



## **Committee on Public Safety Report**

**May 19, 2026**

The committee convened on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 5:30pm in the City Council Office. Present were Nicole Gardner, Chair; Vinnie Piccirilli, Vice Chair; and Emily Izzo, Secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct two reappointments to the Traffic Commission.

### **Daniel Grieneisen**

Mr. Grieneisen has served on the Traffic Commission for approximately 8 months. He appreciates how engaged residents are on local traffic issues and enjoys working through potential changes to City traffic rules. He discussed the strong community engagement during the Russell Avenue curbside discussion, noting how residents are actively involved in local issues. He shared that four-way stops were recently added in the School Street and Maplewood area. The Commission has also discussed implementing two-hour parking restrictions city-wide and raising fines for violations of the overnight winter parking ban. He mentioned the helpfulness of the packets organized by Sgt. Sampson and the importance of recommendations to the Department of Public Works for feasibility studies.

Mr. Grieneisen moved to Watertown 7-8 years ago with his family and has school-aged children. He joined the Commission to become more involved in his community and to help make improvements, particularly addressing safety concerns such as the shortage of crossing guards on Orchard Street and changes to crosswalks near Hosmer School due to the Mount Auburn Street project. He expressed his desire to continue working to make the city safer and better for residents.

⇒ Action Item - Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Izzo, to reappoint Daniel Grieneisen as a member of the Traffic Commission to a term expiring May 15, 2029. The motion passed 3-0.

### **Robert Airasian**

Mr. Airasian reported that the Commission is functioning well despite the loss of long-time member Steve Magoon. The new additional members have been engaged and contributory. He proposed developing clear Rules and Orders for the Commission by adapting samples from other cities to add structure and make procedures more

accessible. He also recommended improving resident notifications and promoting sign-up options for updates. Mr. Airasian supported the School Street/Maplewood 4-way stop and suggested an orientation for new members to accelerate their integration. He described the Commission's focus as broadly aimed at traffic calming and improving safety.

⇒ Action Item — Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Izzo, to reappoint Robert Airasian as a member of the Traffic Commission to a term expiring May 15, 2029. The motion passed 3–0.

The committee convened at 6:03pm. Report prepared by Emily Izzo.