



## **Watertown City Council**

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### **Climate and Energy Committee Report**

The Climate and Energy committee convened on Tuesday September 24, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the City Council office. The purpose of the meeting was to interview Jeanne Trubek and Silas Fyler for reappointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee (WE3C). Present at the meeting were Tony Palomba, chair; Caroline Bays, vice chair; and John Airasian, secretary.

Jeanne Trubek was interviewed first and asked what her role is and how the committee has been progressing. She stated her role has been to serve as co-chair and feels she has been a senior anchor for the committee since she has been involved for the past 6 years. The committee continues to be busy with several initiatives and her focus has been on transportation. She is pleased to see Watertown continuing to take climate change seriously. She is very excited to see the Whaddah Hoppah move forward and believes regional transit needs to be established through neighboring cities and towns.

Sylas Fyler was asked what the most rewarding aspect of serving on WE3C and he stated he is very impressed with the people, the work ethic and a common desire to get things accomplished. Mr. Fyler spoke briefly on BERDO saying that it is currently in the hands of city staff and believes there will be some more back and forth moving forward, so he could not give a solid timeline on when it would reach council. When asked about what accomplishments he would like to see in the next 2 years, Mr Fyler would like to continue supporting Resilient Watertown and its goals.

Action Item: Councilor Bays made a motion seconded by Councilor Airasian to recommend the City Council approve the reappointment of Jeanne Trubek to WE3C for a term expiring November 15, 2027. The motion passed 3-0

Action item: Councilor Bays made a motion seconded by Councilor Airasian to recommend the City Council approve the reappointment of Sylas Fyler to WE3C for a term expiring November 15, 2027. The motion passed 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 6pm. Minutes by John Airasian

## **Climate and Energy Committee Report**

The Climate and Energy committee convened on Monday October 7, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the City Council office. The purpose of the meeting was to interview Bruce Gellerman for appointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee (WE3C). Present at the meeting were Tony Palomba, chair; Caroline Bays, vice chair; and John Airasian, secretary.

Mr. Gellerman was drawn to the WE3C as he has a background of over 30 years of experience with climate science. He has worked for NPR and WBUR which included reporting from Chernobyl as well as covering climate talks at the UN. He currently teaches at Simmons College and believes climate is the defining issue of our time. Some things he believes he can help with or accomplish; Mr. Gellerman wants to make sure he understands the ambitions of the committee and the city. He went on to mention, making transitions when it comes to traffic, beautification, tree planting etc. An area of particular interest to him is bike and mobility issues.

Action item: Councilor Bays made a motion seconded by Councilor Airasian to recommend the City Council approve the appointment of Bruce Gellerman to WE3C for a term expiring November 15, 2025. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45  
Minutes by John Airasian

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Anthony Palomba,  
Chair

Caroline Bays,  
Vice Chair

John M. Airasian,  
Secretary