



## **Watertown City Council**

### **Committee on Public Works**

Councilor Piccirilli, Chair, Councilor Feltner, Vice Chair,  
Councilor Palomba, Secretary

Meeting on June 17, 2024, 5:30 PM, City Council Office

Committee Report

City Council Meeting June 25, 2024

The Committee on Public Works met in the City Council Office on Monday, June 17 to interview Warren Tolman for appointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee to a term expiring July 15, 2026. Present were Councilor Piccirilli, Chair, Councilor Feltner, Vice Chair, and Councilor Palomba, Secretary. The meeting began at 5:10 PM.

The Committee recognized that Mr. Tolman has extensive public service having served in the

Massachusetts Legislature as a Representative and as a Senator. When asked why he wants to serve on the Stormwater Advisory Committee, Mr. Tolman responded that he has always been interested in managing stormwater and as the Chair of the MWRA Subcommittee on Operations during his tenure in the Legislature he played a key role in addressing inflow and infiltration issues. His efforts in tandem with the MWRA resulted in a reduction of waste and a significant savings to residents. He would like to work with the other members of the SAC to continue to address Watertown's stormwater issues and the ongoing implementation of the Stormwater Ordinance. He is particularly concerned about climate change and the need to mitigate the impact of powerful storms. He believes his knowledge of public policy and how government works will be an added benefit to the Committee.

At various times during the meeting Councilors Piccirilli and Feltner shared their institutional knowledge about stormwater issues and how the City is addressing them. Mr. Tolman appreciated the information and said that he looks forward to learning more from the present members of the SAC and the staff at the Department of Public Works, as well as investigating best practices from other cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

#### **Action Item:**

Councilor Palomba the follow motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner.

**The Committee on Public Works recommends that the City Council approve the appointment of Warren Tolman to the Stormwater Advisory Committee to a term expiring July 15, 2026.**

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Councilor Feltner made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Palomba

and passed.

The meeting ended at 5:40 PM and the minutes were prepared by Councilor Palomba

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr.,  
Chair

Lisa J. Feltner,  
Vice Chair

Anthony Palomba,  
Secretary