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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2025

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ATTEST: David L. Campo
TOWN CLERK

RTM Moderator Paul Goldstein called the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kyrach Augmon-Bossa (Speaker Phone), Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mark Campo, Erica Casper (Speaker Phone), Mary Childs, Harry Colonis, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti, Paul Goldstein, Kristen Gonzalez, Narciss Greene, Ryan Healy, Matthew Keatley (Speaker Phone), Lindsay Khan, Shawn Monahan, Ursula Moreshead, Kayla Mullen, Kathleen Mullen Kohl, Theodore Olynciw, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue

ABSENT: Christina Jessuck, Kate MacKenzie

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Greg Attanasio, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena; Town Attorney Nicholas Kepple; Director of Finance Kim Allen

AGENDA ITEM C – May 5, 2025 Minutes

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Moreshead, to approve the minutes with the following correction noted by Town Clerk Campo: The original budget presented under Police Commission should be corrected to \$7,250,097

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

RTM Representative Kyrach Augmon-Bossa joined via speaker phone.

CORRESPONDENCE

Three cover letters were received from Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson in regard to Item's 3, 4 & 5. Letter from First Selectman Robert Brule to Chair of the Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee requesting a detailed cost estimate for the new facility. A copy of the lease agreement between the Town of Waterford and the Oswegatchie Fire Company No. 4, Inc. A Board of Education Quarterly Report. Democratic recommendation to the Utility Commission. Copies of correspondence can be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Dr. Victor Ferry, 13 Colonial Dr, Waterford, spoke in favor of a new Oswegatchie Fire House citing his experience as a past Building Committee Chair, Oswegatchie Fire Volunteer, and his FEMA

training background. He understands the need for accurate financials but believes the project should *move forward as soon as those become available.*

Resident Bryan Sayles, 54 Wintergreen Dr, Quaker Hill, spoke in regards to his opposition to a new Oswegatchie Fire House, the need for more complete public comment minutes, the need to replace the roof at Oswegatchie Fire House, the need for the Fire Services Review Report, among other concerns (See Attachments).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee report received from Public Health, Recreation & Environment. (See Attachment)

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Moresehead to accept the committee report.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

APPOINTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

An Oswegatchie Fire Station appointee report from Ted Olynciw.

CALL ITEM 1 – Camp Dash Donation from Cactus Jack

PRESENTATION: Finance Director Kim Allen

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a request from Finance Director Kim Allen to deposit a check for **\$10,000** from the **Cactus Jack Foundation** to be used for **Town of Waterford's Camp Dash Program.**

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 2 – 28 Industrial Drive Project

PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP; Town Attorney Robert Avena

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation of **\$85,000** from the **Undesignated fund balance #205-31520 of the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (CNR)** to the established project at 28 Industrial Drive, new account to be established.

MOTION PASSED: 19-1-0 (Gonzalez opposed)

CALL ITEM 3 – BOE Chromebooks and iPads

PRESENTATION: Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giard, Board of Education Finance Director Joseph Mancini

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Sugrue, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation of **\$197,000 to Line Item #20560-57884 (Chromebooks & iPad Equipment)** for the replacement of 400 Chromebooks, along with the purchase of iPads.

Friendly amendment offered by Driscoll and accepted to add Unassigned General Fund Balance to read as follows: MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Sugrue, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation of **\$197,000 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance to Line Item #20560-57884 (Chromebooks & iPad Equipment)** for the replacement of 400 Chromebooks, along with the purchase of iPads.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 4: BOE Energy Efficiency

PRESENTATION: Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giard, Board of Education Finance Director Joseph Mancini

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation of **\$243,335 to Line Item # 20560-57883 (Energy Efficiency)** for LED, new transformers and new VFDs across the District.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

RTM Member Narciss Greene arrived.

CALL ITEM 5 – Nevins Cottage

PRESENTATION: Planning Director Jonathan Mullen, AICP

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation of **\$25,000 from Designated Line Item #20511-57767 (Nevins Cottage Structural Repairs)**.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

RTM Member Tim Fioravanti arrived.

CALL ITEM 6 – Utility Commission Update

PRESENTATION: Utility Commission Director Jill Stevens

Director Stevens updated the body and fielded questions in regard to operations. Copies of the Power Point available through the Office of the Town Clerk.

CALL ITEM 7 – Fire Services Review Special Committee Update

PRESENTATION: Fire Services Review Special Committee Chair Robert Tuneski, Director of Fire Services Chris Haley

Presentation followed by questions and answers. It was noted that the final study of the committee is awaiting final approval from the body and should be available in the coming weeks. Items discussed included the need for a complete report, staffing, number of firehouses needed, status of the volunteer system, how an Oswegatchie Fire Station would be incorporated within Waterford Fire Services, homeowner's insurance rates.

CALL ITEM 8 – Town of Waterford Oswegatchie Fire Station Bonding

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to pass over.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 9 – Salaries of Elected Officials

PRESENTATION: Finance, Wage and Personnel Chair Harry Colonis

Recommendation withdrawn because Town Counsel Attorney Nick Kepple has requested that we **table our recommendation to the RTM** for now. He has identified several concerns regarding the language of the resolution, which he believes should be addressed by the Standing Committee. Once those concerns are resolved, the revised resolution can be brought back to the full RTM at a future meeting.

CALL ITEM 10 – RTM Resolution

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek to approve the attached resolution, postponed from the May 5, 2025 meeting, for a pilot program lasting one year to allow for all approved capital projects within the FY26 budget to move forward through the Finance Department without any further action by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting.

Brief discussion

MOTION by Gelinas, seconded by Condon, to refer the resolution to the Finance, Wage & Personnel Standing Committee for further review.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 11 – Utility Commission Appointment

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to nominate Ryan Boyle, 10 Lark St, to the Utility Commission. (Term 04/01/2025 – 03/31/2029)

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Moreshead, to nominate Joshua Steele Kelly, 6 Marlin Dr, to the Utility Commission. (Term 04/01/2025 – 03/31/2029)

VOTING IN FAVOR OF BOYLE: Bono, Bracciale, M. Campo, Casper, Condon, Dembek, Fioravanti, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Healy, KeatleyMonahan, Olynciw, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue

VOTING AGAINST: Augmon-Bossa, Childs, Driscoll, Greene, Khan, Moreshead, Mullen, Mullen Kohl

Abstained: Colonis

RYAN BOYLE appointed to the Utility Commission 15-8-1

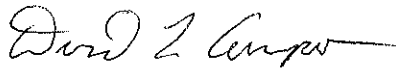
NEW BUSINESS:

Moderator Goldstein noted that the items being recommended for removal from the Public Health, Recreation and Environment Committee, per the submitted committee report, would be taken up at the next meeting of the RTM. (See attachment)

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bracciale, to adjourn at 9:33 P.M.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk

Fight for a qualified fire fighting force in Waterford

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Published: Jun 02, 2025 6:03 AM Updated: Jun 01, 2025 9:43 AM

Waterford residents should attend the June 2 Representative Town Meeting (RTM) to question why First Selectman Rob Brule is directing RTM members to vote about borrowing \$12 million for a new firehouse in Oswegatchie. It's a senseless request to pay back upwards of \$1 million or more every year while all five fire stations lack adequate firefighting staff.

Since shoring up the roof in 2011, taxes totaling \$2.99 million had accumulated between two capital project funds, Oswegatchie Building Renovations and Oswegatchie Building Improvement. In 2021, the entities were combined, yet Mr. Brule continued to leave the roof in disrepair. In early 2024, Mr. Brule directed transfers totaling \$432,000 from Waterford's surplus fund to pay for architects, consultants and plans for a new station while ignoring the long-overdue roof repair. Mr. Brule has submitted his \$12 million bond request prior to completing and publishing the Waterford Fire Services Review Special Committee report. The report will conclude what residents have known in the last seven years of Brule's leadership. Even his predecessor knew it when Mr. Brule served as his Second Selectman: hiring a qualified firefighting force is essential. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Waterford Town Hall.

Brian Sayles

Quaker Hill

SHARE STORY

Bryan Sayles

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Post Comment

BRYAN SAYLES
6/2/2025 4:49 PM

The only disappointment is in the mismanagement of (pick anything) by First Selectman Brule. Just read the meeting attachment signed by Ted Olynciw. Readers, a.k.a., Waterford taxpayers, especially those from Quaker Hill need to pay attention to how the First Selectman's office has been screwing them by collecting taxes earmarked for specific projects, in this case, repairing the Oswegatchie firestation roof, then not spending that money for said purpose. Year after year. To a man on a horse, seeing those line items in writing you'd think you could trust that the repairs were done. Not so. Where is that 2.99 million dollars that was accrued since shoring up that roof in 2011? Surely, a good amount was collected from Quaker Hill's residents whose own firehouse staffing has been run into the ground under his administration. That sucking sound? It's our neighborhood taxes drawn for someone else's benefit. In this case, at the expense and safety of taxpayers and first responders. I'd highly recommend you start attending meetings and asking questions. There is good reason to attend tonight.

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Report Comment

Debra Gilpin
6/2/2025 12:15 PM

Mr. Sheehan is correct. However Item 7 on the agenda is, "Fire Service Review Special Committee Presentation." This will cover more than just the replacement of the Owegatchie Fire Dept. building. Wayne Gilpin

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Report Comment

JOHN W BILL SHEEHAN
6/2/2025 9:51 AM

Just so readers are not disappointed. The BOS did not forward the Bonding request to the Board of Finance so the BOF did not forward the request to the Representative Town Meeting. The reason for not forwarding the request was because there was no cost information in the backup material. Possibly, the numbers will be available in August or September.

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Report Comment

Ken Scandariato
6/2/2025 7:23 AM

If staffing is *and it always is, the primary issue here, there must be a financial plan for an ongoing rotational system that manages that part of the public safety envelope which should be considered separate and apart from infrastructure investment. Mutual aid adds response time and is not an adequate first choice. Is there expansion/development on the horizon that requires upgraded facilities rather than spending on an aging infrastructure? In a growing community there always is that need. Primary considerations in Public Safety bonding/taxation must include Staffing, Facilities, Equipment, Administration, Communications, and Training as the foundation of a system. Financial planning for each part is essential.

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Report Comment

Debra Gilpin
6/2/2025 6:51 AM

For some reason, my signature was truncated in my comment. Wayne Gilpin

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Report Comment

Debra Gilpin
6/2/2025 6:49 AM

Mr. Sayles is correct that staffing is vital. However it is only one of the three legs on the stool. The other two are equipment and facilities. Please visit the Oswegatchie Fire Co. #4 Inc. FaceBook page. There is a letter and series of pictures that will show that the station is beyond repair. <https://www.facebook.com/oswegatchiefirecompany4> For those without FaceBook access, the pictures are available at: https://www.canva.com/design/DAGophQir0g/Zhbjer-iJ6uc04RtYIMA6Q/view?utm_content

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Bryan Ayres
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RTM - 4/25

May 27, 2025

Dear Chairman Tuneski,

I understand that the project architect, SPA, is nearing completion of the final design drawings for the new Town Fire Station. With that in mind, I respectfully request that you ask the Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee to work with Downes, the Project Manager, to prepare a detailed cost estimate for the new facility based on SPA's completed plans.

Having a current and comprehensive estimate will ensure that the Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee, the Board of Selectmen (BOS), the Board of Finance (BOF), and the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) have the most accurate and transparent information available to guide their decision-making, particularly regarding potential bonding for the project. From what I understand, Downes' estimate should be ready in the second half of June.

In the interest of due diligence and fiscal responsibility, I intend to propose to the Board of Selectmen tonight that we table the bonding resolution until these updated figures are available. I will also encourage both the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting to do the same. A decision of this financial scale requires careful consideration, and we owe it to the taxpayers of Waterford to proceed with the clearest possible understanding of the costs involved.

Please also extend, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the residents of Waterford, our sincere gratitude to the Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee. The dedication and professionalism demonstrated by the Committee through nearly fifty meetings over the past two and a half years is deeply appreciated.

With Thanks,

Robert Brule

Robert Brule, First Selectman

You think?!

When will the Fire Services Review report be made public? Will you allow a minimum of 60 days for taxpayers to study the report and talk with their RTM members before your decision?

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ATTN: Bob Brule

(Bryan Payles RTM 6/2/25)

ASSIGNEE REPORT OF THE OSWEGATCHIE FIRE HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE

May 23, 2025 (REVISED)

This report is a summary of facts gathered during the past 2+ years the committee has been working on this project.

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4. The Building Committee was formed on 2/6/23 with the specific instruction to "REPAIR OR REPLACE". This was understood to consider the cost of renovating the existing building versus building a new building. At a subsequent RTM meeting that was changed by majority vote that the new meaning was to "REPAIR AS NECESSARY THE EXISTING BUILDING UNTIL THE NEW BUILDING IS COMPLETED".
5. Jonathan Mullen, Planning Director, provided us with the attached Population Projections which shows that the population in Waterford will decrease between now and 2040. See attached.
6. The proposed design, approved by the Fire House Building committee, includes 3 drive through bays. The cost of this additional bay is approximately \$410,000.
- a. Only 2 drive through bays are needed based upon the present and future needs.
 - b. There are existing unused indoor parking spaces for 7 additional vehicles in the other 4 fire houses.
 - c. According to Director of Fire Services, Michael Howley, there are no plans for the next 10 years to add any additional vehicles.
 - d. The existing structure is 16,000 square feet in size versus the proposed new building which is 10,000 square feet in size.
 - e. The existing building adequately houses 4 pieces of apparatus, the same for the proposed fire.
7. The proposed plans have included the following luxury items:
- a. Heated floor slab with the garage bays.
The cost is \$181,000 plus 15% general conditions, overhead and profit, and 5% for contingency for a total cost of \$ 217,000.
There is already in the design a redundant gas fired forced air heating system which is adequate to heat the entire garage. This is the same system that is being used in our Municipal Garage. This is included in the budget.
 - b. Providing 3 bi-folding garage at the front of the building versus 3 typical rolling overhead doors. Cost for the bi-fold door is estimated to be \$ 108,000 versus rolling overhead doors estimated to be \$ 36,000. These figures include the 15% for general contractors overhead/ profit plus 5% for contingency. This is included in the budget.

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8. The existing poor soil conditions for the placement of the new building foundation requires an additional \$300,000 including General Contractors 15% fee for overhead/profit plus 5% contingency. The entire footprint of the building has to be excavated to a dept of 6' and the material removed from the site. Additionally, 4' of structural fill has to be installed in the excavation before the foundation can be backfilled. I do not believe that this cost is not included in the budget.
9. The existing traffic light may have to be relocated due to the new location of the building at an additional cost of \$ 600,000. The Chief of Police will make a decision to keep the existing light or install a new one after he reviews the line of site along the Boston Post Road. This cost is \$600,000 including the General Contractor's fee of 15% and 5% contingency. This potential cost is not included in the budget.

Personal note to the BOF. I urge you to review these facts before you cast your vote on the motion to approve funding / bonding for this project based on a budget number versus actual cost.

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

Review of Feral Cat Management, RTC 12/05/2022

Review of Creation of a Special Revenue Fund, RTC 04/07/2025

Background

At the RTM Regular Meeting on December 5, 2023 following public comment and discussion The RTM voted unanimously to refer the "Review of Feral Cat Management" and on April 7, 2025 they voted to refer "Review of Creation of a Special Revenue Fund" to the Public Health Recreation & Environment Standing Committee of the RTM

Summary

This committee met January 30, 2023, July 12, 2023 April 16, 2025 in regard to **"Review of Feral Cat Management"**. The committee heard from a member of the public at the January 30 2023 meeting regarding their concern for the feeding of feral cats. The committee reviewed current state legislation regarding feral cat management and submitted questions for review to the Chief of Police and the Animal Control Officer at subsequent meetings.

The Committee met April 16, 2025 in regard to **"Review of Creation of a Special Revenue Fund"** with Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks Timothy Cieplik and heard from members of the public who represented the town's co-sponsored Little League program. The committee found that there is a significant need for additional support for our towns co-sponsored recreation programs.

Recommendations

At the April 16, 2025 meeting the committee unanimously recommended the following issues out of committee with no action taken.

Review of Feral Cat Management, RTC 12/05/2022

The committee felt that the issue of **"feral cat management"** was not widespread or rose to the level that would require action through ordinance. The committee also notes that there haven't been significant complaints of feral cat issues heard by the committee

since the item was referred.

Review of Creation of a Special Revenue Fund, RTC 04/07/2025

The committee also recommends to report the item “**Review of Creation of a Special Revenue Fund**” out of committee after with a recommendation the RTM recommends to report to the full RTM that they direct the finance Director, in conjunction with the board of Finance, to review the issue, and move forward with establishing a special revenue account to address Hoelck Park field rental and maintenance.

Attachments

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

Respectfully submitted,
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