



WATERTOWN

MASSACHUSETTS

Residents' Advisory Committee Wednesday, June 10, 2026 Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Kathryn Madden, Liz Cremens, Dan D'Amico, Michael Merullo, and Sam Ling.

Administrative:

The meeting started at 5:00. The next RAC meeting is Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 5 PM.

The meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday, July 8, 2026 in view of the 4th of July week.

Approval of Minutes:

Review of the Minutes for the May 3, 2026. Michael moved to approve the Minutes with edits, seconded by Sam. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Administrative Code Changes to City Boards/Commissions/Committees:

Reviewed the summary, prepared by Kathryn, of essential information on the City Boards, Commissions/Committees with changes made by recent adoption of the Administrative Code highlighted in yellow. <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:ac17208f-14f2-407f-9c7b-e7c927708124>

Civics Academy Graduation:

All Board/Commission/Committee members are invited to the Civic Academy Graduation on June 18 at 6 PM at the Commander's Mansion. All agreed would be great opportunity to reach out to graduates, about thirty in number, regarding participation on the City Boards and the application process.

Outreach:

Board Video

Kathryn reported that at the Civics Academy Graduation; in order to make the recording of videos of members of Boards, she has arranged with Tyler Cote to have room set aside with video equipment for members of Boards to make their presentations. The questions will be available for them to prepare.

RAC members can assist in gathering Board members in attendance to make their presentation. Will try to locate the Board members who had indicated that they would provide a video presentation and have not yet submitted a video.

Participation at Eco-Fest

Michael, Liz and Kathryn attended Eco-Fest in our RAC T-Shirts. Rainy day made interaction with attendees difficult. Some names were gathered. Also talked with current members of Boards regarding the experience needs for future members of their Board and their participation in recruiting persons for appointment.

Participation in Watertown Farmers' Market

Discussed RAC's participation in the Watertown Farmers Market, decided that rather than staffing a Community Table at one of the Farmers' Market days we will pursue the plan of RAC members (wearing our T-Shirts) and talking to attendees about the City Boards and the ways to participate and apply for appointment.

At Eco-Fest Kathryn mentioned the plan to Stephanie Venizelos, Assistant Director of Human Services, who is in charge of the Watertown Farmers Market. Stephanie expressed some concerns. It was decided that Liz will meet with Stephanie about RAC's plan.

Participation in the Watertown Arts Fair

Liz reported there are no tables available at the Arts Fair on Saturday, August 8 at Arsenal Park.

Participation in Faire in the Square

Watertown Faire in the Square is scheduled for Saturday September 19, 12-5 PM. In future we will discuss the RAC participation. JoAnna has registered RAC for a table.

Executive Session

At 5:40 PM Sam made a Motion to move into Executive Session to interview and consider applicants and not reconvene as a public meeting, seconded by Michael and unanimously approved. The RAC went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MGL 30A, Section 21(a), Subsection (8): to consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee if an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants; provided, however, that this clause shall not apply to any meeting, including meetings of a preliminary screening committee, to consider and interview applicants who have passed a preliminary screening.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM

Minutes submitted by Liz Cremens July 16, 2026
Approved at RAC meeting on August 5, 2026