



Watertown City Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
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Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
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Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Theophilus Offei,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

Minutes of the Committee on Economic Development and Planning Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

The Committee convened on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Office on the second floor. Present were John Gannon, chair; Vincent Piccirilli, vice chair; and Lisa Feltner, secretary.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an interview with Jan Taylor to serve on the Public Arts and Culture Committee.

Jan Taylor is seeking appointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee as she loves living here and enjoys the vibrancy of Watertown. As someone who grew up in Provincetown and whose grandmother was a founder of Provincetown Arts, she recognizes that the arts play a big role in community connections and economic development, with strong support from the City Council. She is an entrepreneur who has experience serving as chair for nonprofits, currently works on fundraising and marketing for the New Arts Center in Newton, and she has a passion for tying local businesses' missions with service to the community, as well as connections between wellness and the arts. In addition to ideas for identifying more opportunities for visual art, she would like to focus on cultural events that engage multi-generational residents, which would also help to combat loneliness.

Action Item: Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner, to recommend City Council confirm Jan Taylor for appointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2028.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Feltner