



City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA

Agenda

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- B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3>
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- 1. ROLL CALL
 - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - 3. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting February 13, 2024
 - 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - A. Committee on Economic Developments & Planning Report regarding its meeting on February 7, 2024 - Feltner, Chair
- ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that the City Council proceed with a future Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to the Planning Board ordinance to add an associate member, as written.

ACTION ITEM:
To recommend that the City Council confirm the following appointees:

1. Reappoint Roberta Miller as a member of the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2026
 2. Reappoint Erin Webb as a member of the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2026
 3. Reappoint Elizabeth Hayes as the Realtor member of the Historic District Commission to a term expiring November 15, 2026
 4. Appoint Jason Wilson as a member of the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2024
- B. Committee on Climate and Energy Report regarding its meeting on January 18, 2024
- Palomba, Chair
7. NEW BUSINESS
 8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
 9. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 11. PUBLIC FORUM
 12. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, 7:00 P.M. ZOOM MEETING – FULLY REMOTE

MINUTES

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1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. remotely on Zoom. Those present via Zoom were Councilors John M. Airasian, Caroline Bays, John G. Gannon, Nicole Gardner, Lisa J. Feltner, Emily Izzo, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were George Proakis City Manager, Mark Reich, City Attorney, and Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ryan Bonassar – 12 Swetts Court – Remarked that he recently moved to town and is dealing with snow plowing issues on his private way. He asked who owns the land on the

street as he doesn't believe any of the townhouses on the street have that land deeded to them. He stated that he wanted to bring this issue up to raise awareness, and also to explore what steps there are to take to make the road a public street.

3. EXAMINATION OFF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes from City Council Meeting January 23, 2024

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The minutes were accepted unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

A. Request to Confirm former City Auditor Tom Tracy to assume the role of Interim City Auditor during the impending maternity leave of City Auditor Megan Langan

President Sideris stated that the City Auditor will be going on maternity leave in the near future, and that former City Auditor Tom Tracy has agreed to come in to fill the role in her absence. He continued to say that City Attorney Mark Reich recommended that there be a vote on it at a City Council Meeting.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve Tom Tracy to temporarily assume the role of City Auditor during Megan Langan's maternity leave and Councilor Gannon seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

B. Request for Referral to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization for discussion of the creation of a Blue Ribbon Committee to discuss City Council Salaries

President Sideris remarked that the City Council previously passed an ordinance raising the salary of the Councilors for the next (now present) term, and that there was a recommendation at that time to form an outside "Blue Ribbon Committee" to help research and make recommendations on salary raises in the future. He stated that Policy Analyst Doug Newton has been working diligently researching salaries across similar communities within the state.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the item of discussing how this Blue Ribbon Committee should be formed to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization and Councilor Gannon seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant for Location in Arsenal Street - Northerly from UP# 5/46, approximately 50 feet west of Louise Street - to install and maintain approximately 4 linear feet of conduit in the street. This work is necessary to provide electric service to 101 Walnut Street. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application

Joanne Callender – Eversource - Presented the petition for the grant of location and specifically stated that the purpose of the electrical service was to power five electric vehicle charging stations in the parking lot of 101 Walnut Street.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the grant of location petition and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Feltner asked if there will be public access to the EV stations or if it for private use.

Assistant City Manager Magoon replied that he believes they will be open to the public. He stated that there is no easement, but that is what they stated.

Councilor Feltner asked for the timeline of the project.

Joanne Callender – Eversource – Replied that once the grant of location is approved Eversource will schedule the date of installation, and the work itself should only take a few hours.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Bond Street - Westerly from UP# 5/15, at the intersection of Bond Street and Arsenal Street - to install and maintain approximately 11 linear feet of conduit. This work is necessary to provide service to a new traffic control cabinet. The recommendations and conditions set out by the Department of Public Works shall be required upon approval of this application

Joanne Callender – Eversource – Presented the petition for the grant of location and noted that this specific work was at the City's request.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the petition and Councilor Gardner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order for Arsenal Park Improvements Phase B that the sum of \$10,359,500 is appropriated to pay

costs of renovating Arsenal Park, including demolition and removal of the existing park features, installation of the new playground, splash pad, skate park, and tennis/pickleball/basketball courts, and construction, construction administration services, and construction contingency costs, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor

City Manager Proakis presented the loan order. He remarked that he had gone over the cost adjustment in previous meetings and reiterated that this project was in the Capital Improvement Plan for an original estimate of over \$6 million. They have moved around certain projects, including another phase of Victory Field, to the following fiscal year in order to be able to complete both projects within the City Budget. He voiced frustration that the number was so different from what they had originally anticipated, but that they believe going forward with the project on the whole is the best option at this point.

Assistant City Manager Magoon provided an overview of the history project mentioning a number of previous meetings and design collaborations. He stated that Phase A has already been completed, and that the new features of Phase B includes a skate park, new parking lot, community gardens, updated courts, updated play parks, a pavilion, and a significant connection to the community paths which connect with Alewife and the Minutemen trails as well as a connection to the Charles River. He continued to mention that they resolved the issue of the spray park, and that Alexander Real Estate has contributed \$250k to the stormwater improvements in the park.

Recreation Director Centola stated that he fully supported this project as is and is looking forward to moving forward with it as early as possible.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the loan order and Councilor Feltner seconded.

Councilor Palomba remarked that he has often wondered how large projects get managed to make sure that they stay within the proposed guidelines, and that he has found that often times there is a “Clerk of the Works” that are hired by the City but paid by the Contractor. He asked why they are paying for a Project Engineer if there is a position that seemingly does similar work.

Assistant City Manager Magoon clarified that when a developer proposes a mitigation project that requires construction, they would pay for a Clerk of the Works to supervise. In this case, it is a City project wholly, and so the City would be responsible to make sure there is someone overseeing the project. In this case, there will not be a developer contribution.

Councilor Gannon stated that he was thrilled to be moving forward with this project. He then stated that Arsenal Park was first developed in the 80’s when soil testing was most likely not up to today’s standards. He asked, with the common knowledge of the industrial history of the Arsenal Campus, what was the status of current soil testing and potential use limitations.

Assistant City Manager Magoon replied that there was much learned via phase A, and that he suspected that some of the reason the cost estimation is so high was due to the unknown of what could be found in the ground and subsequent treatment.

Scott Landgren replied that that site has a complicated history, but that it was cleaned up by the EPA Super Fund Program and was brought up to what was considered safe levels to 3 ft below the ground. He stated there is complicated work with excavation, and that the plan is to maintain all soils that are currently on the grounds and then cover them with new tested topsoil, which is a similar process to other parks in the area.

Councilor Gannon then asked if the bidding was based on a worst-case scenario with regard to the condition of the soil, and if there was a possibility of a refund if the soil proves to be in a best case scenario condition.

Scott Landgren replied that he doesn't believe the bid to be a worst-case scenario, but that it's reflective of the complexity and vastness of the project itself. He remarked that it is a unique bidding climate with a current lack of production.

City Manager Proakis noted that the total of the loan order includes a \$900k construction contingency, and while he doesn't believe that the amount of the lowest bid (\$9 million) will get the City anything more than what is included in the plan, if they do not encounter any issues, the full or remaining portion of the \$900k contingency would be available for use.

Councilor Gardner asked if the contingency could go back in coffers and not necessarily in the Arsenal Project.

City Manager Proakis replied that, while he would have to refer to the City Auditor and City Attorney, he didn't think he could just spend it on something completely different.

City Attorney Reich replied that there are restrictions with use of bond authorized proceeds, but that the City could conceivably move some of it, after the initial project is finalized, to another Capital Improvement Project with the vote of the City Council.

Councilor Gardner asked what the rough timeframe looks like.

Assistant City Manager Magoon stated that he believes it would start in the summer and wrap up in the fall.

Scott Landgren stated that he believes it could start in the spring, and work through the fall, but there might be some finishing touches in the spring of 2025 to fully complete the project.

Councilor Feltner asked for clarification on fencing that has been used in Phase A and how that will look going into Phase B.

Assistant City Manager Magoon stated that the fencing there would come down, but there will be permanent fencing around the community garden.

Council Feltner asked for clarification on the amphitheater and steps.

Nick Watkins replied that they had initially planned for an adventure space, but moved to an ecological restoration in and around the amphitheater which will reclaim the existing site element.

Recreation Director Centola remarked that every year that the City delays on park projects, estimates go up across the board, and because of that, plans can alter. He continued to say that he is grateful that the Council is moving forward with this project and that he believes it will be a gem for the community for years to come.

The motion to approve the loan order passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

6. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. The Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight requests moving the date the City Council will adopt its conceptual recommendations on the Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program from February 27, 2024 to March 12, 2024

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the request and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- B. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of a Memorial Bench for Nazar Ohannesian

City Manager Proakis stated that he is looking for Council support for items B and C. He stated that at the January 9th meeting he recommended an update to how nonveteran memorial installations are executed stating that it is currently unclear and slow. The result of conversations was that there will be a specific committee dedicated to handling those matters. He continued to say that he has been holding requests in a queue, but that there are two longstanding requests which are being presented in these two items.

City Manager Proakis then presented the resolution regarding a memorial bench for Nazar Ohannesian and asked for the Council's support. He stated that Nazar was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 and endured Nazi occupation from 1940 – 1944. From the time Nazar came to Watertown in 1959, he proved to be a loving and generous presence in the community.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the resolution and Councilor Gannon seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- C. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of a Memorial Little Free Library for Eliza Ruth Aidoo

City Manager Proakis presented the resolution. He remarked that Eliza Ruth Aidoo tragically passed away at the age of 17 months due to illness. She loved books, and so

her family purchased and pledged to maintain a Little Free Library to be placed in Filipello Park.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the resolution and Council Councilor Gardner seconded.

President Sideris remarked that this has been a long time coming. He apologized that it has taken so long, and voiced his gratitude to the family for their hard work in making the memorial and reality.

Councilor Airasian thanked President Sideris and City Manager for recognizing the gap in time from the initial request to the confirmation. He then thanked the Monroe family for their persistence and patience, and recognized that this process has been painful, but that the library will serve as a great memorial for Eliza.

The resolution was approved unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Proakis remarked on struggling with the world of meteorology while trying to keep staff and residents safe. This storm which closed buildings and made the City Council Meeting remote shifted greatly from what it was originally predicted to be. Going forward, he and President Sideris are looking to wait to a later point in time to decide whether they are going to close buildings etc. He stated that they are continuing to work on tightening up weather policies.

City Councilor Proakis then stated that next Monday is Presidents Day, and that City Buildings would be closed.

9. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Requests for Information.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Gannon announced that the Committee on Rules and Ordinances will be convening to discuss the rules of the City Council for this term on February 20th 2024.

11. PUBLIC FORUM

Recreation Director Centola stated that on Tuesday February 20th at 6:30 there will be a meeting discussing the consideration of installing pickle ball courts. He also thanked Tyler Cote and Doug Newton for a great job in their research study.

15. RECESS OF ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion was adopted unanimously in a Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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 __ for, __ against, __ present on February 27, 2024.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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ZOOM MEETING

List of Documents

1. Grant of Location in Arsenal Street – Eversource – Item 6A
2. Grant of Location in Bond Street – Eversource – Item 6B
3. Proposed Loan Order for Arsenal Park Phase B – Item 6C
4. Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property – Memorial Bench – Item 7B
5. Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property – Little Free Library – Item 7C

**ADDENDUM TO THE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY
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CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
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	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
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	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Motion to accept the minutes from City Council Meeting January 23, 2024

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
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	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Motion to confirm Tom Tracy to serve as a temporary City Auditor while City Auditor Megan Langan is on maternity leave.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
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	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Request for referral to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization to discuss the creation of a Blue Ribbon Committee to discuss City Council Salaries

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	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
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ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Motion to approve a Grant of Location from Eversource in Arsenal Street to install and maintain 4 feet of conduit to provide electric service to an EV station at 101 Walnut Street



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RESOLUTION # 17

2024 – R - 17

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Watertown Department of Public Works has reviewed the attached petition by Eversource for consideration of a Grant of Location in Arsenal Street to install and maintain approximately 4 linear feet of conduit in Arsenal Street northerly from utility pole #5/46, approximately 50 feet west of Louise Street. Said Grant of Location shall be subject to the following recommendations and conditions.

Standard Conditions

1. During construction, uninterrupted pedestrian access (or temporary pedestrian facilities) shall be provided at all times or an appropriate alternative path provided.
2. Please be aware that there may be utility infrastructure that is not shown on the plan and may be encountered in the field. If a conflict occurs between the proposed installation and existing City-Owned and/or private utility infrastructure, The City Engineer shall be contacted directly to discuss an appropriate resolution.
3. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant, and their Contractor, to ensure that and City-Owned and or private utilities, if located within the limits of work should be properly marked and protected during construction activities.

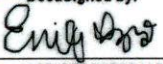
The City of Watertown is not a member of Dig Safe and must be notified separately.

4. The proposed scope of work requires a DPW Street Opening Permit through the Watertown DPW prior to the start of construction.
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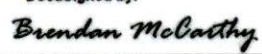
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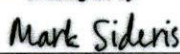
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – EVERSOURCE

**Grant of Location: Arsenal Street
WO # 14647813**

January 29, 2024

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View of Arsenal Street facing west.



View of intersection of Louise Street and Arsenal Street.



View of UP#5/46 on Arsenal Street at the property line of 101 Walnut Street where conduit is proposed.

December 13, 2023

City Council
City Hall
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

RE: Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA
W.O.# 14647813

Dear Members of the Council:

The enclosed petition and plan are being presented by the NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for the purpose of obtaining a Grant of Location to install approximately 4 feet of conduit in Arsenal Street.

The reason for this work is to provide service to five charging stations at 101 Walnut Street.

If you have any further questions, please contact Joanne Callender at 781-314-5053. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Schifone

Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights and Permits

RMS/HC
Attachments

**PETITION OF NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR
LOCATION FOR CONDUITS
AND MANHOLES**

To the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents **NSTAR ELECTRIC Company d/b/a Eversource Energy** a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

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**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
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**Arsenal Street - Northerly from pole 5/46, approximately 50 west of
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WO#14647813

BY *Richard M. Schifone*
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Dated this 13 day of December 2023

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____ 2023

ORDER FOR LOCATION FOR CONDUITS AND MANHOLES
City of WATERTOWN

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WO#14647813

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1	_____	
2	_____	
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City Council
the City of
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CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted after due notice and a public hearing as prescribed by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, to wit:-after written notice of the time and place of the hearing mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing by the council to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way or ways upon, along or across which the line is to be constructed under said Order, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, and a public hearing held on the _____ day of _____ 2023 at _____ in said City.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Order of the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts, duly adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2023 and recorded with the records of location Orders of said Town, Book _____, Page _____ and of the certificate of notice of hearing thereon required by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter.Ed.) and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, as the same appear of record.

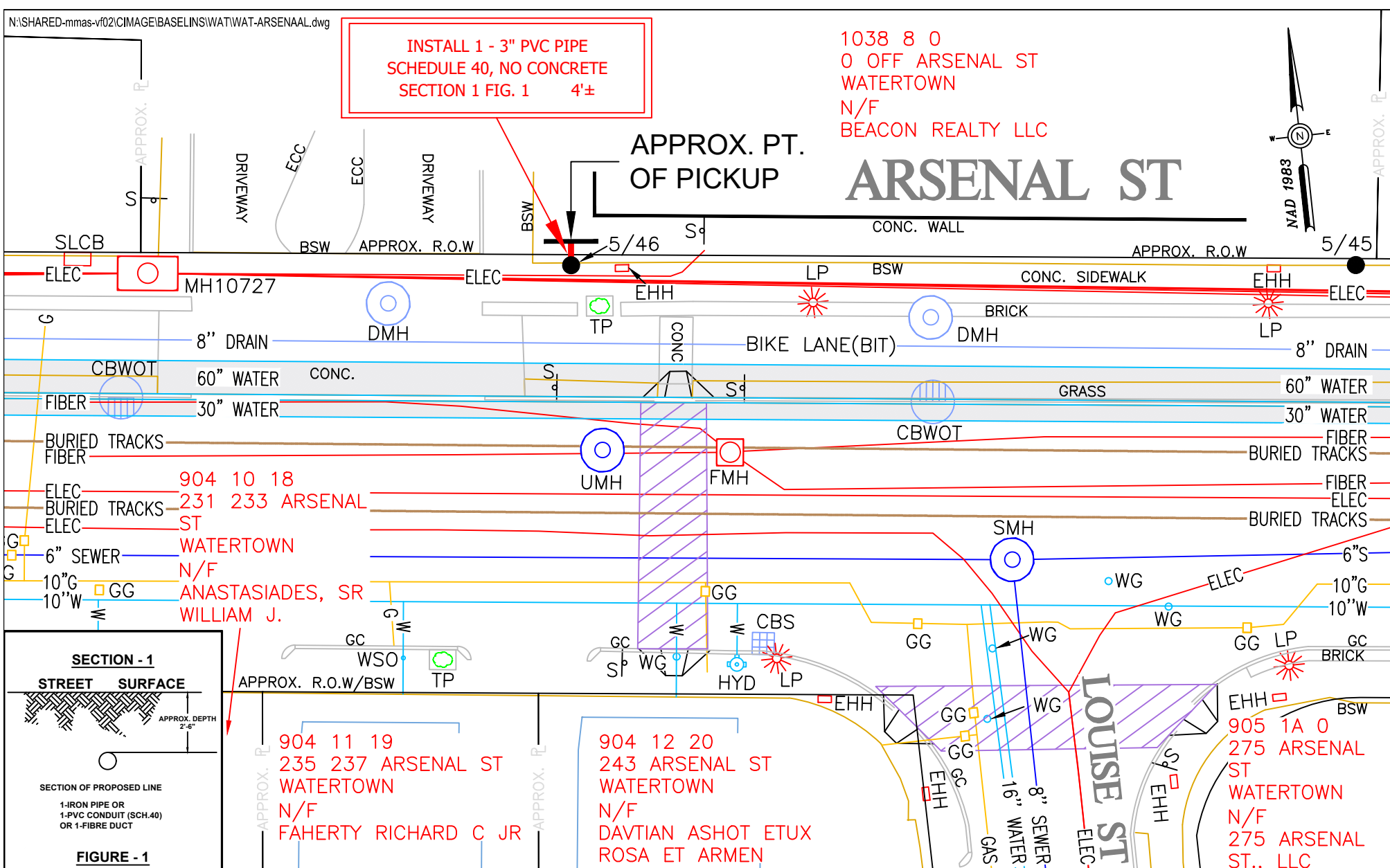
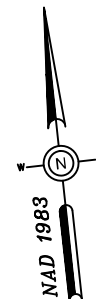
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INSTALL 1 - 3" PVC PIPE
SCHEDULE 40, NO CONCRETE
SECTION 1 FIG. 1 4'±

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0 OFF ARSENAL ST
WATERTOWN
N/F
BEACON REALTY LLC

APPROX. PT.
OF PICKUP

ARSENAL ST



SECTION - 1

STREET SURFACE

APPROX. DEPTH
2'-6"

SECTION OF PROPOSED LINE

1-IRON PIPE OR
1-PVC CONDUIT (SCH.40)
OR 1-FIBRE DUCT

FIGURE - 1



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MASS. LAW

REQUIRES 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE TO UTILITY COMPANIES
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C# 305-23

Ward #

Work Order # 14647813

Surveyed by: SJ/GR

Research by: JC

Plotted by: LM

Proposed Structures: LM

Approved: K RICE

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NSTAR EVERSOURCE
ELECTRIC
d/b/a

1165 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125

Plan of ARSENAL ST

WATERTOWN

Showing PROPOSED CONDUIT LOCATION

Scale 1"=20'

Date NOVEMBER 29, 2023

SHEET 1 of 1

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
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RESOLUTION # 18

2024 – R - 18

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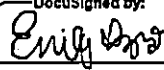
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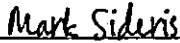
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6. All work within the Right of Way shall require the Contractor to schedule and coordinate a police traffic detail. Traffic control and safety measures shall be implemented in adherence to all applicable OSHA requirements, Massachusetts DOT Work Zone Safety Guidelines and Part VI of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
7. All material stockpiled on roadways and/or roadway shoulders shall be protected with erosion control devices such as silt fence or straw wattles. It will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to remove any sediment that enters the City drainage system as a result of the proposed work.
8. Equipment, staging, and stockpiles shall not be located in a manner so as to interfere with intersection sightlines and shall be kept in a neat and orderly fashion.
9. Contractor shall coordinate with City Health Department on rodent control requirements.
10. An as-built survey shall be performed upon completion of the work and provided to the Department of Public Works.



View of intersection of Bond Street and Arsenal Street facing southwest.



View of UP#5/15 on Arsenal Street where conduit is proposed to be installed.



View of traffic control box (TCB) where service is proposed at the intersection of Bond Street and Arsenal Street.

January 5, 2024

City Council
City Hall
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

RE: Bond Street
Watertown, MA
W.O.# 15520744

Dear Members of the Council:

The enclosed petition and plan are being presented by the NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for the purpose of obtaining a Grant of Location to install approximately 11 feet of conduit in Bond Street.

The reason for this work is to provide service to a new traffic control cabinet.

If you have any further questions, please contact Joanne Callender at 781-314-5054. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Schifone

Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights and Permits

RMS/HC
Attachments

**PETITION OF NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR
LOCATION FOR CONDUITS
AND MANHOLES**

To the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents **NSTAR ELECTRIC Company d/b/a Eversource Energy** a company incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power, that it desires to construct a line for such transmission under the public way or ways hereinafter specified.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that, after due notice and hearing as provided by law, the council may by Order grant to your petitioner permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, said conduits and manholes to be located, substantially as shown on the plan made by **K. Rice, dated December 14, 2023**, and filed herewith, under the following public way or ways of said City:

**NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Bond Street -	Westerly from pole 5/15, at the intersection of Bond Street and Arsenal Street, install approximately 11 feet of conduit.
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WO#15520744

BY *Richard M. Schifone*
Richard M. Schifone, Supervisor
Rights & Permits

Dated this 5 day of January 2024

City of **WATERTOWN** Massachusetts

Received and filed _____2024

ORDER FOR LOCATION FOR CONDUITS AND MANHOLES
City of WATERTOWN

WHEREAS, **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** has petitioned for permission to construct a line for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power under the public way or ways of the City thereafter specified, and notice has been given and a hearing held on said petition as provided by law.

It is ORDERED that **NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY** be and hereby is granted permission to construct and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein under the following public way or ways of said City:

Bond Street - Westerly from pole 5/15, at the intersection of Bond Street and Arsenal Street, install approximately 11 feet of conduit.

WO#15520744

All construction work under this Order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Conduits and manholes shall be located as shown on the plan made by **K. Rice, dated December 14, 2023,** on the file with said petition.
2. Said company shall comply with the requirements of existing by-laws and such as may hereafter be adopted governing the construction and maintenance of conduits and manholes.
3. All work shall be done to the satisfaction of the city council or such officer or officers as it may appoint to supervise the work.

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4		WATERTOWN
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CERTIFICATE

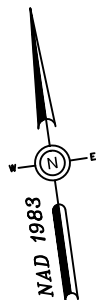
We hereby certify that the foregoing Order was adopted after due notice and a public hearing as prescribed by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, to wit:-after written notice of the time and place of the hearing mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing by the council to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way or ways upon, along or across which the line is to be constructed under said Order, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation, and a public hearing held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 at _____ in said City.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Order of the **City Council** of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts, duly adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and recorded with the records of location Orders of said Town, Book _____, Page _____ and of the certificate of notice of hearing thereon required by Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter.Ed.) and any additions thereto or amendments thereof, as the same appear of record.

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of **WATERTOWN**, Massachusetts



BOND ST

1234 2 0
550 ARSENAL ST
WATERTOWN
N/F
ARE- MA REGION NO.90 HOLDING,

TCB

5/15

LANDSCAPED AREA

CONC SW

APPROX. ROW

BSW

GC

CUST TO INSTALL 1 - 2" PVC PIPE
SCHEDULE 40, NO CONCRETE
SECTION 1 FIG. 1 11'±

ARSENAL ST

1301 2A 1
485 ARSENAL ST
WATERTOWN
N/F
ARSENAL YARDS HVMA
CORE HOLDING LLC

#485

BOND ST

CONC ISLAND

CONC SW

GC

1301 2D 2
485 ARSENAL ST
WATERTOWN
N/F
ARSENAL YARDS
CORE HOLDING LLC

SECTION - 1

STREET SURFACE



SECTION OF PROPOSED LINE

1-IRON PIPE OR
1-PVC CONDUIT (SCH.40)
OR 1-FIBRE DUCT

FIGURE - 1



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C#	NSTAR ELECTRIC d/b/a EVERSOURCE 1165 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125	
Ward #		
Work Order # 15520744	Plan of BOND ST	
Surveyed by: N/A	WATERTOWN	
Research by: GR	Showing PROPOSED CUSTOMER CONDUIT LOCATION	
Plotted by: LM		
Proposed Structures: LM		
Approved: K RICE	Scale 1"=20'	Date DECEMBER 14, 2023
P#	SHEET 1 of 1	

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
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ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Motion to approve a Loan Order for Arsenal Park Phase B in the sum of \$10,359,500.00



Watertown City Council

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6470

ORDER # 19

2024 - O - 19

ORDER TO APPROVE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF THE ARSENAL PARK PHASE B RENOVATIONS

ORDERED: That the sum of \$10,359,500.00 is appropriated to pay costs of renovating Arsenal Park, including demolition and removal of the existing park features, installation of the new playground, splash pad, skate park, and tennis/pickleball/basketball courts, and construction, construction administration services, and construction contingency costs, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of said Order be forwarded to the City Auditor and City Treasurer/Collector

DocuSigned by:

Emily S...

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Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Order was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on February 13, 2024

DocuSigned by:

Brendan McCarthy

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Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk

DocuSigned by:

Mark Sideris

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: January 18, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order - Arsenal Park Phase B - Park Improvements

Attached please find correspondence from Gregory M. St. Louis, Superintendent of Public Works requesting that the necessary actions be taken to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the \$10,359,500.00 as outlined and approved in the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for the Arsenal Park Phase B - Park Improvements. Work on this project includes demolition and removal of the existing park features, and installation of the new playground, splash pad, skate park, and tennis /pickleball/ basketball courts.

I respectfully request the attached proposed Loan Order be placed on the January 23, 2024, City Council Agenda as a First Reading.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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January 18, 2024

George J. Proakis
City Manager
Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

RE: Draft Loan Order – Arsenal Park Renovation Bonds

Dear George:

As requested, I suggest the following form of loan order to approve the borrowing of funds to pay costs of renovating Arsenal Park:

ORDERED: That the sum of \$10,359,500.00 is appropriated to pay costs of renovating Arsenal Park, including demolition and removal of the existing park features, installation of the new playground, splash pad, skate park, and tennis/pickleball/basketball courts, and construction, construction administration services, and construction contingency costs, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

The order must be published at least five days prior to the holding of a public hearing with respect to the order and its final passage and requires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all members of the City Council, as in the case of any other loan order for bonds.

Please call me if there are any questions about the suggested proceedings.

Sincerely,

Kris A. Moussette



CITY OF WATERTOWN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

124 ORCHARD STREET

(P) 617-972-6420

(F) 617-972-6402

Gregory M. St. Louis, PE
Superintendent

TO: Mr. George Proakis - City Manager

FROM: Mr. Gregory St. Louis, PE - Superintendent of Public Works

DATE: January 17, 2024

RE: DPW / Rec. Department:
Loan Order Request for Arsenal Park Phase B – Park Improvements

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the necessary actions be taken to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the \$10,359,500.00 as outlined and approved in the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for the Arsenal Park Phase B - Park Improvements. Work on this project includes demolition and removal of the existing park features, and installation of the new playground, splash pad, skate park, and tennis/pickleball/basketball courts. Please see conceptual design rendering below:



These funds will be utilized for the construction, construction administration services and potential construction contingency costs associated with this project. As outlined in the enclosed letter from project engineering firm CDM-Smith, the \$10,359,500.00 will be utilized as follows:

Item	Amount	Remarks
Funding Request	\$10,359,500	Total Project
Lowest Responsible/ Responsive Bid Amount	\$9,017,500	Quirk Construction Corp
Construction Oversight	\$640,000	CDM Construction Services
Construction Resident Engineer	\$52,000	Resident Engineer 3 days/wk. for 6-Months
Construction Contingency	\$900,000	10% of bid price
Stormwater Mitigation Credit	(\$250,000)	AOTC Stormwater Mitigation

The bids received are representative of the former use of the facility as an Arsenal with some unknown subsurface conditions throughout as well as the market inflation associated with construction in recent years.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



75 State Street, Suite 701
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
tel: 617 452-6000

January 3, 2024

Mr. Gregory M. St. Louis, PE, LEED AP BD+C
Superintendent of Public Works
124 Orchard Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

Subject: Project Funding Recommendation Letter
Arsenal Park Improvements Project Phase B

Dear Mr. St. Louis:

On December 20, 2023, at 2:00 PM, in the Lower Hearing Room of Watertown City Hall, public bids were received and read publicly aloud by the City of Watertown Purchasing Department for the above referenced project. The bid prices received were as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Quirk Construction Corp.	\$9,017,500
Argus Construction Corp.	\$9,620,000
WES Construction Corp.	\$11,598,000

These results indicate that Quirk Construction Corp. is the apparent low bidder. Based on CDM Smith's own experience with Quirk Construction Corp. including, Moxley Court Renovation, Filippello Park Spray Park, Casey Park Phase 1 and our discussion with their additional references, we recommend the City of Watertown award the Arsenal Park Improvements Project Phase B to Quirk Construction Corp. in the amount of \$9,017,500. The project has no bid alternates listed.

We recommend the City add and carry a \$900,000 construction contingency, approximately 10% of the bid price to cover unanticipated costs that may arise during construction.

We recommend the City add and carry \$640,000 for Engineering Services during construction and an additional \$52,000 for a Resident Engineer 3 days per week during the 6 months of peak construction.

The project funding recommendation includes a (\$250,000) stormwater mitigation credit from AOTC.





Mr. Gregory M. St. Louis, PE, LEED AP BD+C

January 3, 2024

Page 2

We recommend the total project be funded in the amount of \$10,359,500 per the following breakdown:

Item	Amount	Remarks
Funding Request	\$10,359,500	Total Project
Construction Bid Amount	\$9,017,500	Quirk Construction Corp.
Construction Administration/ Construction Services	\$640,000	CDM Smith Services during construction
Construction Resident Engineer	\$52,000	Resident Engineer 3 days/wk. for 6 months
Construction Contingency	\$900,000	10% of bid price
Stormwater Mitigation Credit	(\$250,000)	\$250,000 from AOTC for stormwater mitigation in Arsenal Park.

If you have any questions or require further clarifications, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Glenn D. Howard, RLA

Associate

CDM Smith Inc.

cc: Scott Landgren, RLA – CDM Smith
George Proakis– City of Watertown – City Manager
Mike Albano– City of Watertown – Director of Administration & Finance
Peter Centola – City of Watertown – Director of Recreation
Steve Magoon – City of Watertown – Community Development and Planning Director
Bryan Wyncoop – City of Watertown – Purchasing Agent





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Watertown City Council
149 Main Street
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AD PREVIEW:

LEGAL NOTICE The City Council of the City of Watertown hereby gives notice of public hearings and votes on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM, in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA on the proposed Order as follows: ORDERED: That the sum of \$10,359,500.00 is appropriated to pay costs of renovating Arsenal Park, including demolition and removal of the existing park features, installation of the new playground, splash pad, skate park, and tennis/pickleball/basketball courts, and construction, construction administration services, and construction contingency costs, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. A copy of the Loan Order is available for inspection at the Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472 in the City Council Office, Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am through 5:00 pm.
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CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
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ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Motion to approve moving the date the City Council will adopt its conceptual recommendation on the Fiscal Year 2025-2029 CIP from February 27, 2024 to March 12, 2024

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
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VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Motion to approve the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of a memorial bench for Nazar Ohannesian



Watertown City Council

Administration Building
149 Main Street
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Phone: 617-972-6470

RESOLUTION # 20

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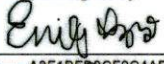
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS: From time to time, this community pauses together, to offer comfort and support to our friends, neighbors, loved ones and family members, who witnessed profound loss; and,

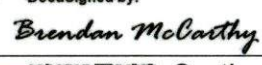
WHEREAS: Stephen Akian and the family of the late Nazar Ohannesian wish to donate a memorial bench to be placed in Linear Park; and,

WHEREAS: The memorial bench will be installed in Linear Park, nestled within the community path located between Saltonstall and Moxley Park for all to enjoy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Watertown City Council, hereby accepts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A1/2, this gift of tangible personal property.

DocuSigned by:

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Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Order was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on February 13, 2024

DocuSigned by:

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Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk

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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: February 7, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Acceptance and Approval – Memorial Bench and Little Free Library

Dear Councilors,

Tonight's agenda includes two acceptance and dedication items for your consideration and review. One will place a bench along the community path. The other will place a "Little Free Library" at Filippello Park. I am reaching out to provide background information on these two items.

At the January 9, 2024 city council meeting, I provided an update and a recommendation on addressing how the City should consider memorial installations and dedications on city property. As I noted at that meeting, the City has developed a robust and detailed program for naming "Hero Squares" after decorated veterans with ties to Watertown. This system has served the city well for many years. But, for other memorial installations the process has not been consistent.

In January, after consulting with the City Council President, we proposed creating a Memorialization Committee that will serve as advisory to the City Council. The Committee will develop policies for making memorial installations in Watertown. The Committee will then consider options for individuals with ties to Watertown for memorialization. They also will then be able to review any requests for memorial installations and make recommendations to the Council. I am prepared to provide a recommendation to the council on the design and appointment of this committee, hopefully at one of our next two city council meetings.

Requests for memorial installations that have come into City Hall since the start of 2024 have been placed on a list to be addressed by the new committee. Prior to the committee being ready to address those items, the committee must be formed and the committee must determine how they will process and consider requests. I do hope this will happen soon, but it will likely take a few more months of work to get to this point, so I've placed those items on hold while this process is underway.

In the meantime, as I noted at the January 9, 2024 meeting, there are two memorial proposals that were in process prior to our plan to establish the Committee. These are the two items that are before you tonight. Each requires installing an item and dedicating it as a memorial. I would like to recommend that your Honorable Council approve these two items tonight. Both are worthy memorials for individuals with ties to Watertown.

Memorial Bench for Nazar Ohanessian:

Nazar Ohanessian was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide of 1915. He was born at a village called Gigi, near the city of Kayseri in what is today central Turkey. He and his sister ended up in northern Greece, and later on, in Athens, capital of Greece. There, they endured the Nazi occupation from 1940 to 1944. In 1947 his sister emigrated to Armenia, but he stayed in Greece working as a laborer in construction raising a family of two sisters and two brothers. In 1959 Nazar received notification that he can emigrate to Watertown. Nazar settled at 56 Quimby Street in Watertown, while many of his family members remained in Greece. The request for the bench comes from his grandson, who came to the US in 1976 and attended Northeastern while living with his grandfather. His grandson tells many stories of the generous nature of Nazar, as he provided love and support to his nine grandchildren, his friends and neighbors in his community. His grandson said "At a family get together, I remember jokingly saying that we owe him a statue in Watertown square. A friend overheard this comment of mine and suggested to . . . ask for a remembrance gesture of some sort. The remembrance bench is the least we can do to show appreciation, gratitude and love to our grandfather."

Memorial Little Free Library for Eliza Ruth Aidoo

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To: Honorable City Council

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Date: January 18, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property

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Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property

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WHEREAS: The memorial bench will be installed in Linear Park, nestled within the community path located between Saltonstall and Moxley Park for all to enjoy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Watertown City Council, hereby accepts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A1/2, this gift of tangible personal property.

Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above resolution was adopted by a vote of ____ for, ____ against and ____ present on January 23, 2024.

Council Clerk

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
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NICOLE GARDNER	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____
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MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<u>X (VIA ZOOM)</u>	_____	_____

Motion to approve the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of a little free library
for Eliza Ruth Aidoo



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RESOLUTION # 21

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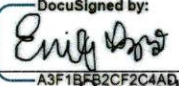
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To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: February 7, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Acceptance and Approval – Memorial Bench and Little Free Library

Dear Councilors,

Tonight's agenda includes two acceptance and dedication items for your consideration and review. One will place a bench along the community path. The other will place a "Little Free Library" at Filippello Park. I am reaching out to provide background information on these two items.

At the January 9, 2024 city council meeting, I provided an update and a recommendation on addressing how the City should consider memorial installations and dedications on city property. As I noted at that meeting, the City has developed a robust and detailed program for naming "Hero Squares" after decorated veterans with ties to Watertown. This system has served the city well for many years. But, for other memorial installations the process has not been consistent.

In January, after consulting with the City Council President, we proposed creating a Memorialization Committee that will serve as advisory to the City Council. The Committee will develop policies for making memorial installations in Watertown. The Committee will then consider options for individuals with ties to Watertown for memorialization. They also will then be able to review any requests for memorial installations and make recommendations to the Council. I am prepared to provide a recommendation to the council on the design and appointment of this committee, hopefully at one of our next two city council meetings.

Requests for memorial installations that have come into City Hall since the start of 2024 have been placed on a list to be addressed by the new committee. Prior to the committee being ready to address those items, the committee must be formed and the committee must determine how they will process and consider requests. I do hope this will happen soon, but it will likely take a few more months of work to get to this point, so I've placed those items on hold while this process is underway.

In the meantime, as I noted at the January 9, 2024 meeting, there are two memorial proposals that were in process prior to our plan to establish the Committee. These are the two items that are before you tonight. Each requires installing an item and dedicating it as a memorial. I would like to recommend that your Honorable Council approve these two items tonight. Both are worthy memorials for individuals with ties to Watertown.

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Report of the Committee on Economic Development & Planning Meeting Date: February 7, 2024

The Committee convened on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Office, as a hybrid meeting with remote participation by Zoom. Present was Lisa Feltner, chair; and Vincent Piccirilli, secretary. John Gannon, vice chair, was absent. Staff present was Geroqe Proakis, City Manager.

The purpose of the meeting was # 1 to conduct interviews for the Historic District Commission and Public Arts and Culture Committee; and #2 discuss a proposed amendment to the Planning Board ordinance to add an Associate Member.

The Planning Board ordinance was taken up first. The Manager began by explaining this grew out of discussion he had with Department of Community Development & Planning staff about challenges the 5-member Planning Board has been facing with its recently added role as Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for the PSCD and RMUD zoning districts. If one member is absent for any meeting on a project, or has a conflict of interest preventing voting on a project, the law requires a unanimous vote of the remaining four members, which is less than ideal for a variety of reasons.

Under state law, the proposed Associate Member will only be a voting member of the Planning Board when acting as the SPGA and one full member is not able to participate.

The Manager worked with KP Law to create the proposed amendment to section 31.64, and also fix an error with section 31.66, and requested the Council moved forward with this. He added that he is slowly working his way through the Code of Ordinances to bring all Boards, Commissions, and Committees up to date. (See attachment A for proposed the ordinance, and attachment B for the current ordinance.)

➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner, to recommend that the City Council proceed with a future Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to the Planning Board ordinance to add an associate member, as written. The vote was 2-0.

Interviews were taken up next.

Roberta Miller is a consultant, former Town Councilor, and former Executive Director of the Mosesian Center for the Arts, and is seeking reappointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee. She is currently the Chair, and has spent her first term doing startup work for the Committee, and creating new infrastructure for art and culture in Watertown.

Erin Webb is a fundraising professional and currently works as Director of Annual Giving and Engagement for the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and is seeking reappointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee. She is chair of the Outreach Subcommittee, which includes managing the Watertown Arts newsletter, and working on setting up a dedicated Watertown Arts website.

Ms. Miller & Ms. Webb were interviewed together about what the Public Arts and Culture Committee achieved in its first two years, which includes the Community Sculpture Walk, Edible Watertown, Bike Rack Design & Fabrication, and 100 Years of Arshile Gorkey. Partnerships include Yard Art, Watertown Arts Market, the Watertown Cultural District, Cultural Leaders Meetings, and Music in Restaurants. New projects include Porchfest, River of Light, Water Tunes, Indigenous History Tours, and a Dragon Boat Team. (Attachment C has more details).

Elizabeth Hayes is seeking reappointment to the Historic District Commission as the Realtor appointee, and lives on Mt. Auburn Street. She is a real estate broker who works for clients in cities and towns such as Cambridge and Arlington who have Historic Districts. There have not been a lot of projects in the District this past year, but the potential sale and redevelopment of the church at 80 Mt. Auburn St would be a big challenge for the Commission in the coming years. With the upcoming Mt Auburn St reconstruction project, she would like to have a brainstorming session so the Commission could develop ideas on how to raise the visibility of the Historic District.

Jason Wilson is a scientist working in biotech, and is seeking appointment to the Public Arts and Culture Committee. He recently joined the Board of Directors for the Mosesian Center for the Arts, and has a child in Watertown Children's Theater. He is a part owner of Deer Head Inn, a jazz club in Pennsylvania, and part owner of Pacific St Records, a jazz catalogue. He is excited about getting more involved in the arts in Watertown, and feels his background in the music business will be an asset.

- ➔ **Action Item:** Councilor Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Councilor Feltner, to recommend that the City Council confirm the following appointees:
1. Reappoint Roberta Miller as a member of the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2026
 2. Reappoint Erin Webb as a member of the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2026
 3. Reappoint Elizabeth Hayes as the Realtor member of the Historic District Commission to a term expiring November 15, 2026
 4. Appoint Jason Wilson as a member of the Public Arts and Culture Committee to a term expiring November 15, 2024
- The vote was 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Report prepared by Vincent Piccirilli

Attachments:

- A. Proposed amendment to the Planning Board ordinance
- B. Existing ordinance Chapter 31, Subchapter VI Previously Established Bodies
- C. Current and Proposed PACC Projects

CITY LETTERHEAD

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD
AND TO REVISE THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT CURRENT LAW AND PRACTICE.**

ORDINANCE #

2024 – O –

WHEREAS, the provisions of the City of Watertown Code of Ordinances relative to the Planning Board reflect a Town bylaw enacted on June 6, 1913, and so predates the City’s transition to a city form of government; and

WHEREAS, laws and regulations applicable to the Planning Board have changed significantly since the Planning Board bylaw was passed; and

WHEREAS, Title III, Chapter 31, §31.64 of the City Code currently provides for the election of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, §9-6(a)(iv) of the Watertown Home Rule Charter specifies that the Planning Board shall be appointed by the City Manager, subject to approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to update the Planning Board section of the Code of Ordinances to reflect current law and practice; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to add an associate member to the Planning Board pursuant to the provisions of the Zoning Act, G.L. c. 40A, §9; and

WHEREAS, Title III, Chapter 31, §31.66 of the Code of Ordinances concerning the Board of Appeals is improperly titled “Planning Board”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that Title III, Chapter 31, §§31.64 and 31.66 of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, Planning Board, are hereby amended, by deleting said §§31.64 and 31.66 in their entirety and replacing those sections with the language as follows:

§ 31.64 Planning Board.

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- (B) Members and the associate member shall be appointed to three (3) year terms beginning on February 15th of the year of appointment. Members’ terms shall be arranged so that the term of at least one member expires each year.

- (C) The Planning Board shall be empowered to carry out all duties entrusted to it by law and regulation, including, but not limited to, development of a comprehensive plan and administration of the Subdivision Control Law pursuant to G.L. c. 41 as well as actions pursuant to the Zoning Act, G.L. c. 40A. The Planning Board shall also have the powers granted to it by the Home Rule Charter and Code of Ordinances.
- (D) Upon the adoption of any regulation by the Planning Board, the Planning Board shall forthwith notify the Council President and City Manager.
- (E) The associate member shall be entitled to participate in all Planning Board meetings and discussions, but shall have no vote unless the Planning Board chair shall designate the associate member to sit as a member for the sole purpose of acting on a special permit application upon the absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest of any member of the Planning Board or upon a vacancy on the Planning Board.
- (F) No member or associate member of the Planning Board shall represent before such board any party of interest in any matter pending before it.

§ 31.66 Board of Appeals.

[On 3-29-1937, the Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw to provide for appeals of Building Inspector decisions. In conjunction with that amendment, the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Board of Appeals of three members and two associate members, with staggered terms of three years.]

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Chapter 31. Boards, Commissions and Departments

SUBCHAPTER VI. Previously Established Bodies

§ 31.62. Board of Assessors.

[At a General Town Meeting in Watertown held 7-17-1694, the inhabitants of said Town voted to choose five Assessors according to law. At a subsequent General Town Meeting held 7-13-1696, the Town voted to reduce the number of Assessors from five to three.]

§ 31.63. Board of Health.

[On 3-8-1886, the first Board of Health was elected, consisting of three members. In 1896, the term of the members was increased to three years. The Board of Health originally had jurisdiction over Town cemeteries, but in 1968 the Cemetery Department was placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.]

§ 31.64. Planning Board.

[Adopted 6-6-1913 ATM by Art. 14 (Ch. XXIV of the Bylaws)]

- (A) The Planning Board which the Town of Watertown is required to elect under the provisions of Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1913, shall be composed of five citizens of the Town. At the first election of said Board, one member shall be elected for the term of one year, two for the term of two years, and two for the term of three years from the date of the Town Meeting at which they are elected; and at each Annual Town Meeting thereafter, the vacancy occurring by the expiration of the term of office of one member or of two members, as the case may be, shall be filled by election of a successor or successors for the term of three years.
- (B) The purposes, duties and authority of said Board shall be those which are defined in said Chapter 494 and in any acts amendatory thereof which may hereafter be in force.
- (C) Vacancies which may occur in the membership of said Board by death, resignation or removal from the Town shall be filled by vote of the Selectmen and of the remaining members of said Board, acting jointly, until the vacancy is filled by election at the next Annual Town Meeting.

§ 31.65. School Committee.

[The Town, in March 1928, by Art. 2, elected six members to the School Committee. At the 10-22-1930 Town Meeting, by Art. 14, the Town voted to increase the membership from six members to seven members.]

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§ 31.67. Housing Authority.

[Veterans housing. At the 6-9-1947 Town Meeting, by Art. 3, the Town voted to adopt all sections of Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, and any amendments thereto, titled "An Act to Provide Housing for Veterans of World War II." The Town also voted that the Emergency Housing Board appointed pursuant to vote at the 6-20-1946 STM be authorized to carry out all provisions of said Act in order to provide either permanent or temporary housing for veterans of World War II.]

[Adoption of Housing Authority. The Town adopted a Housing Authority 4-5-1948 TM by Art. 35, providing:

"1. That the Town of Watertown hereby determines and declares that there is a need for relieving congestion of population and that there is a shortage of safe, sanitary dwellings available for families of low income at rentals which they can afford in the Town of Watertown.

"2. That the Town of Watertown hereby determines that a Housing Authority is needed in the Town of Watertown for the provision of housing for families of low incomes or engaging in a land assembly and redevelopment project.

"3. That the Town of Watertown hereby provides for the organization of a Housing Authority and hereby establishes such a Housing Authority."

[Insurance for Housing Authority employees. At the 4-8-1957 TM, by Art. 58, the Town voted to accept Ch. 149 of the Acts of 1956, "An Act Making Certain Employees of Housing Authorities in Cities and Towns Eligible for Contributory Group General Blanket Insurance."]

§ 31.68. Board of Election Commissioners.

[Chapter 432, Acts of 1970, approved 6-10-1970 and effective 12-31-1970, established a Board of Election Commissioners for the Town of Watertown.]

PACC – CURRENT PROJECTS

COMMUNITY SCULPTURE WALK

Project

Annual Call for Art to select sculptures for display along the Community Path.

Key Dates

Installation: April 29- May 3

Opening Reception with Artist Talks: May 10, 5-6pm

2024-25 Call Opens: September 9

Virtual Information Session: October

Call Closes: 1 week before January PACC Meeting

Selection: January PACC Meeting

Artist Notification: week after selection
Installation: 1st week of May

Opening Reception with Artist Talks: 3rd week of May

EDIBLE WATERTOWN: EDIBLE PLANTS

Project

An annual call for artists with exhibition that uplifts the importance of local flora and their ecosystems to connect people with the environment right outside their door; debunking myths.

Key Dates

Mosesian Center for the Arts: January 26-March 8

Opening Reception: February 8, 5:30-7:30pm

Closing & Auction: March 7, 7-9pm

2024-25 Call for Artists Opens: May 28

Virtual Information Session: June

Call closes: July 14, 11:59pm

Application review: July 22 PACC meeting

Artist notification: last week of July

Artwork due: September 30

Exhibition Cycle: October 2024-March 2025

EDIBLE WATERTOWN: GARDEN PROGRAM

Project

MAPC ACR grant program to build teaching gardens, create educational signs by artists, and engage youth in the impacts of climate change through the arts (ms/hs internship program, 5th grade botanical drawing)

Key Dates

5th grade botanical drawing: Spring
Launch call for Summer Garden

Interns: February 15

Order shed and garden supplies: Spring

Summer Garden

Internship Program:

July-August

Grant reimbursement: September

BIKE RACK DESIGN + FABRICATION

Project

Call for Art funded by Public Works for four artistic bike racks.

Key Dates

Launch Call: February 28

Virtual Information Session: March 19

Call closes: April 17, 11:59pm

Application Review: April 22 PACC Meeting

Artist notification: April 23-26

Bike racks delivered to DPW: July 15

Bike racks installed: Summer



100 YEARS OF ARSHILE GORKY

Project

Partnership with MA DCR and Gorky working group. Commission mural on Greenway as part of larger commemoration effort.

Key Dates

Call for Artists opens: March 26:

Virtual Information Session: May 13

Site Visit: May 14

Call closes: July 7, 11:59pm

Application review: July 22 PACC Meeting

Phase 1 notification: July 23-26

Phase 1 proposals due: November 4

Public Feedback meeting: January 13, 2025

Phase 2 selection: January 27, 2025 PACC Meeting

Phase 2 notification: January 28-31, 2025

Mural installation: Spring/Summer 2025

Reception and Artist Talk: September 2025

PACC – CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS + EVENTS

YARDART

Event

YardArt is a community-wide celebration of creativity and fun in front yards, porches and windows all over Watertown.

Key Dates

Event: April 1-30
Walking Tour: April 18, 1-2pm
Bike Tour: TBD

ART WALKS

Event

A monthly walk in partnership with Live Well Watertown's program "Watertown Walks" that focuses on local art and artists.

Key Dates

Third Thursdays,
March - November

WATERTOWN ARTS MARKET

Event

A one-day showcase of artists and cultural orgs by the Watertown Business Coalition in partnership with the city.

Key Dates

Event: August 17
Rain Date: August 18

FAIRE ON THE SQUARE

Event

Largest city event, now in its 20th year.

Key Dates

Event: September 21?

CULTURAL DISTRICT

Partnership

The Watertown Square Cultural District is a public-private partnership that supports inclusive and diverse cultural experiences that showcase the arts and strengthen the local economy.

Key Dates

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Mondays, 4pm
MCC Site Visit: March/April
Designation: August

ARTISANS BAZAAR

Event

Local artisans sell at the Whoville Jubilee, organized by Liz

Key Dates

First Saturday of December, evening

CULTURAL LEADERS MEETINGS

Event

Thrice-annual meetings of 20+ nonprofit and public cultural orgs, hosted by the PACC. Goal of idea sharing and networking.

Key Dates

Meeting in the Fall,
Winter, Spring:
Thursday 10am-Noon

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Event

Weekly free public concerts, organized by Liz

Key Dates

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm, June 26-August 28

MUSIC IN RESTAURANTS

Partnership

A collaboration with the Watertown Business Coalition and Boston University's Metrobridge program. The Metrobridge project researches and analyzes municipal policy to create recommendations that to encourage live music in Watertown.

Key Dates

Project Kickoff:
February 1
Project Complete:
May

PACC – PROPOSED PROJECTS

PORCHFEST

Event

Porchfest events bring local musicians and neighborhoods together to celebrate and create a sense of community.

Key Dates

Vote to adopt:
February 26
Launch call to porches and performers: February 27
Event: May 18, 12-5pm
Rain Date: May 19

RIVER OF LIGHT

Event

Crafting paper lanterns for community and artists, culminating in a procession or parade.

Key Dates

Presentation: March
Vote to adopt: Spring/Summer
Event: Winter 2024-25 or Winter 2025-26

WATER TUNES

Event

Invite everyone to share a piece of music that is meaningful to them and tell us why. Hire a DJ who will create a playlist of the submissions and play them. Have a community party at an outdoor venue at which the music is played and the stories are displayed.

Key Dates

Vote to adopt: Spring
Event: Summer 2024 or 2025

INDIGENOUS HISTORY TOUR

Partnership

A collaboration with the Pigsgusset Initiative and Historical Society of Watertown to unerase indigenous history. The project will culminate in a living document that serves as a guide to indigenous sites and history in Watertown.

Key Dates

Research: ongoing
Projected Storymaps launch: January 2025
Guided Tours: Spring/Summer 2025

DRAGON BOAT TEAM

Partnership

A partnership with the Chinese American Association of Watertown to create and support Watertown's first Dragon Boat Racing Team, who will compete at the Boston Dragon Boat Festival.

Key Dates

2024 Race: June 8-9 (on the waitlist)
2025 Registration: January 2025



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Committee Report Climate and Energy January 18, 2024

The Climate and Energy committee convened in Council Chambers on January 18th at 5:30pm. The purpose of the meeting was to hear updates on the progress of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) as well as hear a presentation on Building Emissions Reduction Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Present at the meeting where; Tony Palomba; chair, Caroline Bays; vice chair, John Airasian; secretary. Also in the room were Councilor Vinnie Piccirilli, Doug Newton; Policy Analyst, Laurel Schwab; Senior Environmental Planner, Syllas Fyler; Energy Manager, Katie Swan; Environmental Planner, Marcia Ciro, Susan Falkoff, Ernesta Krackiewicz, Brian Hebeisen, Jolly Taggart, Pat Rathbone. Online attendees were Councilor Lisa Feltner, Anya Pforzheimer; Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator, Anita Dobbs, Lise Paul, Mary Rose, Jeanne Trubek and Libby Shaw.

Laurel and Silas began the presentation on implementation progress (see attachment A for detailed information on CAP as well as topics listed below). There has been steady progress made a year and a half since the CAP has passed and there will be a more rigorous review on a 5-year basis. Some highlights and goals of the recent progress of CAP are as follows:

- Year 1, 32 of 34 implementation goals are underway with 3 already completed.
- Year 2, 12 of 28 are underway. Several of these will be moved to year 3.
- A full tracking spreadsheet will be made publicly available.
- WE3C has formed working groups to further education.

Building and Energy updates

- Energy Advocate has left, and that position is once again open.
- Investigating solar panels at Watertown middle school.
- Currently looking at City Hall, Fire Dept and Library as a Municipal Campus for heating and cooling systems.

Transportation

- Working with MBTA to include bike/ped in their projects.
- Expanding bikes shares
- Developing RFP with developers to have charging stations in private lots.
- Coolidge Ave bike/ped path construction is underway.

Natural Resources

- Draft Tree ordinance is still under review.
- 26 tree trenches have been installed.
- Micro forest demonstration project is hopefully on target for Fall 2024.

Solid Waste and Recycling (presented by Anya)

- Trash and Recycling ordinance will be coming this year.
- May pursue larger composting companies as program grows. No one who enrolled in program has unenrolled.

Some next steps mentioned were, to launch EV charging infrastructure, plan and design micro forest, introduce BERDO and Tree ordinance, continue and expand education and outreach.

There were comments from public expressing gratitude for work done (WCA-TV link below Attachment B) and excitement about the micro forest demonstration.

Councilor Bays asked what portions they might be running behind on. Mrs. Schwab stated it has been hard to keep up in the Building and Energy portion now that the energy advocate has left. Also, infrastructure since it takes a lot of coordination between DPW, water and sewer and larger entities.

Next topic on agenda was a detailed introductory presentation by Silas on BERDO (please see attachment C for all info). For over a year, a working group within the WE3C has been investigating BERDO which is essentially a map to achieve the goal of Watertown's buildings being carbon neutral by 2050. The focus is on "larger" buildings which most define as 20,000 sq feet or more.

Some of the data that BERDO will capture:

- Electric Use
- Gas/Oil/Propane use
- Water use
- EV Chargers
- Thermal Systems

By looking at other communities that have adopted such ordinances, best process, practices and experiences can be integrated into what will work best for Watertown. There are different ways to collect reduction data. Some communities categorize how much reduction is necessary by building use and type. Others have a standard baseline they follow. There will need to be a committee or arbiter for buildings who might have hardships. It was stated that the buildings affected represent only 1% of buildings in Watertown but will create a much larger positive impact on the environment. There were some questions on whether condominium complexes would be included as it was unclear if those are categorized as single buildings or lumped together. Several comments and questions were raised by attendees and watching broadcast and presentations is encouraged for full scope. Councilor Bays made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Airasian. motion passed 3-0.

Attachment A

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Attachment B

<http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/2978?seekto=3443&site=3>

Attachment C

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:0aff52b1-0886-472d-a83b-a2c498eb3723>

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