

MARCH 26, 2024



Watertown City Council

Administration Building

149 Main Street

Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: 617-972-6470

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 149 MAIN STREET

MINUTES

ACCESS INFORMATION:

A. This meeting will be held on March 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television):

<http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/?channel=3>

C. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>

D. 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

E. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

F. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Arik Colbath – 26 Westland Rd – Inquired about a possible Short-Term Rental Ban. He has a spare bedroom that he rents out via AirBnB. He stated that he rents the room out for supplementary income, as his full commission job has volatility in a struggling economy. He asked for a timetable of when a policy will be made in Watertown.

Councilor Piccirilli read the following email submitted by former Councilor Angeline Kounelis:

Greetings:

Has the cart been placed before the horse? As I read the narrative within the attached memorandum to the Honorable City Council, I wondered who initiated the City Logo project? Was the project fully vetted with the Legislative Body, prior to, not after the fact, to determine need, cost, implementation, etc., etc.

"My administration began working with Sabastian Ebarb of the graphic design company Nahi in 2023 to create a logo and associated brand for the City of Watertown."

Who authorized the undertaking of the City Logo project in 2023, and at what cost? Was there a gratis arrangement with the design company? Carte blanche does not offer transparency when working with taxpayer dollars for municipal changes.

"Please note that the project does not affect the City seal, which will continue to be used for official purposes."

In my opinion: the proposed "Logo" is the precursor to the gradual elimination of the City Seal. A segue to send the City Seal into obscurity for "official purposes", only.

Once again; where was the community input? Who is "we believe" in the statement that follows:

"While implementation will take time, we believe this project will ultimately create unity and consistency in the image of the City we project to the community."

Unity is: "In Pace Condita," (founded in peace)

"Consistency" is the use of one, City of Watertown Seal that speaks for itself. Not to be confused with a second, branding of Watertown Logo.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes from City Council Meeting March 12, 2024

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

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris announced that on April 9th, the Council will be taking up the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. It will be a Public Hearing, and the Public is welcome to voice their input.

President Sideris then stated that he anticipates the Short-Term Rental Public Hearing to take up the majority of time on the 9th, so there will be some items pushed to the following meeting, and there will also be a Special Meeting of the City Council on the April 30th where the sole item will be the FY25 Budget.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. First Reading on an Amendment to the FY 2024 Budget to fund the WMEG Agreement

City Manager Proakis announced that the City has come to an agreement with the Watertown Municipal Employees Group which is the union that manages many employees who work in City Hall as well as managers at DPW and various other positions. This item reflects the amount of money, \$160,500, needed to move into Council Reserves to pay for the agreement.

B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance regarding Planning Board Alternates

President Sideris stated that this item of adding an alternate to the Planning Board has gone through the proper channels of Committees and a First Reading.

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

The Ordinance was approved unanimously in a Voice Vote.

C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to fund the DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement

City Manager Proakis stated that this is to move \$44,050 to allow funds to be in place to execute the new Teamsters contract.

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

The Amendment was approved unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$1,100 from Watertown Savings Bank to offset expenditures related to the Annual Whoville Jubilee & Official Tree Lighting.

City Manager Proakis thanked the Watertown Savings Bank for their generous donation for this event.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Gift of Funds and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The Gift of Funds was accepted unanimously in a Voice Vote.

- B. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$100 from Roche Bros. to offset expenditures related to the Watertown Food Panty

City Manager Proakis thanked Roche Bros. for their contributions to the Food Pantry.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Gift of Funds and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The Gift of Funds was accepted unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$15,000 from the FY2024 City Council Reserve to the FY2024 City Attorney Litigation Account

City Manager Proakis stated that this is a request for a \$15,000 transfer ensure funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. He continued to state that it isn't particularly surprising considering the amount of contract negotiations that have transpired this year.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Transfer of Funds and Councilor Feltner seconded.

The motion passed unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

- D. Consideration and Approval of Exemption of Interests of an Existing School Department Employee serving as Cheerleading Coach in a Contract with the City to Serve as Constituent Services Representative in Response to Disclosures Filed with the City Clerk by the Prospective Employee and Certification by the City Manager that No Employee of that Department is Available to Perform the Services of Constituent Services Representative as Part of their Regular Duties in Accordance with G.L. c. 268A, sec 20(b)

City Manager Proakis remarked on the familiar practice of the 20(b) exemptions which is where a municipal employee takes on an additional job such as a summer recreation employee or after school coach. In the case of Stephanie Owens, she had been a cheerleading coach, and then she was offered the position of Constituent Services Representative.

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

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report regarding its meeting on March 11, 2024 - Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

To recommend to the City Council to increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption from \$5,000 to the G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 statutory limit of \$10,000

Councilor Piccirilli presented the report.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report and Councilor Gardner seconded.

The report was accepted unanimously in a Voice Vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Action Item and Councilor Gannon seconded.

The Action Item was approved unanimously in a Voice Vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. City Logo

City Manager Proakis stated a lack of continuity with images on letterheads and cards etc., and over the course of the past few months, they have been working to create a more unified logo. He stated that this proposed logo would not replace or affect the City Seal, and noted that the Seal is an important part of Watertown's past, present, and future, and is here to stay. However, the Seal scales poorly to letterhead and cards due to the intricacies and multitude of images. The logo's purpose is to be identifiable and flexible while representative.

The presentation is attached in the Addendum

President Sideris remarked that this would be an appropriate referral to a committee, and that it is a policy decision of the Council. He asked for a referral to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the item to the Committee on Personnel and City Organization and Councilor Palomba seconded.

Councilor Feltner remarked that she saw this as a marketing tool and asked if the Committee on Economic Development and Planning should be involved as well.

President Sideris stated that he did not want a joint committee at this time.

The motion passed unanimously in a Voice Vote.

B. Update on City Grants

City Manager Proakis stated that the administration believes it to be very important to hire an individual that specifically looks for and procures grants. He continued to state that there are several large grants that will be coming into play in short order including a federal grant for transportation. He stated that in this past year the Watertown Police Dept. has received over \$289,000 in grants this past year for 911 support, the Fire Dept has received \$36,000 for hazardous materials equipment, Public Buildings has received over \$76,000 dedicated for electric vehicles, and Senior Services has received grants of over \$52,000 in various assistance programs. This is all in addition to \$152,000 that the Council Committed to the Food Pantry and Library. He concluded that the administration will continue to be active in acquiring grants.

President Sideris recognized that the School Department gets a significant amount of grants, which if they didn't get, would fall back on the City to help operate the schools.

Councilor Gardner asked what the status was on hiring an individual to fit the role of grant procurer.

City Manager Proakis replied that its description is still to be fully articulated, and that they hope to post the job soon.

City Manager Proakis then addressed the next Watertown Square Planning Meeting which will be held on April 4th at 66 Galen Street. In particular, he stressed the importance of that meeting as one idea for streetscape and one idea for zoning will be presented with the intent to move forward with. While it's not the last chance to address changes, it is a key moment in the process with the consultants. After the meeting, they will take that feedback and bring forward a documented plan to the Council and the Planning Board.

He continued to address MBTA Communities Law, and while Watertown needs to be compliant by the end of the year, the administration's approach on revitalizing the square has always been a holistic one. In addition to updating the by right zoning, the importance of high design standards and public benefits have always been the driving forces in developing the square.

Mr. Proakis then remarked on the collaborative process on 5 previous Watertown Square Meetings where many voices of different opinions were heard, and that this upcoming 6th meeting's content is representative of those meeting's results. He addressed concerns that some members of the public have from a potential by right zoning map that would include the entire square and would create a potential zoning capacity of over 6,000 units, but he clarified that zoning capacity does not equate to actual units being built, and is in no way a mandate to create that many units.

He concluded in saying that at the end of the day he needs to provide one option to present to the Council, and that he strongly encourages everyone who is interested in the process to engage in the April 4th meeting.

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

Councilor Feltner asked for an update on the Moore Street reconstruction project and also asked to get a list of community spaces that are available – specifically in the west garages of Arsenal Park and potentially 500 Forge.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Izzo announced that she will be having her annual City Councilor Meeting on Monday April 8th from 6:00 PM -7:30 PM.

Councilor Airasian announced Watertown Cable Access Corporation's Grand Opening Celebration on April 11th from 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM. There will be a ribbon cutting, light refreshments, an opportunity to meet the staff, and tours.

Councilor Sideris announced that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to interview the HRC appointees. Councilor Bays will Chair, and Councilor Piccirilli and Councilor Garder will be members.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no participants in Public Forum.

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was adopted unanimously in a Roll Call Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 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 7 for, 0 against, 0 present on April 9, 2024.



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

s:/BTM

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

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

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM

List of Documents

- 1.** Amendment to FY24 Budget WMEG – Item 6A
- 2.** Planning Board Alternate Ordinance – Item 6B
- 3.** Amendment to FY24 Budget DPW Collective Bargaining – Item 6C
- 4.** Gift of Funds Watertown Savings Bank – Item 7A
- 5.** Gift of Funds Roche Bros – Item 7B
- 6.** Transfer of Funds FY24 Council Reserve – FY24 City Litigation – Item 7C
- 7.** Municipal Employee Exemption – Item 7D
- 8.** Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight – Item 8A
- 9.** City Logo Presentation – Item 10A
- 10.** Former Councilor Kounelis Email

**ADDENDUM TO THE
MINUTES OF THE MARCH
26, 2024 CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**



City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber

Agenda

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on March 26, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Location: Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber
- B. The meeting will be televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television): <http://vodwcatv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch-now?site=3>
- C. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- D. 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
- E. Public may comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov
- F. Please Visit the City Council Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/350/City-Council>

-
- 1. ROLL CALL
 - 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - 3. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - A. Minutes from City Council Meeting March 12, 2024
 - 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. First Reading on an Amendment to the FY 2024 Budget to fund WMEG Agreement
 - B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Ordinance regarding Planning Board Alternates
 - C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to fund the DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - 7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
 - A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$1,100 from Watertown Savings Bank to offset expenditures related to the Annual Whoville Jubilee & Official Tree Lighting
 - B. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$100 from Roche Bros. to offset expenditures related to the Watertown Food Pantry

- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$15,000 from the FY2024 City Council Reserve to the FY2024 City Attorney Litigation Account
 - D. Consideration and Approval of Exemption of Interests of an Existing School Department Employee serving as Cheerleading Coach in a Contract with the City to Serve as Constituent Services Representative in Response to Disclosures Filed with the City Clerk by the Prospective Employee and Certification by the City Manager that No Employee of that Department is Available to Perform the Services of Constituent Services Representative as Part of their Regular Duties in Accordance with G.L. c. 268A, sec 20(b)
8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- A. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report regarding its meeting on March 11, 2024 - Piccirilli, Chair
- ACTION ITEM:
To recommend to the City Council to increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption from \$5,000 to the G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 statutory limit of \$10,000.
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
- A. City Logo
 - B. Update on City Grants
11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS
13. PUBLIC FORUM
14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

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

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large
Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6465
www.watertown-ma.gov
citymgr@watertown-ma.gov

To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: March 21, 2024

RE: Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the attached Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

The Proposed Amendment is related to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Watertown and Watertown Municipal Employee Group for Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement that was ratified on March 13, 2024.

I respectfully request this Amendment be placed on the March 26, 2024 City Council Agenda as a First Reading amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

FISCAL YEAR 2024
BUDGET AMENMENT #4

REVENUE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES - TRANSFER FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STAB	\$ 160,500	\$ 640,550
00100970-497100		
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 160,500</u>	
EXPENDITURES	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
CITY COUNCIL RESERVE	\$ 160,500	\$ 4,746,385
0111152-570780		
TOTAL EXPENITURE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 160,500</u>	

CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

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

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

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

Motion to accept the minutes from City Council Meeting March 12, 2024

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024**

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	__X__	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	__X__	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	__X__	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	__X__	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	__X__	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	__X__	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	__X__	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	__X__	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	__X__	_____	_____

Motion to approve the Ordinance to add and alternate to the Planning Board.



Watertown City Council

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

ORDINANCE # 28

2024 – O – 28

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

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:

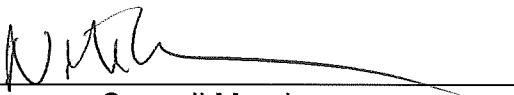
§ 31.64 Planning Board.

- (A) The Planning Board of the City of Watertown shall consist of five (5) members and one (1) associate member to be appointed by the City Manager, subject to the approval of the City Council.
- (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.]



Council Member

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Ordinance was adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against on March 26, 2024.



Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

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

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6465
www.watertown-ma.gov
citymgr@watertown-ma.gov

To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: March 8, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – First Reading on Proposed Amendment to Planning Board Alternates Ordinance

As you are aware, at the February 27, 2024 City Council Meeting, the Honorable City Council accepted a Committee on Economic Development & Planning Report and adopted the following 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."

As a follow-up to the Honorable City Council's action at the February 27th City Council Meeting, enclosed please find correspondence from Steven Magoon, Assistant City Manager for Community Development and Planning regarding the proposed amendment to Planning Board alternates ordinance.

Therefore, given the above, I respectfully request a First Reading on Proposed Amendment to Planning Board Alternates Ordinance be placed on the March 12, 2024 City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration in the matter.

Hand, JoAnna

From: Magoon, Steve
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 3:53 PM
To: Hand, JoAnna; Osmond, Marsha
Cc: Proakis, George; Schreiber, Gideon; Marchesano, Ingrid; Mark R. Reich
Subject: Alternate Planning Board Member

I am writing to provide some additional information regarding the need for an alternate member of the Planning Board.

When the Planning Board was created, there were very few instances where the Planning Board was the Permit Granting Authority, and an alternate member was only allowed to participate when the Planning Board had this authority. Therefore, an alternate member wasn't pursued, as anyone serving would rarely have a role. The Planning Board has taken on an expanded role as Special Permit Granting Authority over the years, including the Pleasant Street Corridor District and the Regional Mixed Use District.

In Special Permit cases in accordance with Massachusetts general Laws, in order for the Board to grant approval, it requires a super majority of 4 members voting in favor. As many complicated cases can take multiple meetings to decide, any absence by a member can create scheduling problems. This often requires cases to be delayed, creating confusion for the public and unnecessary delays in the process. Last minute continuations of cases doesn't serve anyone involved in the process well.

A final reason to now consider adding an alternate member is pending legislation that would allow an alternate member to participate in a broader range of Board business, thereby making service in this role more meaningful for a volunteer.

Therefore, I would fully support the requested amendment to add an alternate member to the Planning Board.

Steve Magoon
Assistant City Manager for Community Development and Planning
Watertown Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Office 617 972-6417
Direct 617 715-8661
Cell 617 987-1136



Boston Globe Media

Order Confirmation

Marilyn Pronvost
Watertown City Council
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Thank you for placing your Legal Notice in The Boston Globe.

Your order information and a preview of your notice are displayed below for your review. If there are any changes or questions, please contact the Classified Department at 617-929-1314 or email legals@globe.com.

Any and all proposed edits, revisions, and/or other changes to the notice must be communicated to us in writing prior to the deadline specified in the Advertising Specs + Deadlines page located at <https://www.bostonglobemedia.com/specs-deadlines>.

Thank you,
Boston Globe Classified Sales

617-929-1314
Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
legals@globe.com

Order Number	730585	Order Price	\$405.59
Sales Rep.	Jackson Kocak	PO No.	
Account	3028420	Payment Type	
Publication	Boston Globe	Number of dates	1
First Run Date	03/16/2024	Last Run Date	03/16/2024
Payment Type			

AD PREVIEW:

The City Council of the City of Watertown hereby gives notice of a public hearing and vote on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA on a proposed Ordinance 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 can be found at this web address: <https://watertownma.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5618/files/report/471>. A copy of the proposed Ordinance 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 Thursday, 8:30 am through 5:00 pm.

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024**

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

Motion to approve FY24 Budget Amendment to compensate for the DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement.



Watertown City Council

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

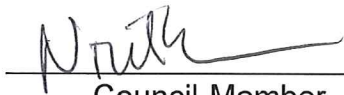
ORDER # 29

O-2024- 29

ORDER ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

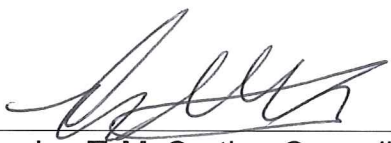
BE IT ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby adopts an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 General Budget as attached.

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

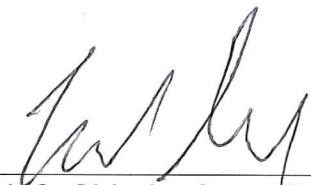


Council Member

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 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 26, 2024.



Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor
John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large
Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6465
www.watertown-ma.gov
citymgr@watertown-ma.gov

To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: March 7, 2024

RE: Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the attached Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

The Proposed Amendment is related to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Watertown and Teamsters, Local 25 (DPW Unit) For Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement that was signed on February 9, 2024.

I respectfully request this Amendment be placed on the March 12, 2024 City Council Agenda as a First Reading amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

FISCAL YEAR 2024

BUDGET AMENDMENT #3

REVENUE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES- TRANSFER FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STAB 00100970-497100	\$ 44,050	\$ 480,050
TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 44,050</u>	

EXPENDITURES	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO READ
CITY COUNCIL RESERVE 0111152-570780	\$ 44,050	\$ 4,585,885
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$ 44,050</u>	



Boston Globe Media

Order Confirmation

Marilyn Pronvost
Watertown City Council
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Thank you for placing your Legal Notice in The Boston Globe.

Your order information and a preview of your notice are displayed below for your review. If there are any changes or questions, please contact the Classified Department at 617-929-1314 or email legals@globe.com.

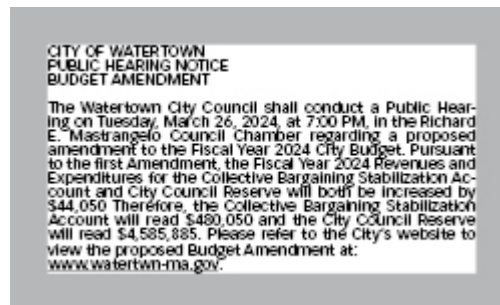
Any and all proposed edits, revisions, and/or other changes to the notice must be communicated to us in writing prior to the deadline specified in the Advertising Specs + Deadlines page located at <https://www.bostonglobemedia.com/specs-deadlines>.

Thank you,
Boston Globe Classified Sales

617-929-1314
Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
legals@globe.com

Order Number	730586	Order Price	\$405.59
Sales Rep.	Jackson Kocak	PO No.	
Account	3028420	Payment Type	
Publication	Boston Globe	Number of dates	1
First Run Date	03/16/2024	Last Run Date	03/16/2024
Payment Type			

AD PREVIEW:



CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

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

Motion to accept the Gift of Funds from the Watertown Savings Bank in the sum of \$1,100.



Watertown City Council

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

RESOLUTION # 30

R-2024 - 30

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GIFTS OF FUNDS

WHEREAS: From time to time, this community is the beneficiary of a gift donated towards improving the quality and spirit of its inhabitants lives; and

WHEREAS: A generous donation from Watertown Savings Bank in the amount of \$1,100 given to offset expenditures related to the Annual Whoville Jubilee & Official Tree Lighting that was held on Saturday evening December 2nd, 2023, at the Commander's Mansion.

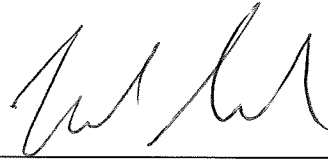
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Watertown, hereby accepts and appropriates, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, monetary gift in the amount of \$1,100 received from Watertown Savings Bank for the Annual Whoville Jubilee & Official Tree Lighting Event.

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 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 26, 2024.



Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor
John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large
Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6465
www.watertown-ma.gov
citymgr@watertown-ma.gov

To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager

Date: March 11, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Approval of Gift and Expenditures

I am pleased to inform you that Tammy F. McKenna, Events Manager, received a generous donation from Watertown Savings Bank in the amount of \$1,100 to offset expenditures related to the Annual Whoville Jubilee & Official Tree Lighting that was held on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, at the Commander's Mansion.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, any expenditure of gifts of funds needs the approval of the City Manager and City Council.

I respectfully request the attached Resolution approving this gift expenditure be placed on the March 26, 2024, City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and action on this matter.

Osmond, Marsha

From: Fernandez-McKenna, Tammy
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 4:47 PM
To: Osmond, Marsha
Subject: WSB thank you!

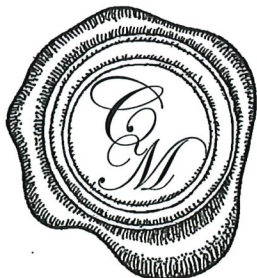
Hello –

I would like to thank Watertown Savings Bank for their generous sponsorship to the annual Whoville Jubilee & City Tree Light event this past December (2023).

Their donation allowed us to provide free train rides that evening and they also participated by managing the train ride guest experience handing out cookies and glow bracelets!

Watertown Savings Bank is a constant supporter of community events and we are very grateful for their engagement in our community!

Tammy F. McKenna
Events Manager, City of Watertown
& Commander's Mansion



Commander's Mansion
440 Talcott Ave | Watertown | Massachusetts | 02472
p. 617.926.7755 | f. 617.972.6599
www.commandersmansion.com
info@commandersmansion.com

Follow us on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

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

Motion to accept the Gift of Funds from Roche Bros. in the sum of \$100.



Watertown City Council

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

RESOLUTION # 31

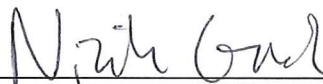
R-2024- 31

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GIFTS OF FUNDS

WHEREAS: From time to time, this community is the beneficiary of a gift donated towards improving the quality and spirit of its inhabitants lives; and

WHEREAS: A generous donation from Roche Bros. in the amount of \$100 given to offset expenditures related to the Watertown Food Pantry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Watertown, hereby accepts and appropriates, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, monetary gift in the amount of \$100 received from Roche Bros. for the Watertown Food Pantry.


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 4 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 26, 2024.


Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor
John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large
Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6465
www.watertown-ma.gov
citymgr@watertown-ma.gov

To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: March 11, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Approval of Gift and Expenditures

I am pleased to inform you that we received a generous donation from Roche Bros in the amount of \$100 to offset expenditures related to the Watertown Food Pantry.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, any expenditure of gifts of funds needs the approval of the City Manager and City Council.

I respectfully request the attached Resolution approving this gift expenditure be placed on the March 26, 2024, City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and action on this matter.



Roche Bros. Supermarkets
11 Hampshire Street
Mansfield, MA
02048
781-235-9400
Fax 781-235-0437

March 1, 2024

City of Watertown
Attn: Marsha Osmond
149 Main Street
Watertown, Ma 02472

Dear Marsha,

Roche Bros. Supermarkets is happy to donate the enclosed gift card for the "Spring Food Drive 2024". This may be used as a raffle prize or to purchase items that you may need for your event. I hope that this will aid in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Danielle D'Olympio
Community Relations Manager



Visit www.rochebros.com for all of our offerings, individual store information and online shopping.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

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

Motion to authorize a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the FY2024 City Council Reserve to the FY2024 City Attorney Litigation Account.



Watertown City Council

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

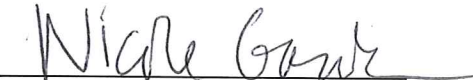
RESOLUTION # 32

2024 – R – 32

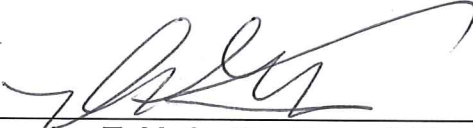
RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE TO FISCAL YEAR 2024 CITY ATTORNEY LITIGATION ACCOUNT

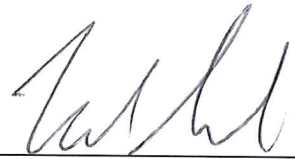
BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of Watertown hereby approves the transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the Fiscal Year 2024 City Council Reserve to the Fiscal Year 2024 City Attorney Litigation Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of said transfer is forwarded to the City Auditor and City Treasurer/Collector.


Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 26, 2024.


Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk


Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

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

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6465
www.watertown-ma.gov
citymgr@watertown-ma.gov

To: Honorable City Council

From: George J. Proakis, City Manager 

Date: March 19, 2024

RE: Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request

Attached please find a transfer of funds request in the amount of \$15,000 to the Fiscal Year 2024 City Attorney – Litigation/Legal Services Fund. This proposed transfer of funds request to the City Attorney Litigation/Legal Services Fund is necessary to sufficiently fund services for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

I respectfully request the attached transfer be placed on the March 26, 2024 City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

TRANSFER AMOUNT: \$ 15,000

FROM: FY 2024 CITY COUNCIL RESERVE \$ 15,000
0111152-570780

TO: FY 24 CITY ATTORNEY LITIGATION \$ 15,000
0115152-530309

I hereby certify to the availability, authority of funding source, mathematical accuracy and appropriate fiscal year.

3/19/2024
DATE

Alex J. Jager
CITY AUDITOR

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

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

Motion to approve the Municipal Employee Exemption.

**DISCLOSURE BY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE
OF FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MUNICIPAL CONTRACT
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 20(b)**

	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of municipal employee:	Stephanie Owens
Title/ Position	Part-time cheerleading coach
Fill in this box if it applies to you.	If you are a municipal employee because a municipal agency has contracted with your company or organization, please provide the name and address of the company or organization.
Agency/ Department	Watertown Public Schools
Agency Address	30 Common St. Watertown, MA 02472
Office phone:	617-926-7700
Office e-mail:	amanda.owens@watertown.k12.ma.us (HR Director)
	Check one: ☐ Elected or ☒ Non-elected
Starting date as a municipal employee.	
BOX # 1 Select either STATEMENT #1 or STATEMENT #2. Write an X beside your financial interest.	ELECTED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE I am an elected municipal employee. ☐ STATEMENT #1: I had one of the following financial interests in a contract made by a municipal agency before I was elected to my municipal employee position. I will continue to have this financial interest in a municipal contract. OR ☐ STATEMENT #2: I will have a new financial interest in a contract made by a municipal agency. My financial interest in a municipal contract is: ☐ I have a non-elected, compensated municipal employee position. ☐ A municipal agency has a contract with me. ☐ I have a financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a municipal agency has with another person or an entity, such as a company or organization. ☐ I work for a company or organization that has a contract with a municipal agency, and I am a "key employee" because the contract identifies me by name or it is otherwise clear that the city or town has contracted for my services in particular.
BOX # 2 Select either STATEMENT #1 or STATEMENT #2.	NON-ELECTED, COMPENSATED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE I am a non-elected municipal employee. ☐ STATEMENT # 1: I had one of the following financial interests in a contract made by a municipal agency before I took a position as a non-elected municipal employee. I will continue to have this financial interest in a municipal contract.

Write an X beside your financial interest.	My financial interest in a municipal contract is: ☐ A municipal agency has a contract with me, but not an employment contract. ☐ I have a financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a municipal agency has with another person or an entity, such as a company or organization. -- OR -- ☒ STATEMENT # 2: I will have a new financial interest in a contract made by a municipal agency. My financial interest in a municipal contract is: ☒ I have a non-elected, compensated municipal employee position. ☐ A municipal agency has a contract with me. ☐ I have a financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a municipal agency has with another person or an entity, such as a company or organization. ☐ I work for a company or organization that has a contract with a municipal agency, and I am a "key employee" because the contract identifies me by name or it is otherwise clear that the city or town has contracted for my services in particular.
FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MUNICIPAL CONTRACT	
Name and address of municipal agency that made the contract	City of Watertown Constituent Services Department 149 Main St. Watertown, MA 02472
Please put in an X to confirm these facts.	"My Municipal Agency" is the municipal agency that I serve as a municipal employee. The "contracting agency" is the municipal agency that made the contract. ☒ My Municipal Agency is not the contracting agency. ☒ My Municipal Agency does not regulate the activities of the contracting agency. ☒ In my work for my Municipal Agency, I do not participate in or have official responsibility for any of the activities of the contracting agency. ☒ The contract was made after public notice or through competitive bidding.
FILL IN THIS BOX OR THE BOX BELOW	ANSWER THE QUESTION IN THIS BOX IF THE CONTRACT IS BETWEEN THE CITY OR TOWN AND YOU. - Please explain what the contract is for. I have been offered a full-time position with the City of Watertown to serve as a Constituent Services Representative in the Constituent Services Department. My coaching takes place during the evening and on weekends and will not conflict with the required hours for the Constituents Services Representative position.
FILL IN	ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN THIS BOX IF THE CONTRACT IS BETWEEN THE CITY OR TOWN AND ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY. - Please identify the person or entity that has the contract with the municipal agency. - What is your relationship to the person or entity?

THIS BOX OR THE BOX ABOVE	- What is the contract for?
What is your financial interest in the municipal contract?	- Please explain the financial interest and include the dollar amount if you know it. I currently work as a part-time cheerleading coach for the Watertown Public Schools. I have been offered a full-time position with the City of Watertown to serve as a Constituent Services Representative in the Constituent Services Department earning \$54,620 per year.
Date when you acquired a financial interest	March 28, 2024
What is the financial interest of your immediate family?	- Please explain the financial interest and include the dollar amount if you know it. n/a
Date when your immediate family acquired a financial interest	n/a
Write an X to confirm each statement.	FOR A CONTRACT FOR PERSONAL SERVICES – Answer the questions in this box ONLY if you will have a contract for personal services with a municipal agency (i.e., you will do work directly for the contracting agency). I will have a contract with a municipal agency to provide personal services. ☒ X The services will be provided outside my normal working hours as a municipal employee. ☒ X The services are not required as part of my regular duties as a municipal employee. ☐ For these services, I will be compensated for not more than 500 hours during a calendar year. Hours for part-time coaching position and Constituent Services Representative position will not conflict, and hours for part-time coaching position will be less than 500 per year.
Employee signature:	
Date:	3/25/24

Attach additional pages if necessary.

NOT A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT -- File disclosure with the city or town clerk.

SEE CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS, BELOW.

FOR CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES ONLY:

If you are disclosing a financial interest in a contract for personal services with a municipal agency, you must file the Certification below signed by the head of the contracting agency, and you must get approval of the exemption from the city council, board of aldermen, board of selectmen or town council.

CERTIFICATION BY HEAD OF CONTRACTING AGENCY

	INFORMATION ABOUT HEAD OF CONTRACTING AGENCY
Name:	
Title/ Position	
Municipal Agency:	
Agency Address:	
Office Phone:	
	CERTIFICATION
	I have received a disclosure under G.L. c. 268A, § 20(b) from a municipal employee who seeks to provide personal services to my municipal agency, identified above. I certify that no employee of my agency is available to perform the services described above as part of his or her regular duties.
Signature:	
Date:	

**APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL, BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN OR TOWN COUNCIL**

	INFORMATION ABOUT APPROVING BODY
Name:	
Title/ Position	
Agency Address:	
Office Phone:	
	APPROVAL
	I have received a disclosure under G.L. c. 268A, § 20(b) from a municipal employee who seeks to provide personal services to a municipal agency, identified above. The exemption under § 20(b) is approved.
Signature:	On behalf of the Council or Board, I sign this approval.
Date:	

Attach additional pages if necessary.
File disclosure, Certification and Approval with the city or town clerk.

To: Watertown City Council

From: Stephanie Owens

Date: March 25, 2024

Re: G. L. c. 268A, § 20(b) disclosure – additional explanation

I would like to provide an additional explanation to the attached G. L. c. 268A, § 20(b) disclosure form. I currently hold a part-time coaching position with the Watertown Public Schools. The hours for that position are during the evenings and weekends, and I work less than 500 hours per calendar year in that position. The hours for the full-time Constituent Services Representative position that I have been offered with the City of Watertown Constituent Services Department are from 8:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday. As such, there is no conflict in the hours required for the two different positions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Owens', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

3/25/24

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

	YES	NO	PRESENT
JOHN M. AIRASIAN	___X___	_____	_____
CAROLINE BAYS	___X___	_____	_____
LISA J. FELTNER	___X___	_____	_____
JOHN G. GANNON	___X___	_____	_____
NICOLE GARDNER	___X___	_____	_____
EMILY IZZO	___X___	_____	_____
ANTHONY PALOMBA	___X___	_____	_____
VINCENT J. PICCIRILLI JR.	___X___	_____	_____
MARK S. SIDERIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT	___X___	_____	_____

Motion to accept the report from the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight from its meeting on March 11, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL VOTE
MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2024

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

Motion to approve the Action Item from the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight report on March 11, 2024 – Increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption from \$5,000 to \$10,000.



Watertown City Council

Administration Building

149 Main Street

Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: 617-972-6470

RESOLUTION # 33

R-2024 -33

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 §5 Clause 54 has a statutory limit of \$10,000 for Personal Property Tax Exemption; and,

WHEREAS: The Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight convened on March 11, 2024 for a meeting where it was voted to recommend to the City Council to increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption to the maximum amount of the limit.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Watertown, hereby approves the Personal Property Tax Exemption to be increased to \$10,000.

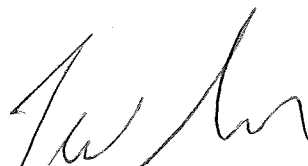
BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of the Resolution will be forwarded to the City Auditor and City Treasurer/Collector.

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 1 for, 0 against, and 0 present on March 26, 2024.



Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk



Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large
Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor
John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large
Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large
Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor



Watertown City Council

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

ELECTED
OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

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

John M. Airasian,
Councilor At Large

Caroline Bays,
Councilor At Large

John G. Gannon,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Nicole Gardner,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Emily Izzo,
District D Councilor

Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight

Meeting: March 11, 2024

Report: March 26, 2024

The Committee convened on Monday March 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Louis P. Andrews Upper Conference Room, as a hybrid meeting with remote participation by zoom. Present were Councilors Vincent Piccirilli, chair, Emily Izzo, vice chair, and Nicole Gardner, secretary. Staff present were City Auditor Megan Langan, Chief Financial Officer Ari Sky, Chief Assessor Earl Smith, and Council Analyst Doug Newton. Also present were Councilor Caroline Bays and resident Brendan McCarthy. Joining by zoom were Councilors Anthony Palomba and John Airasian; Greg Reibman of the Charles River Chamber of Commerce, Doug Orifice from the Watertown Business Coalition, and residents Jacky Van Leeuwen and Sara Ebaugh.

Councilor Piccirilli called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss:

1. Increasing the personal property tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$10,000
2. Adopting a real estate transfer tax

Personal Property Tax Exemption

The meeting began with Mr. Smith presenting an analysis of the impact of making the change (Attachment A). Key points of discussion:

1. There are 118 businesses with personal property above \$5,000 and below \$10,000. If this change were made, those 118 businesses would no longer have to pay personal property tax.
2. Of those 118 businesses, 112 of those businesses are existing accounts.
 - With no change, they would pay a total of \$19,237 in personal property taxes.
 - With the change, they would be exempt, and that \$19k tax burden – already in our tax base - would be shifted to the remaining 326 accounts in the commercial/industrial/personal property tax base.
3. Six of the businesses are new accounts.
 - With no change, they would be taxed for the first time in 2024, and would pay a total of \$908 in personal property taxes.
 - With the proposed change, they would be exempt, and the City would lose the \$908 in revenue.

A brief discussed ensued. Councilor Gardner asked if a sensitivity analysis had been conducted to look at the impact of raising the exemption even higher, given the minimal impact on the City's revenues. Mr. Smith explained that the Commonwealth caps the exemption at \$10,000 per G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54.

➔ **Action item:** Councilor Gardner made a motion, seconded by Councilor Izzo, that the Committee recommends the City Council increase the Personal Property Tax Exemption from \$5,000 to the G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 statutory limit of \$10,000. Voted 3-0

Real Estate Transfer Tax

Mr. Piccirilli began by providing the following information:

- Governor Healey introduced the Affordable Homes Act in October 2023 as a way for the Commonwealth to address the housing crisis of availability and affordability.
- It includes giving municipalities the option to introduce a real estate transfer tax.
- This is still with the legislature, although it out of committee.
- Twelve communities have put forth Home Rule Petitions for transfer taxes over the years, and the Legislature has taken no action on any of them.

He then suggested that the Committee leave this as an open referral, and take up discussion after there is clarity on what finally comes out of the Legislature. At that point, the Committee will know what degrees of freedom Watertown will have, and can make a recommendation to the City Council on whether or not to institute a tax, and if so, how to craft it so it meets the needs of our community. Things to be considered could include, for example, whether it is charged to the seller, the buyer, or a combination, or what the threshold sale price should be. Every community is different, and it will be important to tailor this for our community's needs.

Brendan McCarthy, a real estate agent, shared that the median sales price in Watertown is \$850,000, and over 90 properties sold for over \$1 million in 2023. He expressed a concern that a transfer tax would be charged to the seller, and that it might reduce people's willingness to sell their property, reducing turnover (Attachment B).

Councilor Bays noted that it is not yet clear whether the transfer tax would be charged to the buyer, the seller, or a mix.

Greg Reibman from the Chamber of Commerce commented that it is important to think through the consequences of a transfer tax. He noted that it would also apply to commercial properties, and that Watertown might be less competitive in the commercial real estate market if it puts a transfer tax in place.

Councilor Piccirilli said it is important for residents to contact their legislators (Senator Brownsberger, and Representatives Lawn and Owens) to let them know their views.

Councilors Izzo and Gardner concurred with the approach of taking the referral up again when the legislature has completed their work.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Report prepared by Nicole Gardner

Attachments:

- A. Email from Earl Smith
- B. Brendan McCarthy home sales statistics

Analysis for Committee on Budget and Fiscal Oversight (Implications of raising taxable Personal Property threshold to \$10K)

Smith, Earl <esmith@watertown-ma.gov>

Thu 3/7/2024 12:54 PM

To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>; Gardner, Nicole <nicole.n.gardner@gmail.com>; Izzo, Emily <eizzo@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: Sky, Ari <asky@watertown-ma.gov>; Proakis, George <gproakis@watertown-ma.gov>; Langan, Megan <mlangan@watertown-ma.gov>

 1 attachments (221 KB)

Personal Property Accounts Inventory FY24.xls;

March 7, 2024

Greetings,

Attached is an inventory of taxable personal property accounts (meeting the current \$5,000 threshold of assets). This spreadsheet is what I base my analysis on for the Budget and Fiscal Oversight meeting. Tab 1 shows all fiscal year 2024 taxable personal property accounts with a \$5000 threshold, tab 2 shows all taxable personal property accounts with a \$10,000 threshold. This is a summary:

Currently with a \$5000 threshold, the city has:

- 444 taxable personal property accounts
- Assessed value of those accounts \$318,149,790
- This generates taxes of \$7,342,897+-

Based on FY24 accounts, with a \$10,000 threshold, the city would have had:

- 326 taxable personal property accounts (118 fewer accounts)
- Assessed value of those accounts \$317,276,918 (\$872,872 less in value)
- This would have generated \$7,322,751+- (\$20,146 less in tax dollars)****

*******Wonky Part of Analysis. If this had been implemented for FY24, because 112 of the accounts between 5K - \$10K were existing – those account taxes would have already been part of the levy – therefore \$19,237 would have still been raised allocating those taxes to the entire commercial/industrial/personal property tax base. The only true cost of raising the threshold to \$10K would have been the six new accounts taxed for the first time which represent \$39,320 in value equating to \$908 in tax dollars.***

If anyone has any questions prior to the Budget and Fiscal Oversight meeting or would like to be walked through this, I would be glad to help. My direct line is 617-715-8634.

Thanks,

Earl L. Smith
Chair, Board of Assessors

Tel. 617-972-6410 | www.watertown-ma.gov

Total Sold Market Statistics

Report Run Date: 3/8/2024 1:33:30 PM

Property Type(s): SF, CC, MF

Status: SLD

Start Date: 01/01/2023

End Date: 12/31/2023

Town(s): Watertown

Price Range	# of Listings	Avg. Days on Market	Avg. Days to Offer	Average Sale Price	Average List Price	SP:LP Ratio	Average Orig Price	SP:OP Ratio
\$0 - \$49,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$50,000 - \$99,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$100,000 - \$149,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$150,000 - \$199,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$200,000 - \$249,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$250,000 - \$299,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$300,000 - \$349,999	<u>1</u>	16	6	\$342,000	\$338,000	101	\$338,000	101
\$350,000 - \$399,999	<u>10</u>	22	13	\$370,190	\$356,760	104	\$357,760	104
\$400,000 - \$449,999	<u>13</u>	26	20	\$426,362	\$424,548	101	\$429,164	100
\$450,000 - \$499,999	<u>15</u>	46	39	\$474,790	\$466,587	102	\$477,993	100
\$500,000 - \$599,999	<u>28</u>	20	13	\$526,500	\$515,911	102	\$521,414	101
\$600,000 - \$699,999	<u>28</u>	19	13	\$652,023	\$629,850	104	\$634,386	103
\$700,000 - \$799,999	<u>33</u>	26	17	\$744,197	\$723,415	103	\$730,324	102
\$800,000 - \$899,999	<u>34</u>	33	20	\$847,559	\$831,565	102	\$840,829	101
\$900,000 - \$999,999	<u>24</u>	43	24	\$945,538	\$938,758	101	\$950,033	100
\$1,000,000 - \$1,499,999	<u>79</u>	28	18	<u>\$1,178,929</u>	\$1,139,728	104	\$1,156,637	103
\$1,500,000 - \$1,999,999	<u>7</u>	106	20	<u>\$1,625,000</u>	\$1,631,285	100	\$1,651,286	98
\$2,000,000 - \$2,499,999	<u>4</u>	20	16	<u>\$2,316,000</u>	\$2,304,750	101	\$2,304,750	101
\$2,500,000 - \$2,999,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$3,000,000 - \$3,999,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$4,000,000 - \$4,999,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
\$10,000,000 - \$99,999,999	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Total Properties	276	Avg. 30	Avg. 19	\$867,934	\$847,309	103	\$857,496	102

Lowest Price: **\$342,000**Median Price: **\$833,500**Highest Price: **\$2,450,000**Average Price: **\$867,934**Total Market Volume: **\$239,549,904**

Using minimum threshold of \$1million and maximum percentage of 2%

AVG net \$1million	AVG burden per individual	Sales per \$500k band over \$1 million	Est. yield per band \$500k
\$178,929 X .02 = \$ 3,578		X 79 = \$282,707	
\$625,000 X .02 = \$ 12,500		X 7 = \$ 87,500	
\$1316,000 X .02 = \$ 26,320		X 4 = \$ 105,280	

Total estimated revenue = \$475,487

Stamps for Southern Middlesex is \$2.28 per \$500 of value



George J. Proakis
City Manager

CITY OF
WATERTOWN
Office of the City Manager

Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6465
www.watertown-ma.gov
Citymgr@watertown-ma.gov

To: Honorable City Council

From: George Proakis, City Manager

Date: March 26, 2023

RE: Proposed new City logo

My administration began working with Sabastian Ebarb of the graphic design company Nahi in 2023 to create a logo and associated brand for the City of Watertown. The purpose of this project was to establish an aesthetically pleasing public image for the City that is easily identifiable but also flexible enough to be adapted for various purposes. I am thrilled with the outcome of the project, which I will share in a brief presentation at the March 26th City Council meeting, and respectfully request the Council's endorsement of it.

Please note that the project does not affect the City seal, which will continue to be used for official purposes.

Should the Council endorse the new logo and brand, we will move forward with a gradual rollout. No- or low-cost, mostly digital items like email signatures and new memo and PowerPoint templates will be available quickly, while other changes will be implemented over time. With limited exceptions, we will not replace physical items like business cards or vehicle decals solely for the purpose of adopting the new logo and brand.

While implementation will take time, we believe this project will ultimately create unity and consistency in the image of the City we project to the community. With the Council's endorsement, we are excited to take the first steps in the coming months.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

City Council Meeting
March 26, 2024

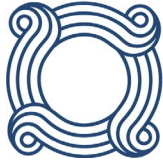
City of Watertown Brand

Introduction Presentation

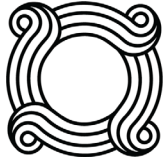




WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



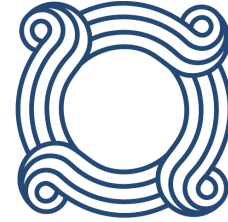
WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



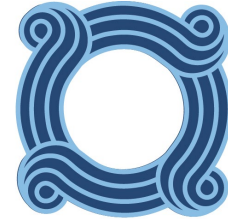
WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

Early implementation



City of Watertown, MA
George Proakis (he/him/his)
City Manager
617-972-6465

[watertown-ma.gov](https://www.watertown-ma.gov)

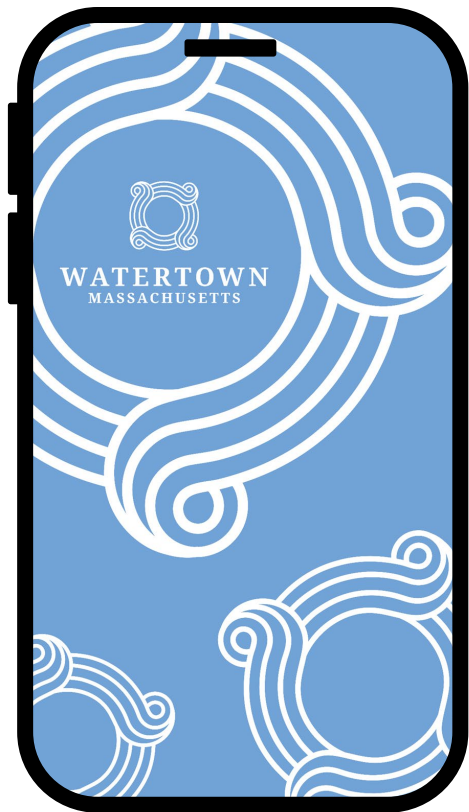


City of Watertown, MA
Laura Murray (she/her)
Director | Constituent Services
617-972-6465

[watertown-ma.gov](https://www.watertown-ma.gov)



Early implementation





City of Watertown, MA

George Proakis

City Manager | City Manager

gproakis@watertown-ma.gov

617-972-6465

watertown-ma.gov



WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS





WATERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

City Logo

Angeline Kounelis <akounelis12@gmail.com>

Tue 3/26/2024 11:12 AM

To: Piccirilli, Vincent J <vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: City Councilors <citycouncilors@watertown-ma.gov>

 1 attachments (161 KB)

349c0db8-f405-461d-88c8-76844c358e45 (1).pdf;

SUBMISSION FOR CITY COUNCIL FIRST PUBLIC FORUM ON 03/26/24

Re: Agenda Item 10. Communications from City Manager

A. City Logo

Greetings:

Has the cart been placed before the horse? As I read the narrative within the attached memorandum to the Honorable City Council, I wondered who initiated the City Logo project? Was the project fully vetted with the Legislative Body, prior to, not after the fact, to determine need, cost, implementation, etc., etc.

*"**My administration** began working with Sabastian Ebarb of the graphic design company Nahi in 2023 to create a logo and associated brand for the City of Watertown."*

Who authorized the undertaking of the City Logo project in 2023, and at what cost? Was there a gratis arrangement with the design company? Carte blanche does not offer transparency when working with taxpayer dollars for municipal changes.

"Please note that the project does not affect the City seal, which will continue to be used for official purposes."

In my opinion: the proposed "Logo" is the precursor to the gradual elimination of the City Seal. A segue to send the City Seal into obscurity for "official purposes", only.

Once again; where was the community input? Who is "we believe" in the statement that follows:

*"While implementation will take time, **we believe** this project will ultimately create unity and consistency in the image of the City we project to the community."*

Unity is: "In Pace Condita," (founded in peace)

"Consistency" is the use of one, City of Watertown Seal that speaks for itself. Not to be confused with a second, branding of Watertown Logo.

Best,

Angie

Angeline Maria B. Kounelis
Retired District A, East End, City Councilor
Landline: 617-926-2352
Mobile: 617-538-9252

Sent from my Smartphone - Apologies for brevity and/or typos

Watertown Town Seal

David J. Russo

Watertown, Mass.

Year Built: ca. 1870

Brigham designed the Watertown Town Seal with Newton historian Jesse Fewkes in ca. 1870.

The seal commemorates the May 1630, party led by Roger Clap landing on the steep banks of Charles River at a point near the present site of Perkins School for the Blind. In his diary, he tells of the first encounter with the Pequosette Indians. The Indians approached Clap's landing party with a large bass and were given a biscuit in exchange by the settlers. Soon after, Clap's group left, at Governor Winthrop's order, to settle in Dorchester where it was thought the land was better for cattle.

[http://www.davidjrusso.com/images/brigham/Watertown Town Seal 1.gif](http://www.davidjrusso.com/images/brigham/Watertown_Town_Seal_1.gif)

Best,

Angie

Angeline Maria B. Kounelis
Landline: 617-926-2352
Mobile: 617-538-9252

Sent from my Smartphone - Apologies for brevity and/or typos
Best,

Angie

Angeline Maria B. Kounelis
Landline: 617-926-2352
Mobile: 617-538-9252

Sent from my Smartphone - Apologies for brevity and/or typos
Best,

Angie

Angeline Maria B. Kounelis
Landline: 617-926-2352
Mobile: 617-538-9252

Sent from my Smartphone - Apologies for brevity and/or typos
Best,

Angie

Angeline Maria B. Kounelis
Landline: 617-926-2352
Mobile: 617-538-9252

Sent from my Smartphone - Apologies for brevity and/or typos