



CITY OF WATERTOWN

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WATERTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2026

On February 17, 2026, the Watertown Board of Assessors had a scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. in person, in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor) of the City Hall.

Meeting called into session at 9:32 A.M. by Chair Earl L. Smith, present for the meeting were, Richard V. Moynihan, Board Member, Kathleen Colleary, Board Member, Earl L. Smith, also present Sean DelRose, Assistant Assessor, and Judy Gilreath, Principal Account Clerk - scribe.

December 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from December 23, 2025.

Richard motioned to approve the minutes. Kathleen seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of December 23, 2025.

Review/Vote on Motor Vehicle Commitment –

2024.8 -- \$46.03 / 2025.7 -- \$29,578.90 / 2026.1 -- *\$3,997,008.26

Kathleen motioned to approve the 2024.8 / 2025.7 and 2026.1 Motor Vehicle commitments.

Richard seconded.

*Note: Both Kathleen (\$40.80) and Richard (\$125.25) recused themselves respectively of their Excise Tax Bills.

The Board voted unanimously to approve.

Office Updates:

Abatement season ended February 2, 2026.

49 Total Abatements 15 Residential / 24 Commercial / 9 Solar / 1 Mixed

We are in good shape.

Overlay Balance:

Is \$3.5 million. In the next couple months we will review the surplus to determine amount to give back to the city.

Form of List and Income and Expense have all been sent out.

All due back March 1, 2026.

Old/New Business:

Short discussion over Residential Exemption request on a property owned by an Irrevocable Trust, regarding the occupant (owner before trust established) who was not granted life estate or listed as a beneficiary.

Discussion took place on Personal Property – Manufacturing

Discussion took place on Blanket Solar Exemption

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Scheduling Next Board Meeting: March 24, 2026 @ 9:30 A.M.
Next meeting to be Chaired by Sean DelRose, Assistant Assessor

Executive Session

Citing Applications for abatement or exemption are confidential under G.L. c. 59, S 60, Chair made a motion to convene in executive session under purpose 7 to comply with, or act under the authority of, that general law regarding Applications for Exemptions.

The Chair recommended going into Executive Session and indicated the Board would not reconvene the public meeting after Executive Session. In attendance: Earl Smith, Board Chair, Kathleen Colleary and Richard Moynihan, Board Members and Sean DelRose, Assistant Assessor. Further, Judy Gilreath will remain present at the request of the Board as it is not inconsistent with the executive session as she is an employee that has access to confidential information and is acting as an agent of the Board.

Kathleen made the motion to move to the Executive Session. Richard seconded.
The Board voted to move to the Executive Session

Richard made the motion to move to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen seconded.

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

The regular meeting ended at 10:04 A.M.

APPROVED
03-24-2026

Earl Smith
Richard Moynihan
Kathleen Colleary