☐		Board of Assessors	
Date Voted/Deemed Denied _____			
Certificate No. _____			
Date Cert./Notice Sent _____			
		Date:	

FILING THIS FORM DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF YOUR TAXES

THIS FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXEMPTIONS

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS. You may be eligible to reduce all or a portion of the taxes assessed on your real property if you meet the qualifications described herein for the affordable housing exemption allowed under Massachusetts law.

More detailed information about the qualifications for this exemption may be obtained from your board of assessors.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION. You may file an application if you meet all qualifications as of July 1. You may also apply if you are the personal representative of the estate, or trustee under the will, of a person who qualified for a personal exemption on July 1.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED. Your application must be filed with the assessors on or before the date the first installment payment of the actual tax bill mailed for the fiscal year is due, unless you are a mortgagee. If so, your application must be filed during the last 10 days of the abatement application period. Actual tax bills are those issued after the tax rate is set. Applications filed for omitted, revised or reassessed taxes must be filed within 3 months of the date the bill for those taxes was mailed. THESE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN ABATEMENT AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE. TO BE TIMELY FILED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE (1) RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE OR (2) MAILED BY UNITED STATES MAIL, FIRST CLASS POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE PROPER ADDRESS OF THE ASSESSORS ON OR BEFORE THE FILING DEADLINE AS SHOWN BY A POSTMARK MADE BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

PAYMENT OF TAX. Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. In some cases, you must pay all preliminary and actual installments of the tax when due to appeal the assessors' disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an exemption is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as exempted, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

ASSESSORS DISPOSITION. Upon applying for an exemption, you may be required to provide the assessors with further information and supporting documentation to establish your eligibility. The assessors have 3 months from the date your application is filed to act on it unless you agree in writing before that period expires to extend it for a specific time. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an exemption has been granted or denied.

APPEAL. You may appeal the disposition of your application to the Appellate Tax Board, or if applicable, the County Commissioners. The appeal must be filed within 3 months of the date the assessors acted on your application, or the date your application was deemed denied, whichever is applicable. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.
