



# Watertown Town Council

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,  
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,  
Vice President &  
District C Councilor

Caroline Bays  
Councilor At Large

Anthony J. Donato,  
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,  
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,  
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,  
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,  
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 MINUTES**

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](mailto:vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov)

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 7:00 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, through remote opportunities for participation with public access. Those present were Councilors Caroline Bays, Anthony J. Donato, John G. Gannon, Lisa J. Feltner, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Kenneth M. Woodland was absent. Also present were Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, Steve Magoon, Director of Community Development/Assistant Town Manager, Thomas Tracy, Town Auditor/Assistant Manager for Finance, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to enter executive session; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Russ Arico – Spoke out against those who supported the Declaration for a Climate Change Emergency and for those who enabled its referral to Committee.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the [February 23, 2021 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Town Council meeting as corrected; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Minutes of the [March 9, 2021 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Town Council meeting as written; Councilor Bays seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

Council President Sideris stated that the Town Council received a letter from the Retirement Board requesting an increase in their stipend. Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the request to the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight; Councilor Bays seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Council President made a motion to move up items 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D in the hearing; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

Minutes for this item may be found after Item 9D below.

- 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

Minutes for this item may be found after Item 9D below.

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

Mr. Schifone, representing Eversource Energy, stated that this is a request to install 2 pieces of conduit to 100 Talcott Street which will take about 3 days of excavation without disturbing any abutters; Eversource will repair any crosswalks that are disturbed; and the client is ready to be serviced.

Council President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to provide a grant of location to 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; Councilor Bays seconded the motion.

In the discussion, the following matters were brought up:

- A concern was raised about the existing 94 double poles in Town and how this matter could be addressed
- It was unfortunate that the grants of location had to be put on hold until other matters listed at a Town Council meeting were addressed; then it was promptly taken care of
- The issue is that the work must be done in sequence and it is difficult to hold one utility accountable for the other utilities.
- While it may be difficult for the pole owners to have to make the needed requests, they would have greater sway over the other utilities and persuade them to make the needed moves

- The grants before the Council are affecting businesses and not residential customers and they may have greater leverage in moving the process along
- Some road repairs when made are subpar even after one year of settlement. The examples of Irving St., Garnet St. and Morse St. were provided.
- The State maintains a list of the order of the utilities on the poles. Eversource is at the top and the order of removal is from the top down.
- A request was made that any grant of location request have an order of utilities on the affected pole/s listed.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 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

Mr. Schifone stated that the request would be to provide electrical service to 300 North Beacon Street. The utility has already received a permit from DCR to do work on the property owned by DCR. The roadway markings for bicycle lanes and crosswalks that are disturbed will be repaired by Eversource.

Council President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the 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; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. Questions were raised about the road restoration and the extent of

it. Mr. Schifone stated the road would be repaired in accordance with the DPW direction. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 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.

Mr. Schifone stated that this request is to provide underground service to 400 Arsenal Street. The conduit would come off an existing pole. It is uncertain if this pole will be used; however, if there is a change, Eversource will come back with a separate grant of location request to relocate the conduit.

Council President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the 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; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 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

Alex Ortiz, representing RCN, stated that this is a fiber optic feed to NESN. Council President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve 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; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

## 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- B. Composite Evaluation Reports for Town Auditor and Town Council Clerk  
Council President Sideris stated that both the Town Council Clerk evaluations were based on a 1-5 scale.

The averages for each category for each position was noted:

### Town Council Clerk:

Demonstrates Required Job Skills and Knowledge – 3.88

Ability to Learn and Use New Skills – 3.75

Uses Resources Available in an Effective Manner – 3.63

Responds Effectively to Assigned Responsibilities – 3.75

Meets Attendance Requirements – 4.0

Listens to Directions from Councilors – 3.75

Takes Responsibility for Actions – 4.0

Honors Commitments – 4.0

Demonstrates Problem Solving Skills – 3.75

Offers Constructive Suggestions for Improvements – 3.63

Generates Creative Ideas and Solutions – 3.63

Meets Challenges Head On – 3.63

The total average of all factors was 3.78.

### Town Auditor

Leadership – 4.5

Quality of Work and Service to the Town – 3.3

Productivity – 3.0

Initiative and Creativity – 4.25

Adaptability – 4.0

Communication – 3.63

Cooperation – 4.13

The total average of all factors was 3.36

Council President Sideris thanked each party for their strong efforts on behalf of the community.

- 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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer to Committee on Personnel and Town Organization the consideration of salary adjustment for the Council Clerk for FY21 and the Town Auditor for FY 20 and FY 21; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

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

Councilor Kounelis read the proclamation. She also stated that the Leonard Zakim Bridge and the Longfellow Bridge would be lit in blue to celebrate as well as other celebrations including the lighting of the Delta in blue and white and the flying of the Greek flag in front of Town Hall on March 25<sup>th</sup> in accordance with protocol.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the proclamation; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the request and stated this has been in effect since 2005. The change in hours will begin on the Tuesday before Memorial Day, May 25, 2021, and end on the Friday prior to Labor Day September 3, 2021. He requested the Council's favorable consideration.

Council President Sideris opened the Public Hearing; there being no speakers, the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the proposed ordinance to modify the hours of operation of the Administration Building and the Senior Center; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### 10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

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

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Mr. Magoon stated that this is a request to designate a private way as Arsenal Place under MGL 85 § 3A. In this case, two owners are willing to provide

access access from Arsenal Street and Walnut Street to limit the number of intersections and entrance points. The way will be named Arsenal Place, which the DPW has designated as an acceptable name.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve an Order naming a private way as Arsenal Place; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion.

A question was raised to regarding the ability of the public to travel the way. Attorney Reich stated that a private way is subject to public rights of access but is not considered a proper town way that is accepted by the Town. Mr. Magoon stated the permit does not authorize public access; the roadway does not extend all the way through to Walnut Street. A concern regarding the possible confusion of so many references to Arsenal was mentioned. Mr. Magoon stated that in the case of Private Ways, the owners suggest the name of the way which is reviewed by the Department of Public Works and the Police and Fire Departments to determine if there is any concern with the naming of the way. There was a determination that this was acceptable. Mr. St. Louis, Superintendent of Public Works, stated the owners of what is now 85 and 101 Walnut Street may request a change of address to Arsenal Place. At that point, their mail will be directed to the new address.

## 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

Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Gannon seconded the motion.

The Council asked questions regarding the plan

1. Why was the improvement of the handicapped ramp at the skating rink delayed? - There are other access points to allow for sufficient entrance and egress. The ramp is coming away from the building
2. What is the MSBA reimbursement rate? – The Town has been creating estimates conservatively and have been using a reimbursement rate of 25% from the state; this may be subject to change.

3. What will be the cost of the Comprehensive Plan Study and when will it be done? – The costs for the study range from \$30,000 – \$75,000 and the study will be brought forward promptly.
4. What is the Town responsible for on the Mount Auburn Corridor as this is a federal program? - There are some local costs that the Town will incur such as the design and permitting of the project, landscaping along the corridor, and the acquisition of a clean corridor regarding the right of way for any temporary and permanent work.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to have the Town Council adopt the 33 conceptual recommendations as contained in the committee report; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council recommend 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; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

A question was raised as to why the 7.5% - 8% standard was used. Mr. Driscoll stated that this is a good government standard used to maintain the Town's infrastructure. The suggested request is larger than that standard because it includes the school projects; however, when the School Project is excluded, the 7.5%-8% standard is met for the non-school construction community needs.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Committees on Economic Development and Planning Report and Human Services 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

Councilor Palomba read the report of the Committees. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Committees' report; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council adopt the Watertown Housing Plan, with the Administration bringing forward recommended implementation plans for each specific strategy for policy guidance from the Town Council; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## 13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

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

Mr. Driscoll stated that Mr. Jonathan Hecht has been recommended to serve on the Board of Election Commissioners. The matter will be referred to the State, Federal, and Regional Government Committee.

He also mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter tax bills will be sent out at the end of the month.

On April 2, 2021, the Town Administration Building would be closed at 1:00 p.m. for Good Friday.

Mr. Driscoll stated that the 51<sup>st</sup> Covid update had been sent. There have been 2,185 cases of COVID-19 in the Town; 2,056 have recovered; 33 Town Employees have had COVID-19; and 33 residents have died due to the disease.

Mr. Ramdin, Director of the Board of Health, provided notice that 2,576 vaccines were delivered to eligible groups. The Town has opted to vaccinate home bound individuals; seventeen vaccinations have been provided to this group. The final second dose clinic would be held on March 29, 2021 at Hibernian Hall. This will be the last clinic the Town conducts until additional vaccines become available. It was suggested that the public should use the Commonwealth's web site for a sign-up date.

In his correspondence, Mr. Ramdin wished to thank the Police Department for permitting the use of the Police Station; the Fire Department and their paramedics for their assistance and especially vaccinating the homebound; and for the assistance provided by Ms. Gagnon, Director of the Council of Aging, for assisting with registration and assembling informational packages.

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

Councilor Feltner requested a time frame for the change of address at Arsenal Place and the need for a point person when larger projects are being completed to obtain needed information

#### 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba announced the annual gathering of the Wellbeing of Watertown Youth, a Town Hall Meeting. During the pandemic, peer leaders have continued their work and will present their results. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Councilor Feltner announced that the Public Safety meeting scheduled for late March would be held on April 22, 2021. She invited residents to send her comments while an agenda is formulated.

Councilor Palomba stated there would be a Public Forum for the Charter Review Committee on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the desired form of government for Watertown: City v. Town Council. All will be heard.

Council President Sideris announced that the High School Building Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to present information regarding the design of the High School. There would also be a special neighborhood meeting on April 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

He also thanked Mr. Ramdin and the Department of Health for assisting with helping students return to school. Random pool testing would be a requirement for the return to school which will begin on April 5, 2021.

#### 16. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers at the Public Forum.

#### 17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

#### ADDENDUM

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, 0 present on April 27, 2021.

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President  
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021, AT 6:15 P.M.  
MEETING HAD ONLY REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR PARTICIPATION WITH PUBLIC ACCESS  
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Chapter 95 – Noise Regulations of the Watertown Code of Ordinances
2. Council Meeting – Item 6A
3. Minutes of the March 9, 2021, Town Council Meeting – Item 6B
4. Letter Re: The Retirement Board’s Request to Increase the Stipend of the Members of the Retirement Board – Thomas V. Thibaut, Jr, Chair, Watertown Contributory Retirement Board to the Watertown Town Council – February 17, 2021 – Item 7A
5. Proclamation Commemorating Greek Independence Day – March 25, 2021 – Item 8
6. Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for 100 Talcott Avenue – WO #2391032 – Gregory St. Louis, Superintendent of Public Works and Kevin Duffy, Project Engineer – December 9, 2020 – Item 9A
7. Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for 300 North Beacon Street – WP #2390715 – Gregory St. Louis, Superintendent of Public Works and Kevin Duffy, Project Engineer – February 5, 2021 – Item 9B
8. Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for 400 Arsenal Street – WO #2400784 – Kevin Duffy, Project Engineer – November 18, 2020 – Item 9C
9. Grant of Location from RCN Telecom Services, LLC for 485 Arsenal Street – Gregory St. Louis, Superintendent of Public Works and Kevin Duffy, Project Engineer – February 5, 2021 – Item 9D
10. Proposed Ordinance to Modify Administration Building and Senior Center Hours – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 4, 2021 – Item 9E
11. Agenda Item – An Order Approving the Naming of a Private Way as Arsenal Place - – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 18, 2021 – Item 10
12. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding the Capital Improvement Program – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair – March 1, 4, and 8, 2021 - Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 5, 2021 – Item 11A
  - Attachment A – Updated Debt Service Spreadsheet of General Fund Debt Projection for the FY 2022-2026 CIP
  - Attachment B – Town of Watertown CIP FY 22 to FY 26 Cost Analysis – CIP Debt Detail Spreadsheet

- Attachment C – All Capital Fund Account Balances as of March 4, 2021
  - Attachment D – Expenditure Forecast – Capital Spending as a Percentage of the Revenue/Expenditure Forecast with Elementary School Borrowing
  - Attachment E – Watertown Public Schools – Facilities Capital Plan FY 22-26
  - Attachment F – Department of Public Buildings – Facilities Capital Plan FY 22-26
  - Attachment G – Department of Public Works FY 22 Capital Requests
13. Committees on Economic Development and Planning and Human Services Report Regarding a Review of the Watertown Housing Plan and the Making of Recommendations
- Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair Economic Development and Planning; Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services – February 24, 2021
  - Watertown Housing Plan – February 24, 2021