



MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
August 7, 2023

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WATERFORD, CT
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ATTEST: David L. Campo
TOWN CLERK

Moderator Paul Goldstein called the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mary Childs, Harry Colonis, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti (7:25), Steve Garvin, Nick Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Lindsay Khan, Jennifer Kohl, Cheryl Larder, Theodore Olynciw, Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue, David Welch

ABSENT: Kyrach Augmon Bossa, Richard Holmes

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Selectman Richard Muckle, Chair of the Board of Education Pat Fedor

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo, Town Attorney Robert Avena, and Finance Director Kim Allen

AGENDA ITEM C – June 5, 2023 Regular and June 22, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bracciale, to approve the June 5, 2023 and the June 22, 2023 Minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

AGENDA ITEM D - CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items were received for correspondence: American Rescue Funds Quarterly Report, Capital Project Quarterly report, a letter requesting the acceptance of a contributed gift from Finance Director Kim Allen. Recommendations from the Republican Town Committee for the Ethics Commission and Police Commission vacancies. Recommendations from the Democratic Town Committee for the Police Commission vacancy. Letter of interest, resume, and written public comment from Christopher Jones and Christopher Gamble. A committee report from Public Health, Recreation and Environment Standing Committee Chair Michael Bono. An item in regard to vacant properties and a project status report on the Oswegatchie Fire House Building Committee from RTM Member Ted Olynciw.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Police Commission Member Christopher Gamble spoke in regard to his desire to be appointed to the Police Commission. (See Attachment)

Christopher Jones submitted a letter of Public Comment in regard to his desire to be appointed to the Police Commission. (See Attachment)

AGENDA ITEM F – COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS

It was noted that a committee report was received from Public Health, Recreation and Environment and could be addressed in New Business. (See Attachment)

CALL ITEM 1 – Community Center Building Management Upgrade

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$300,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund** for a new **Capital Non-Recurring Project** (account to be determined) for Community Center Building Management System (BMS) Upgrades.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Gonzalez, to waive the 15 day waiting period.

MOTION PASSED: 21-2-0 (Larder, Radin voted against)

CALL ITEM 2 – Telephone System Upgrade

PRESENTATION: Directors of Information Technology, Mark Geer (BOE) and Jeffrey Robillard (Town)

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation in the amount of **\$581,700** from the **CNR Undesignated Fund Balance Line #205-31520 to Capital Non-Recurring Project Line #20547-57860 (Telephone System Upgrade)**.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Condon, to waive the 15 day waiting period.

MOTION PASSED: 21-2-0 (Larder, Radin voted against)

CALL ITEM 3 – Town-Wide Camera System

PRESENTATION: Director of Information Technology Jeffrey Robillard.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$84,914** from **Capital and Non-Recurring Project Line #20547-57847 (Town-Wide Camera System)**.

MOTION PASSED: 22-1-0 (Larder against)

CALL ITEM 4 – Fiber Upgrade

PRESENTATION: Director of Information Technology Jeffrey Robillard.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$1,126** from **Capital and Non-Recurring Project Line #20547-57846 (Fiber Upgrade)**.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 5 – Curb Replacement/Sandy Hollow Drive

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation in the amount of **\$100,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund to Line #33023-55901 (Curb replacement/Sandy Hollow Road)**.

A friendly amendment was requested by Gauthier, and accepted to change "Road" to "Drive".

MOTION PASSED: 22-1-0 (Larder against)

CALL ITEM 6 – Town Hall Bathroom Renovations

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$180,000** from the **CNR Undesignated Fund Balance Line #205-31520 to Capital Non-Recurring Project Line #20511-57879 (Town Hall Bathroom renovations)**

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Rocchetti, to reduce the request by **\$55,000** for a new total of **\$125,000**.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

ORIGINAL MOTION WITH AMENDMENT

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to waive the 15 day waiting period.

MOTION PASSED: 22-1-0 (Larder voted against)

CALL ITEM 7 – Plastic Water Service Connections

PRESENTATION: Director of the Utility Commission James Bartelli

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation in the amount of **\$181,300** from the **CNR Undesignated Fund Balance Line #205-31520 to Capital Non-Recurring Project Line #20531-57881 (Plastic water Service Connections)**.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 8 – Old Norwich Road Paving

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider, Director of the Utility Commission James Bartelli

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$1,053,000** for a new **Capital Non-Recurring Project (number to be determined), Old Norwich Road Paving from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund**.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 9 – Ethics Commission Appointment

NOMINATION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to appoint Alan Messier, 63 Colonial Drive, as a Regular Member of the Ethics Commission. (Term 02/07/2022 – 02/05/2024)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MESSIER appointed to the Ethics Commission.

CALL ITEM 10 – Police Commission

NOMINATION by Rocchetti, seconded by Bracciale, to appoint Christopher Jones, 14 Twin Lakes Drive, as a member of the Police Commission. (Term 08/07/2023 – 08/02/2027)

NOMINATION by Bono, seconded by Radin, to reappoint Christopher Gamble, 18 Cottage Lane, as a member of the Police Commission (Term 08/07/2023 – 08/02/2026)

VOTING IN FAVOR OF JONES: Bracciale, Colonis, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue

VOTING AGAINST JONES: Bono, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Healy, Khan, Kohl, Larder, Olynciw, Radin, Welch

JONES failed to get Majority

VOTING IN FAVOR OF GAMBLE: Bono, Childs, Condon, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Girard, Gonzalez, Healy, Khan, Kohl, Larder, Olynciw, Radin, Sugrue, Welch

VOTING AGAINST GAMBLE: Bracciale, Colonis, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas
GAMBLE appointed to the Police Commission.

NOMINATION by Gauthier, seconded by Larder, to appoint James Dimmock, 10 Old Barry Road, as a member of the Police Commission. (Term 08/07/2023 – 08/02/2027)

VOTING IN FAVOR OF DIMMOCK: Bono, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Girard, Gonzalez, Healy, Khan, Kohl, Larder, Olynciw, Radin, Welch

VOTING AGAINST DIMMOCK: Bracciale, Colonis, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue

DIMMOCK appointed to the Police Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Rocchetti, to add to the agenda a request from Finance Director Kim Allen to deposit a check for \$15,000 from the Gardiner Family Foundation to be used for Town of Waterford's Children Support Services.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve a request from Finance Director Kim Allen to deposit a check for \$15,000 from the Gardiner Family Foundation to be used for Town of Waterford's Children Support Services.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

Representative Condon noted that the body has still not received the steering document and strategic plan from the Fire Services Review Special Committee that outlines procedures, staffing, performance and any findings/recommendations that will enhance public safety in regard to fire services. This was part of the committee's original charge. The decision to approve an Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee was facilitated by the fact that this report would be provided.

Representative Dembek informed the body that he had information in response to Olynciw's report (See attachment) and would forward that to him.

Representative Bono, Chair of the Public Health, Recreation and Environment Standing Committee, noted that due to time restraints he would introduce his committee's findings at the October Meeting of the RTM.

Representative Olynciw will to discuss his concerns over town owned vacant properties at the October Meeting of the RTM.

MOTION by Rocchetti, seconded by Colonis, to adjourn passed unanimously at 9:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



David L. Campo, CCTC
Town Clerk

Public Input for Monday August 7, 2023 RTM meeting

August 6, 2023

To the Waterford Representative Town Meeting:

The purpose of this letter is to express my interest in reappointment to the position of police commissioner on Waterford's Board of Police Commission. I have served in this capacity since October of 2020. I appreciate and value the opportunity to sit on this commission and hope to continue my service. If reappointed I will continue to act objectively and fairly. My decisions will continue to be based on facts and I will continue to listen to and be open to the thoughts and ideas of the other police commissioners and the police chief and his support staff. Ultimately my voting record will be indicative of what I believe is in the best interest of the citizens of Waterford and the staff and personnel of the Waterford Police Department.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Gamble

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CHRISTOPHER R. JONES

August 7, 2023

RTM Meeting

Good afternoon, members of the RTM.

I am currently on vacation and regrettably cannot deliver my public comment to you in person.

I respectfully request your endorsement for the Republican Police Commission position. My experience on various local boards and my activity within the Waterford community make me the best fit for this position, and I ask that you consider my request.

Waterford has been my home since 1987. I have been a long-standing member of the Jordan Fire Department, served on the Waterford Week Committee, and was elected to the Board of Education in 2016. I am a member of several local boards that impact Waterford citizens, like the Juvenile Review Board.

Words cannot express the passion I have to be named to the Waterford Police Commission. As an African American man, I feel it is vital to have a commission that includes someone with the skillset, experience, education, and love for our community that I have. It is also critical to have a diverse commission; gender, skin color, age, skill sets, and previous board experience are all important qualities to look for when comprising a board. The current board doesn't offer a lot of diversity, and my presence on it is a step in the right direction.

Because the Police Commission is a civilian oversight board, my qualifications make me an asset. I've worked hard while serving on many boards to create transparency and accountability procedures. I strongly believe in taking care of people, including offering mental health, finance, and education support as needed. My greatest strength is my ability to work with all people in a bipartisan and collegiate manner. Judgments made by me are based on facts and evidence. I do my research, and I look out for the greater best interest.

I understand I will need to resign as a member of the Board of Education if appointed to the Police Commission. Please know I've attended 97% of the Waterford BOE meetings and 95% of the Juvenile Review Board meetings while serving. It is rare for me to miss meetings, and I take my roles quite seriously. I've enjoyed my time as a BOE member, especially the initiative to reduce energy costs in all school buildings. However, I am seeking a new opportunity to use my skill set and knowledge to better our community.

Your support for me as the Republican Police Commission member is greatly appreciated. I hope you'll refer to my resume and cover letter for specifics about my qualifications. Thank you for your time.

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PUBLIC HEALTH, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
RTM COMMITTEE REPORT

Review of the Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.06 — Noise Control), rtc 10/4/2022

Background

At the RTM Regular Meeting on October 4, 2022 following public comment and discussion The RTM voted unanimously to refer the review of the Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.06 — Noise Control) to the Public Health Recreation & Environment Standing Committee of the RTM

Summary

This committee met February 22, 2022, June 30, 2022, August 30, 2022, January 30, 2023 and July 12, 2023. The committee met to discuss goals and objectives at its February 22, 2022 meeting. The committee tasked the town attorney at its June 30, 2022 meeting with research related to those goals and objectives. The town attorney presented research to the committee at the August 30, 2022 meeting. At the January 30, 2023 meeting the committee heard input from the Town Attorney and the Chief of Police. The Committee decided that making the ordinance more enforceable may be too restrictive to residents and businesses. The committee then tasked the Chair with drafting a letter to be sent from the RTM to Planning and Zoning to address residents' concerns. On July 12, 2023 the committee reviewed and amended the Chair's letters for consideration of the body.

Recommendation

At the July 12, 2023 meeting the committee unanimously recommended the issue out of committee with no action taken to ordinance, but recommended the RTM forward the attached letter to Planning and Zoning.

Attachments

Minutes and supporting documents available online and/or by request.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bono
Committee Chair

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ATTEST: David H. Bono
TOWN CLERK

July 12, 2023

To: Mr. Paul Goldstein, Moderator RTM

At the RTM Regular Meeting on October 4, 2021 following public comment and discussion The RTM voted unanimously to refer the review of the Noise Ordinance (Chapter 9.06 — Noise Control) to the Public Health Recreation & Environment Standing Committee of the RTM. The standing committee convened four times since receiving its charge. After considerable research and deliberation the consensus of the Public Health, Recreation and Environment standing committee of the RTM is that creating a more enforceable ordinance may be too restrictive to residents and businesses.

Residents expressed through counsel at the January 30, 2023 Public Health, Recreation and Environment Standing Committee meeting, that the remedy to their concern best be addressed through the Planning and Zoning Commission and not through ordinance. Thus, the Standing Committee recommends the RTM asks the Planning and Zoning Commission to review its process of issuing special permits to address the potential confluence of residential and commercial zones. Please see attached letter the Committee recommends for the RTM to forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Bono
Chair Public Health, Recreation and Environment
District 4 - Representative Town Meeting

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Proposed letter from RTM (through Moderator Paul Goldstein to P & Z Chair Gregory Massad)

Dear Chairman Massad:

I am writing on behalf of the Representative Town Meeting which voted at its August 6, 2023 meeting, per the recommendation of the Public Health, Recreation and Environment Standing Committee, to communicate to the Planning and Zoning Commission the RTM's request that the Commission consider revisiting the process under which special permits may be issued for outdoor accessory dining. The Standing Committee conducted a number of meetings in late 2022 and early 2023 to consider potential amendments and garnered input from many residents regarding potential strategies for mitigating the effects of music associated with outdoor dining emanating from commercial activities. Since the issuance of these special permits there have been public disturbances that have been communicated to the Public Health, Recreation and Environment Committee that the Town was unable to address. This is in part why we are asking you to review issuance of these special permits. The clear sentiment expressed to the Standing Committee was that the better approach to addressing this issue was potential revisions to the outdoor dining special permit process rather than amending our current noise ordinance.

The Standing Committee asked the full RTM to pass on this suggestion to your Commission while recognizing that such potential revisions to your regulations is fully within the purview of your Commission. On behalf of the RTM, we appreciate your consideration of this request. The Subcommittee report summarizing PHRE committee deliberations is attached.

Sincerely,

Paul Goldstein
Moderator RTM

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ATTES: *David H. Langley*
TOWN CLERK

August 3, 2023

Memo to: RTM

From: Ted Olynciw, Member of the Building Committee

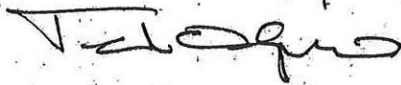
Re: Oswegatchie Fire House Building Committee

PROJECT STATUS

1. There is no contract agreement in place between the Town and the Fire Company regarding the transfer of the land to the Town of Waterford. The Fire Company also requires a lease for the building and grounds. Our Town Attorney is working with the Attorney representing the Fire Company.
2. The Committee hired a consultant to assist the Town's Purchasing Department to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Architectural and Engineering services using the existing plans prepared by the previous Architect DRA.
3. Both the Building & Fire Marshall's Department have no records of any septic or fuel oil tanks ever being installed, removed, or replaced. Therefore, the Committee will be asking the Town's Purchasing Dept. to request bids for a Phase I Environmental Survey of the property.
4. The Committee will start discussing Space & Size needs at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Olynciw, RTM Rep. 2nd District and member of this Committee



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