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Report of the Climate and Energy Committee January 11, 2024

The committee convened on Tuesday January 11th at 5:30 pm in the City Council Office. Present were Tony Palomba, chair; Caroline Bays, vice chair; and John Airasian, secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct two interviews for reappointment to the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee (WE3C).

The meeting was called to order and the first person interviewed was Lauri Murphy. Ms. Murphy has been on the committee since its inception. In the last 2 years, Ms. Murphy mentioned that she has been able to recruit many members to participate. A goal of hers is to continue to move much more towards electrification and away from fossil fuels. One of her main tasks in WE3C is managing Watertown Electricity Choice. Participation in that program continues to increase. Soon, Ms. Murphy hopes to manage more events to create even more education and participation opportunities.

Action Item: Councilor Bays made a motion, with a second from Councilor Airasian to recommend that the City Council approve the reappointment of Lauri Murphy to WE3C with a term expiring November 15, 2026. The motion passed 3-0

The second person interviewed was Marcia Ciro who is seeking appointment for the first time. Ms. Ciro explained that she has always been interested in energy conservation. One of the concerns she mentioned is the raising of rates as more people move towards electrification. Ms. Ciro has a background in graphic design and would like to see a WE3C newsletter and is willing to help in any way. She is interested in working with the energy advocate to help spread the word on what residents can do to get electrified.

Action Item: Councilor Bays made a motion, with a second from Councilor Airasian to recommend the City Council approve the appointment on Marcia Ciro to WE3C for a 1-year term expiring November 15, 2025. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20
Minutes prepared by John Airasian.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Anthony Palomba,
Chair

Carline Bays,
Vice Chair

John M. Airasian,
Secretary