



Watertown City Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

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

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

Report of the Committee on Economic Development and Planning Meeting Date: September 27, 2023

The Committee convened on Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Office. Present were Lisa Feltner, chair; John Gannon, vice chair; and Vincent Piccirilli, secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a Public Arts & Culture Committee interview.

Barbara Epstein has been involved in arts and culture in Watertown for over 30 years, in the Watertown Schools as a Cultural Enrichment Coordinator, as the founding Board President of the Arsenal Center for the Arts, as a founding member of the original ad hoc Public Arts committee, and as a member of the Cultural Council. As an arts organizer, she is interested in building an arts infrastructure in Watertown to ensure long term success and train the next generation of arts leaders.

➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Gannon, to recommend that the City Council confirm Barbara Epstein for appointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee for a term to expire November 15, 2024. Voted 3-0.

(Note: This appointment fills one of the new positions added to the PACC on May 23, 2023.)

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Report prepared by Vincent Piccirilli