



Watertown City Council
Committee on Education and School System Matters
June 23, 2026 Meeting

The Committee convened on June 23rd, 2026 at 6:20PM. Present were Emily Izzo, Chair; John Gannon, Vice Chair; and Theo Offei, Secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews for appointments to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors.

Adrienne Roberts

Ms. Roberts is the Stewardship Manager for Major and Planned Giving at Pine Street Inn in Boston, a role she has held since January 2022. In an internal writing and project management role on the major gifts team, she writes reports and proposals for donors, hosts small donor engagement events, and manages volunteers. Before Pine Street Inn, she spent four years at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, advancing from Development Associate to Stewardship Officer to Development Officer, and previously worked as a part-time grant writer for Food Link in Arlington. She holds a Master of Science in Food and Agricultural Policy from the Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

She brings an extensive background in nonprofit fundraising and development. Amongst those:

- Creating and leading the execution of a major and planned giving donor stewardship calendar at Pine Street Inn, partnering with gift officers on gift proposals, reports, and other written materials and mailings.
- Implementing a new Board member welcome package and outgoing Board member recognition gifts, and managing gift acknowledgments for major donors.
- Co-managing InnCouncil, a group of long-time volunteers, to develop engagement strategies including regular volunteer opportunities and events.
- Co-chairing three restricted giving teams at Perkins School for the Blind tasked with developing compelling messaging, engaging new prospects, and increasing revenue, and cultivating and soliciting an assigned portfolio of institutional donors.
- Managing budget and financial report development from early stage to final product, and writing persuasive grant proposals and reports to institutional donors.

Ms. Roberts applied after receiving a letter from the City Manager inviting her to apply. While she has no prior familiarity with the Cable Access Corporation Board, she indicated she would be happy to contribute her expertise in fundraising to further the mission of Watertown Cable Access. She is a member of the Watertown Rapid Response Network.

Councilor Gannon made a motion seconded by Councilor Offei to appoint Adrienne Roberts to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors, filling the unexpired term of Christopher McKenzie, with a term expiring September 15, 2027. The motion passed 3-0.

Lindsay Graham

Ms. Graham is the Assistant Director of Athletic Communications at Stonehill College, where she serves as the primary media contact for the Division I men's basketball program and several other varsity sports. She brings nearly a decade of experience in athletic communications, marketing, and media production, including four years as Director of Marketing, Promotions & Athletic Communications at Simmons University and two stints in athletic communications at Harvard University. She also serves the City of Watertown directly as Program Coordinator of the Watertown Men's Summer Basketball League for the Recreation Department. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Studies from McDaniel College and is completing a Master of Science in Sport Leadership at Northeastern University (anticipated 2026).

She brings an extensive background in media, communications, and community programming. Amongst those:

- Securing increased regional and national exposure for Stonehill's Skyhawks with games on linear regional network NESN and ESPN+, and coordinating with Bridgewater TV (BTV), a regional award-winning community cable access station, to broadcast athletic events on NESN, ESPN+, and NEC Front Row.
- Serving as Program Coordinator for the Watertown Men's Summer Basketball League, overseeing the budget, supervising and training a staff of ten scorekeepers, expanding the league, and raising money for the Watertown Boys & Girls Club.
- Directing all internal and external athletic communications, marketing, and promotion for eleven varsity programs at Simmons University, increasing social media presence and engagement by over 100% and leading the athletic website platform transition.
- Serving on the WHS Digital Media Pathway Program Committee since October 2024, as well as volunteering as photographer for the Watertown Boys & Girls Club annual golf tournament, 5K road race, and 50th Anniversary Gala.

Ms. Graham is familiar with the Cable Access Corporation Board, having read meeting minutes, attended meetings in person or virtually, and watched cable access recordings. She indicated she is passionate about engaging the community and promoting all the great things the City of Watertown is doing, and wants to increase continued participation.

Councilor Gannon made a motion seconded by Councilor Offei to appoint Lindsay Graham to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors with a term expiring September 15, 2029. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43PM