



Watertown Town Council

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John G. Gannon,
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Anthony Palomba,
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District A Councilor

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District B Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 AT 6:15 P.M. MEETING WILL ONLY HAVE REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION WITH PUBLIC ACCESS AGENDA

The Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. in accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 COVID-19 emergency and to avoid group congregation, this meeting had only remote opportunities for participation with public access provided as follows:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <https://imd0mxanj2.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ssr/live/60195e83b9696d00075a2e67>
- B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- C. Public may join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
- D. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

1. ROLL CALL

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 P.M.

To Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Negotiating Position of the Public Body – Stanley Avenue – Parcel 807 1B 1A

3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC FORUM

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Town Council Meeting

B. Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Town Council Meeting

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Correspondence from the [Retirement Board and Referral to the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight](#).

B. Composite Evaluation Reports for Town Auditor and Town Council Clerk

C. Referral to the Committee on Personnel and Town Organization - Consideration of Salary Adjustment for the Council Clerk for FY21 and the Town Auditor for FY 20 and FY 21

8. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

Proclamation Commemorating [Greek Independence Day](#) – March 25, 2021

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote to on a Petition for a Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY to [Install on Arsenal Street Easterly](#) from MH2914, Thence Turning Southerly, Approximately 908 Feet East of School Street, a Distance of Approximately 139± Feet of Conduit. The Applicant Has Confirmed with DPW that if the Excavation Impacts the Existing Imprinted Crosswalk, the Imprinted Crosswalk Will Be Restored. Once Approved by the Town Council, a Street Opening Permit Issued by DPW Will Be Required to Perform the Work

B. Public Hearing and Vote to on a Petition for a Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY to Install Approximately 47 Feet of Conduit in North Beacon Street, Easterly Starting from MH29974 Near the Intersection of Charles River Road. Any Excavation in the Adjacent Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Right of Way Must Be Permitted Through DCR. The Reason for this Work is to [Provide Electric Service at 300 North Beacon Street](#), Watertown. Once approved by the Town Council, a Street Opening Permit Issued by DPW Will Be Required to Perform the Work. Due to the Condition of the Existing Roadway, Roadway Mill and Overlay Restoration, Including Pavement Marking Restoration Shall Be Completed as Directed by DPW

C. Public Hearing and Vote to on a Petition for a Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY to

Install on Arsenal Street Northerly from Pole#5/23, Near Talcott Avenue, a Distance of Approximately 5± Feet of Conduit. The Reason for this Work Is to [Provide an Underground Service to 400 Arsenal Street](#). Once Approved by the Town Council, a Street Opening Permit Issued by DPW Will Be Required to Perform the Work.

- D. Public Hearing and Vote to on a Petition for a Grant of Location from RCN Telecom Services, LLC to Lay, Maintain and Operate Underground Conduits, with Cables to Be Placed Therein, Under the Surface of the Public Way on [485 Arsenal Street](#): Starting at Eversource MH #10455 on Arsenal Street, Trench and Install 25 Feet ± of 4-Inch Conduit in a Westerly Direction to the Existing Riser at Utility Pole #5/16. Once Approved by Town Council, a Street Opening Permit Issued by DPW Will Be Required to Perform the Work. Additionally, Applicant Shall Coordinate Directly with DCR with Respect to Any Impacts to Adjacent DCR Bicycle Path

- E. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance to [Modify Hours of Operation of the Administration Building and Senior Center](#)

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

An Order Approving the [Naming of a Private Way as Arsenal Place](#)

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding the [Capital Improvement Program](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the Town Council Adopt the 33 Conceptual Recommendations as Contained in the Committee Report
2. That the Town Council Recommend that the Town Manager Maintain the FY2022 Capital Spending so that It Does Not Exceed 8% of the Submitted FY2022 Operating Budget in Order to Meet the Town Council's Budget Policy Guideline that the Town Should Seek to Make Capital Expenditures (Including Debt and Exclusive of the School Building for the Future Initiative Funding and Enterprise Funds) Equal to at Least 7.5-8% of the Operating Budget

- B. Committees on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the [Review of the Watertown Housing Plan](#) with Recommendations - Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair, Economic Development and Planning; Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Adopt the Watertown Housing Plan, with the Administration to Bring Forward Recommended Implementation Plans for Each Specific Strategy for Policy Guidance from the Town Council

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Board of Election Commissioners.

14. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. PUBLIC FORUM

17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT