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Residents' Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Minutes

Attendees

Committee Members: Kathryn Madden, Liz Cremens, Theo Offei, Sam Ling (Tom Tracy not present)

Administrative:

The meeting started at 5:00 PM. The next RAC meeting is April 2 at 5 PM.

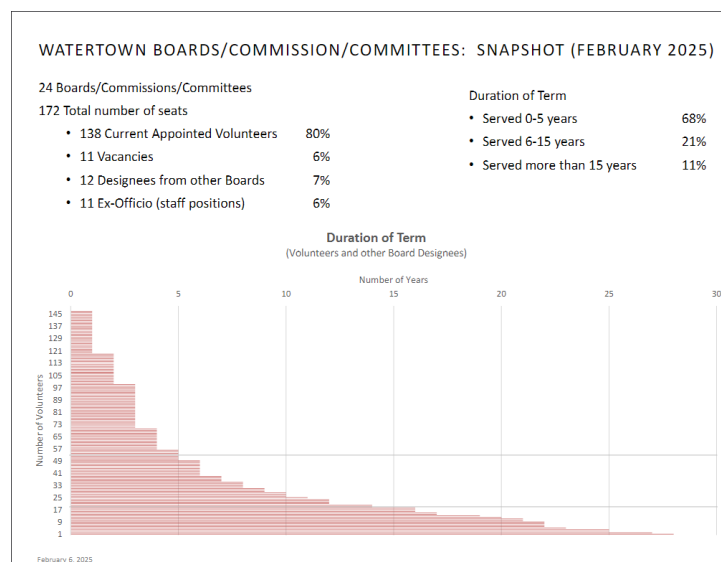
On vote approved the RAC minutes for meetings on January 8, 2025 and February 5, 2025.

Changed dates of the upcoming meetings of RAC: June 4, 2025 changed to June 11, 2025 and October 1, 2025 to October 8, 2025.

Discussion:

Snapshot of Current Terms of Boards/Commissions/Committees

Kathryn Madden prepared data on the years of service of the current members on the Boards/Commissions/Committees (Boards). Below is a chart and data on the Boards—number of positions, number of current vacancies, etc.



Civic Academy

Kathryn Madden and JoAnna Hand met with Tyler Cote, Community Engagement Specialist. The Watertown Civic Academy is accepting applicants for first session to start on Thursday May 8 for six subsequent sessions on Thursdays from 6 PM – 8 PM ending June 12. Application closes on March 23. So far, a number of applications have been received.

Announcement of the Civic Academy has been publicized on the City of Watertown Website and other social media platforms. An email will be sent from RAC to persons who have submitted applications to RAC for appointment to Boards/Commissions/Committees.

In June at the conclusion of the Civic Academy there are preliminary plans for a thank you celebration for volunteer members of all the Boards/Commissions/Committees.

Update Video on Serving on Watertown Boards/Commissions/Committees

There are preliminary plans for updating the current Video on serving on Watertown Boards/Commissions/Committees (“Boards”) on the Watertown Boards website. RAC will be working with Tyler Cote on this project. One idea is to do videos with current members of Boards regarding their service as well as the City staff who work with the Boards at the Thank You Celebration.

Civic Plus Program

Changes to the Universal Application are in process. Kathryn Madden and JoAnna continue to work with Civic Plus on the change and organization of information submitted.

Executive Session

At 5:21 moved into Executive Session to interview and consider applicants by Motion of Theo Offei seconded by Sam Ling unanimously approved.

The meeting did not reconvene as a public meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Minutes submitted by Liz Cremens, March 7,2025 Approved April 2,2025