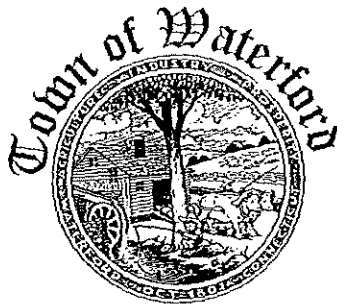


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MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:00 PM

Waterford Town Hall (Auditorium)

(Procedural Action: Check register to be signed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with CGS 7-83)

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call: 5:01 PM**
In Attendance: First Selectman, Robert Brule; Selectman, Rich Muckle; and on the phone - Selectman, Greg Attanasio

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Public Comment:**

Chief of Police, Marc Balestracci – Chiefs Recognition Award Presented to First Selectman Brule.

MOTION by Brule, seconded by Muckle to move Appointments & Resignations to the 1st item of discussion. VOTE 3-0

4. **Appointments & Resignations:**

4a. Resignation by Richard Erricson, Sr., (U) Member, from Waterford Recreation and Parks Commission.

4b. To consider and act on the re-appointment of John Jamroga (U) to the Waterford Shellfish Commission, to fill the term of 1/6/26-1/6/30 as a member.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to amend the term to "1/6/25-1/6/29, remainder of term." VOTE 3-0

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
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4c. To consider and act on the re-appointment of John Hughes (R) to the Harbor Management Commission, to fill the term of 2/18/26-2/17/29 as a member.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

4d. To consider and act on the re-appointment of Joseph Butts (R) to the Harbor Management Commission, to fill the term of 2/18/26-2/17/29 as a member.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

4e. Resignation by Avery Holzworth, (D) an Alternate, from the Conservation Commission.

4f. To consider and act on the appointment of Eric Benvenuti (U) to the Recreation and Parks Commission, to fill the term of 9/1/23-8/31/26 as a member.

MOTION by Brule, seconded by Muckle to amend the term to "9/1/25-8/31/28, remainder of term." VOTE 3-0

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

5. Mago Point - Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP): To consider and act on a proposed Joint Care and Management Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Waterford, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Waterford.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

6. Public Works: To consider and act on a Collective Site Services Agreement between the Cylinder Collective and the Town of Waterford and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Waterford.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

7. Tax Collector: To consider and act upon the disposition of Town-owned property at 207 Boston Post Road a/k/a 1 Tiffany Avenue, by auction (without minimum bid) and forward a recommendation for such disposition to the Representative Town Meeting.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

8. New Business: NONE

9. Old Business: NONE

10. Correspondence:

10a. Letter from Robert Brule, First Selectman – Fair Compensation

10b. Letter from Alan Wilensky, Tax Collector – 5 year history QDS

11. Consent Agenda

11a. Tax Refund: To approve and act on repayment of tax refund in the amount of \$135,455.92

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 2-0-1 PASSED

Voting For: Brule, Muckle

Abstain: Attanasio

11b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes January 20, 2026

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

11c. Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes February 3, 2026

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

11d. Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes February 4, 2026

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

11e. Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes February 5, 2026

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

11f. Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

MOTION by Brule, seconded by Muckle to amend and add "Motion by Attanasio, seconded by Muckle for discussion, to add \$2800 to line 52420" [in regards to #1, Recreation and Parks Commission, noting the vote failed on February 9, 2026 with Attanasio voting For and Brule, Muckle voting Against]. VOTE 3-0

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

11g. Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to amend and adjust the arrival time for Selectman Attanasio to show he was there on time, not late. VOTE 3-0

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

12.Adjournment: 5:54 PM

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

Wtfd Shellfish Commission

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Notes

- Chair - Jerry Porter
- Recording Secretary - Audrey Ulmer

Per ordinance, at this point in time, this commission should have

- Two Members with term of 2023-27
- Three Members with term of 2024-28
- Two Members with term of 2025-29 (1st adjustment done Jan 20, 2026)
- Three Alternates with term of 2025-27

Commission Seats

Member Name	Title	Political Party	Appointed By	Seat Name	Status	Start Date	Calculated Term
Anne Darling	Treasurer	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	1/20/2026	1/6/2025 - 1/1/2029
Chris Calkins	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	1/6/2023	1/6/2023 - 1/6/2027
Jerry Porter	Chair	Democrat	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	2/1/2024	1/6/2023 - 1/6/2027
(Vacant)			Board of Selectmen	Member	Vacant		** 1/6/2026 - 1/6/2030
Raymond Diennen	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Expired	1/6/2022	** 1/6/2022 - 1/6/2026
Thomas J. Francolino	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Expired	1/6/2022	** 1/6/2022 - 1/6/2026
John A. Jamroga	Vice Chair	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Member	Expired	1/6/2022	* 1/6/2022 - 1/6/2026
(Vacant)			Board of Selectmen	Alternate	Vacant		5/18/2025 - 5/18/2027
(Vacant)			Board of Selectmen	Alternate	Vacant		5/18/2025 - 5/18/2027

*** Agenda item 7b: Amend motion:** Move to reappoint John Jamroga to serve as a Member of the Waterford Shellfish Commission for the remainder of the 1/6/25 - 1/1/29 term that was revised to comply with the schedule set by ordinance.

**** New Business? Motion to adjust remaining errant terms:** Move that the Board of Selectman direct the revision of the OnBoard Directory to add the third Alternate seat and to revise the terms for the remaining one Vacant and two Expired seats to 1/6/24 - 1/5/28 to reflect the schedule set by ordinance.

Waterford Shellfish Commission

Initial Term		Start/End of Subsequent Terms									
		current correct terms									
Member A1	1993	1995	1999	2003	2007	2011	2015	2019	2023	2027	2031
Member A2	1993	1995	1999	2003	2007	2011	2015	2019	2023	2027	2031
Member B1	1993	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2020	2024	2028	2032
Member B2	1993	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2020	2024	2028	2032
Member B3	1993	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016	2020	2024	2028	2032
Member C1	1993	1997	2001	2005	2009	2013	2017	2021	2025	2029	2033
Member C2	1993	1997	2001	2005	2009	2013	2017	2021	2025	2029	2033
Alternates (3)	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013
			2015	2017	2019	2021	2023	2025	2027	2029	2031

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Note: Ordinance sets quorum of 7-member body at just THREE.

2.80.030 - Terms of members. Initially, the board of selectmen shall appoint regular members as follows: two members to serve for two years, three members to serve for three years and two members to serve for four years. Thereafter the terms shall be for four years. Alternates are to serve for a term of two years. Such alternate members shall when seated have all the powers and duties set forth in said general statutes relating to the shellfish commission and its members. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. (R.T.M 2-1-93 (part); prior code § 2-20.1 (c))

Harbor Management Commission

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Commission Seats

Member Name	Title	Political Party	Appointed By	Seat Name	Status	Start Date	Calculated Term
John J Hughes	Chair	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	6/21/2023	2/18/2023 - 2/17/2026
Joseph C Butts, Jr.	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	2/18/2023	2/18/2023 - 2/17/2026
John A. Jamroga	Member	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	2/18/2025	2/18/2025 - 2/17/2028
Serge Arfi	Member	Democrat	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	2/17/2025	2/17/2025 - 2/16/2028
Jerry Porter	Member	Democrat	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	6/18/2024	* 2/17/2024 - 2/16/2027
Fred Wise	Member	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	2/17/2024	* 2/17/2024 - 2/16/2027
Robert DeRosa	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	2/17/2024	* 2/17/2024 - 2/16/2027
Eva Bunnell	Alternate	Democrat	Board of Selectmen	Alternate	Active	10/4/2023	2/18/2023 - 2/17/2026
Gregory Crocker	Alternate	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Alternate	Active	2/17/2024	2/17/2024 - 2/16/2027

Future discussion: Following two reappointments (7c and 7d), Commission should have two members for 2024-27, two members for 2025-28, and THREE members for 2026-29.

Simplest fix...ask 3 starred members about interest in extension, then at next BoS meeting have motion to "reappoint [member] to serve the remainder of the 2026-29 term that was amended to comply with schedule set by ordinance."

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Initial Term			Start/End of Subsequent Terms										correct terms at this point in time			
Member A1	1996	1997	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018	2021	2024	2027			
Member A2	1996	1997	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018	2021	2024	2027			
Member B1	1996	1998		2001	2004	2007	2010	2013	2016	2019	2022	2025	2031			
Member B2	1996	1998		2001	2004	2007	2010	2013	2016	2019	2022	2025	2031			
Member C1	1996	1999		1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2014	2017	2020	2023	2029			
Member C2	1996	1999		1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2014	2017	2020	2023	2029			
Member C3	1996	1999		1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2014	2017	2020	2023	2029			
Alternate 1	1996	1997		1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018	2021	2024	2027		
Alternate 2	1996	1999		1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2014	2017	2020	2023	2026	2029		

2.82.030 - Membership term. Initially, the board of selectmen shall appoint members as prescribed above as follows: two members for one year, two members to serve for two years and three members to serve for three years. Thereafter, the terms shall be three years.

The board of selectmen shall appoint alternate members to the harbor management commission as follows: initially one alternate shall be appointed for one year and another for three years. Thereafter, the terms shall be three years. Members and alternates of the harbor management commission shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. (R.T.M. 4-1-96 (part); R.T.M. 12-2-91, Attachment D (part))

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Rec & Parks Commission

Commission Seats

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Enabled Seats

All Seats

History

Timeline

Member Name	Title	Political Party	Appointed By	Seat Name	Status	Start Date	Calculated Term
Traci Santos	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	9/1/2025	9/1/2025 - 8/31/2028
Robert E Kyne, Jr.	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	9/1/2025	* 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2028
Nan Scheiber	Member	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	9/1/2024	9/1/2024 - 8/31/2027
Edward K. Murphy	Member	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	9/1/2024	9/1/2024 - 8/31/2027
Taylor Stino	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	9/1/2024	9/1/2024 - 8/31/2027
Tim Burrows	Member	Republican	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	4/30/2025	9/1/2023 - 8/31/2026
Megan Gwudz	Member	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	9/1/2023	9/1/2023 - 8/31/2026
(Vacant)			Board of Selectmen	Member	Vacant		** 9/1/2023 - 8/31/2026
Melissa Chiappone	Vice-Chair	Unaffiliated	Board of Selectmen	Member	Active	9/1/2023	9/1/2023 - 8/31/2026

* Term adjusted July 2025 to comply with schedule set in ordinance

** Need to adjust one of the 4 2023-26 terms, as noted in July 2025. With seat open due to resignation, please amend motion 7f to the following:

Motion to appoint Eric Benvenuti (U) as a Member of the Recreation and Parks Commission to serve for the remainder of the 9/1/25 - 8/31/28 term, in order to bring all commission terms into compliance with the schedule set by ordinance.

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Recreation and Parks Commission

Term Dates*	Start*	End*	START and END DATES for THREE-YEAR TERMS												Correct Terms at this point in time											
			GOING FORWARD ...																							
A first 3 members	1959	1960	1960	1963	1966	1969	1972	1975	1978	1981	1984	1987	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2014	2017	2020	2023	2026	2029
B second 3 members	1959	1961	1961	1964	1967	1970	1973	1976	1979	1982	1985	1988	1991	1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015	2018	2021	2024	2027	2030
C third 3 members	1959	1962	1962	1965	1968	1971	1974	1977	1980	1983	1986	1989	1992	1995	1998	2001	2004	2007	2010	2013	2016	2019	2022	2025	2028	2031

* All Terms subsequent to the originals in 1959, 1960, and 1961 are for three years, starting on Sep 1 and ending on Aug 31

Ordinance Section 2.68.020 Membership--Term

The recreation and parks commission shall consist of nine members who shall be electors, appointed by the board of selectmen. Members first appointed shall be appointed on September 1, 1959, and designated to serve as follows: three members for the term of one year, three members for the term of two years, three members for the term of three years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed annually to serve for three years, except that any vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.