



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
61 ECHO LAKE RD.
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Consider the appointment of a member of the Watertown Town Council.
5. Public Participation.

The Town Council invites the public to speak during Public Participation. Please complete and submit a *Watertown Town Council Public Participation* form if you wish to speak at the meeting. Copies are available on the Town's website and at the meeting. Speakers are limited to three minutes each.

6. Minutes.
 - a. June 15, 2026 – Regular Meeting.
7. Chairman's Report.
 - a. Correspondence.
 1. Resignation letter from Ken Demirs as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission effective July 1, 2026.
 2. Resignation letter from Jeff Desmarais as a member of the School Capital Projects Committee effective July 10, 2026.
8. Staff Reports.
 - a. Town Manager.
 - b. Finance Director.

9. Subcommittees.
10. New Business.
 - a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.
 - b. Discuss and consider action on approving the agreement between the Watertown Police Union Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 038 and the Town of Watertown, July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028.
 - c. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation from the General Fund for tax refunds.
 - d. Consider a resolution authorizing the payment of tax refunds.
11. Adjournment.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

July 1, 2026

Town Council
Regular Meeting 07.20.2026
Item: INFO

Katherine Camara
31 Cottage Place
Oakville, CT 06779

Re: In the Matter of Complaint by Katherine Camara, Oakville, CT, File No. 2025-096

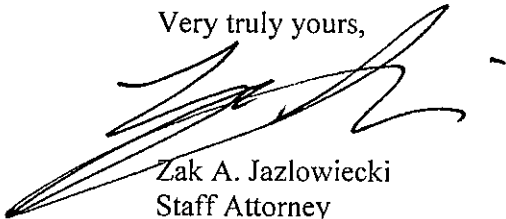
Dear Katherine Camara,

The Commission has completed the investigation of matter **2025-096** and, at its meeting held on 7/1/2026, voted to adopt the enclosed document resolving this matter.

Copies of this letter and the agreement have been sent to the respondent(s).

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,



Zak A. Jazlowiecki
Staff Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Lisa Dalton

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of Complaint by Katherine Camara, Oakville, File No. 2025-096

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

This Complaint was brought pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b and alleges that the Respondent misrepresented absentee ballot requirements and allowed two electors to vote by absentee ballot at a referendum in Watertown despite their ineligibility; a violation of General Statutes §9-135(b).

Based upon the Commission's investigation into the matter, there is inconclusive evidence to establish that the Respondent misrepresented absentee ballot eligibility requirements to the two electors pursuant to General Statutes §9-135(b). Similarly, the evidence does not establish that the Respondent, or her assistant, were required to sign the absentee ballot applications as assistants pursuant to General Statutes §9-140.

The Commission further acknowledges the passage of Public Act 26-42, which, in relevant part, has created no-excuse absentee balloting in Connecticut by eliminating the six eligibility requirements of §9-135(a).

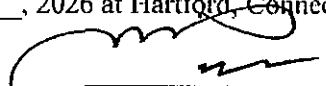
Based on the foregoing, the Commission dismisses this matter.

ORDER

Based upon the above determination:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the matter is dismissed without prejudice.

Adopted this 12th day of July, 2026 at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen T. Penny, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was mailed on the date below to the parties of record as follows:

Katherine Camara
31 Cottage Place
Oakville, CT 06779

Lisa Dalton
61 Echo Lake Rd
Watertown, CT 06795

/s/ Zak A. Jazlowiecki
Date: 7/2/2026



TOWN OF WATERTOWN CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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Town Council
Regular Meeting 07.20.2026
Item: TM Report

MEMORANDUM

To: Watertown Town Council

From: Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager 

Date: July 16, 2026

Re: Receipt of Town Attorney Proposals

The Town has received three proposals in response to the Request for Proposals for Legal Services—Town Attorney:

1. Zabel Schellenberg, PLLC;
2. Pilicy & Ryan, P.C.; and
3. Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP.

Copies of the three proposals are being provided to the Town Council for their review.

Based upon a cursory review of the submissions, each applicant appears to meet the minimum qualifications necessary to remain under consideration. This preliminary observation is not a final determination of responsiveness, eligibility, or suitability for appointment.

The Office of the Town Manager will now complete its due diligence and confirm the information necessary to fully vet each applicant in accordance with the Request for Proposals and the appointment process established by the Town Charter. The review may include obtaining clarification or supplemental information from the applicants where needed.

The Town Council retains full authority to evaluate the applicants, determine whether interviews or additional information are necessary, and ultimately appoint the Town Attorney.

No action is requested from the Council at this time.

Sec. 401. Town Attorney.

The Town Manager shall, within fifteen (15) days of either a notification of a vacancy in the office of the Town Attorney or a request approved by at least five members of the Town Council, submit in writing, recommendations to the Council, the names, qualifications, and proposed fee schedules or retainers of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) attorneys or firms as able to fulfill the duties of Town Attorney. The Council shall, by a vote of not less than five (5) members, at a meeting to be held not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of such recommendations, appoint a successor Town Attorney and shall set the term of office and compensation. The Town Council shall not be limited in its appointment of the Town Attorney to those names received in writing from the Town Manager. The term of office of the Town Attorney may be terminated from time to time by the Council, whenever it determines by a vote of not less than five (5) members that such termination is in the best interests of the Town. The compensation of the Town Attorney may be revised from time to time by the Council, whenever it determines by a vote of not less than five (5) members that such revision is in the best interests of the Town.

The Town Attorney may be a member of a law firm and need not be in the full time employ of the Town. The Town Attorney (a) shall be an attorney at law, admitted to practice law in this State, or a law firm, all the principals of which are admitted to practice law in the State, with proven expertise in municipal government legal matters; and (b) shall have an office within a twenty (20) mile radius of the Town boundary.

The Town Attorney shall appear for and protect the rights of the Town in all actions, suits or proceedings brought by or against it or any of its departments, officers, agencies, boards or commissions. The Town Attorney shall be the legal advisor of the Council, the Town Manager, and other Town officers, boards and commissions in all matters affecting the Town, and shall, upon request, furnish them with a written opinion on any question of law involving their respective powers and duties. Upon request, the Town Attorney shall prepare or approve forms of contracts or other instruments to which the Town is a party or in which it has an interest. The Town Attorney shall have power, with approval of the Council, to appeal from orders, decisions and judgments affecting the Town, and subject to the approval of the Council, to compromise or settle any claims by or against the Town.

(Ref. of 11-8-2011, eff. 12-8-2011; Ref. of 11-3-2020 , eff. 12-3-2020)

Dear, Mr Chairman and Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

After approximately 20 + years of dedicated service, I have reached the difficult decision to resign from my position on the Planning and Zoning Commission July 1st 2026. I find that I can no longer allocate the requisite time and attention that this significant role demands.

It has been an distinct privilege and honor to serve the town in this capacity. I am immensely proud of our collective accomplishments and the judicious decisions we have made for the betterment of the community. I extend my sincere gratitude for the invaluable experience, the cherished friendships forged, and the profound opportunity to contribute in a meaningful manner.

As family and work commitments have increased, I believe it is an opportune moment for a new individual to assume this role, one who can infuse fresh energy and a renewed perspective into this vital work.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I extend my best wishes for the Commission's continued success in all its future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Kent DeMers
7-1-26

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TOWN CLERK

7/10/26

Town Council
Regular Meeting 07.20.2026
Item: 7 (a) 2

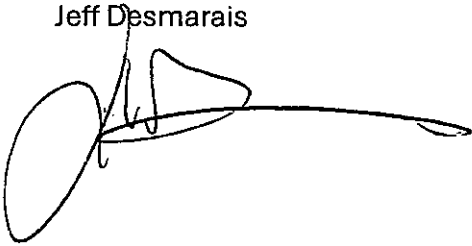
To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this to inform you that I am stepping down from the School Capital Projects committee, effective immediately.

It has been an honor to serve on that committee for the last several years, but my schedule will no longer permit my participation.

Thank you.

Jeff Desmarais



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Jeff Desmarais
TOWN CLERK



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, taxpayers have made applications for property tax refunds in accordance with C.G.S. Sections *Refunds of Excess Payment*:

WHEREAS, per State Statute, the Tax Collector shall, after examination of such application, refer the same, with recommendations thereon, to the Town Council, and shall certify to the amount of refund, if any, to which the applicant is entitled.

WHEREAS, upon receipt of such application and certification, the Town Council shall draw an order upon the Finance Department in favor of such applicant for the amount of refund so certified.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council authorizes a request that the Finance Department shall issue the payments for the certified refunds.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 20th day of July, 2026.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Watertown Town Council

At a regular meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on July 20, 2026 the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman/Councilwoman _____.
The motion was supported by Councilman/Councilwoman _____.

Motion declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk
Watertown Town Council

ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWN COUNCIL: Refund Property Taxes, Interest and Fees of \$ _____

At a regular meeting of the Town Council held on _____,

refunds were authorized to the below applicants.

Bill	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Reason	Tax	Int	Fee	Refund
2024-03-0050683	ARI FLEET LT LTD	4001 LEADENHALL RD	MOUNT LAUREL, NJ	2023/7SAYGDEF9PF7	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	416.54	-	-	416.54
2024-03-0050686	ARI FLEET LT LTD	4001 LEADENHALL RD	MOUNT LAUREL, NJ	2018/1FMCU9GD0JUE	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	255.04	-	-	255.04
2024-03-0050689	ARI FLEET LT LTD	4001 LEADENHALL RD	MOUNT LAUREL, NJ	2018/5NPD84LF9JH37	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	232.21	-	-	232.21
2022-02-0040247	CLICK BOND INC	2151 LOCKHEED WAY	CARSON CITY, NV 89	18 PARK ROAD	12-117a Appeals - Court Stipulation or 12-53 Audits	50,577.45	25,794.50	-	76,371.95
2023-02-0040241	CLICK BOND INC	2151 LOCKHEED WAY	CARSON CITY, NV 89	18 PARK ROAD	12-117a Appeals - Court Stipulation or 12-53 Audits	51,387.43	16,957.85	-	68,345.28
2024-02-0040242	CLICK BOND INC	2151 LOCKHEED WAY	CARSON CITY, NV 89	18 PARK ROAD	12-117a Appeals - Court Stipulation or 12-53 Audits	54,202.98	3,137.62	-	57,340.60
2024-01-0006245	COTALITY	PO BOX 9202	COPPELL, TX 75019	120 ADAMS RD	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Duplicate & Overpmts	525.00	-	-	525.00
2024-01-0008348	COTALITY	PO BOX 9202	COPPELL, TX 75019	251 WILLIAMSON CIR	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Duplicate & Overpmts	43.95	-	-	43.95
2024-03-0056235	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA	HARTFORD, CT 0610	2024/1N4BL4DVXRN3	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	418.13	-	-	418.13
2024-03-0056279	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA	HARTFORD, CT 0610	2023/5NMS34AJ1PH5	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	599.15	-	-	599.15
2024-03-0056280	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA	HARTFORD, CT 0610	2023/3N1AB8CV0PY2	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	157.83	-	-	157.83
2024-03-0056308	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA	HARTFORD, CT 0610	2024/3N1AB8CV8RY3	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	101.98	-	-	101.98
2024-03-0056345	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	ONE FINANCIAL PLAZA	HARTFORD, CT 0610	2024/5YFB4MDE5RP1	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	241.67	-	-	241.67
2024-04-0081617	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 E 21ST ST STE 15	TULSA, OK 74134-14	2024/JA4ARUAU5RU0	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	174.54	-	-	174.54
2024-03-0056857	FEDERAL EXPRESS COR	4001 LEADENHALL RD	MOUNT LAUREL, NJ	2014/WD3PE8DE9E5E	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	87.33	-	-	87.33
2024-03-0056858	FEDERAL EXPRESS COR	4001 LEADENHALL RD	MOUNT LAUREL, NJ	2014/WD3PE8DE4E5E	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	349.37	-	-	349.37
2023-03-0060749	KHAZZAKA ADIB J	80 MOUNT FAIR DR	WATERTOWN, CT 06	2009/JN8AZ18W19W1	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess payments - DUPLICATE PAYME	84.66	7.50	-	92.16
2024-03-0063570	MEDINA MICHAEL A	46 EASTWOOD HALL RD	WATERTOWN, CT 06	2017/3VW2B7AJ8HMS	Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments - ACCOUNT PRORA	35.34	-	-	35.34
2024-03-0069919	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	525 FELLOWSHIP RD ST	MT LAUREL, NJ 0805	2020/JTJSARDZ4L2234	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	665.39	-	-	665.39
2024-03-0070495	VARRONE PASQUALE	51 HICKORY LN	WATERTOWN, CT 06	1969/1946795718814	12-129 Refund of Excess Pmts - Acct prorated	15.02	-	-	15.02
TOTAL						160,571.01	45,897.47	-	206,468.48

Susan King, Clerk of the Town Council



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, taxpayers have applied for Tax Refunds pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Refund of Excess Payments; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector certified the refunds in accordance with the provisions of Refund Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to refund taxpayers monies must be appropriated into the budget line item to expend the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council appropriates \$106,468.48 to line item 010.50341.043.0102.9010 from the General Fund for tax refunds.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 20th day of July, 2026.

Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Watertown Town Council

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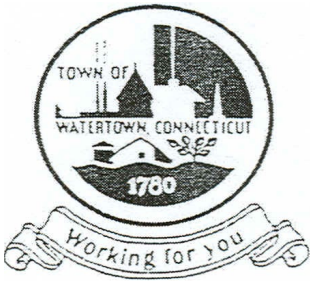
TOWN OF WATERTOWN

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS



Building
Fire Department
Fire Marshal
Land Use
Parks, Recreation, Senior/Social Services
Police Department
Town Clerk

Prepared for the:
Monday, July 20, 2026
Town Council Meeting



TOWN OF WATERTOWN CONNECTICUT

Building Inspector's Office
61 Echo Lake Rd.

Watertown, Connecticut 06795

Tel: 860-945-5264

Fax: 860-945-2704

July 8, 2026

To: Mark Raimo

From: Jeffrey Biolo Building Official

RE: Department Activities: June 2026

The Building Department issued 166 permits during June 2026.

Building permits-	67
Electrical permits-	45
HVAC permits-	23
New construction-	8
Plumbing permits-	11
Roofing permits-	8
Swimming Pool-	2
Demolition-	1
Siding-	1

The total fee cost generated is \$55,230.74.

The net value of the permit projects is \$4,901,904.79.

There are many projects in town that the Building Department is currently involved in.

These projects include: Ongoing subdivision, Turnberry Estates, on Pondview Dr.

- With Certificates of Occupancy being issued.

- Phase 1 almost completed

- Phase 2 construction beginning

New construction of single family and multi-family dwellings.

Many additions and renovations for single family and multi-family dwellings.

Ongoing construction of shop building at 10 Dinunzio.

Fire Dept. Monthly Town Council Reporting July 20, 2026

Incident Responses 01/01/2026 to 07/11/2026 -**1610**

Total incidents June - **272**

Total medical incidents June-**205**

Total fire incidents June - **67**

Mutual Aid requests June- **2** (1- Bethlehem, 1 – Waterbury)

Structure fires June – **1** - 181 Breezy Knoll

MVA w/ Injury June- **10**

Total Vol. Asso. Membership to date – **73** - There are 3 new applicants at this time

Total members on Leave - **6** (3 Medical - 2 Personal -1 Military)

Total Active Membership - **67**

Total Apparatus drivers - **31**

Total Vol. EMRs **14**

Total Vol. EMTs **27**

Total Vol. Paramedic **4**

Fire Junior Corp. **1**-- 1 new applications are pending

The Fire Dept. continues to sponsor monthly Red Cross Blood Drives, next date is 07/23/2026

The Fire Dept. continues during 2026 to provide residents with emergency responses of 75% medical calls and 25% fire - misc. calls

The Fire Dept. held its quarterly Chief's family dinner June 10th, serving 56 guests

The vehicle fleet is in good order, 100 % of the FY 25-26 vehicle Maint. budget had been spent.

Watertown Fire is continuing the process of an ISO Evaluation, which was last done in 2017, we are looking forward to a great score, so residents may see insurance savings.

Watertown Fire participated in local fire parades in Washington and Beacon Falls

Respectfully, Chief David Bromley



Watertown Fire Marshal's Office Inspector Activity Report 06/01/2026 to 06/30/2026

Inspection Type	Count
3-Family Homes	2
Apartments	1
Assembly (Including Liquor License)	7
Business Inspection	47
CONSULTATION - Fire Alarm	1
CONSULTATION - General	1
CONSULTATION - Other	1
CONSULTATION - Site	1
Daycare Annual Inspection	1
GROUP HOMES / BOARD & CARE	2
INSPECTION - Fire Alarm	1
INSPECTION - Permit	2
MERCHANTILE	1
Mobile Food Truck	5
PLAN REVIEW - Architectural	1

Total Inspections	89
Incident Investigations	0
Total Staff Training	0
Total Staff Activities	94

Activities include, Office Meetings, Burning Permit/Issues, Public Education, Residential Tank Removals, Smoke Detector Installations and additional Fire Marshal Training:

Watertown Fire Marshal's Office Monthly Report – June 2026

The following highlights summarize the activities of the Fire Marshal's Office for the month of June 2026:

- The Fire Marshal's Office has been actively training two new Deputy Fire Marshals on office procedures, inspection processes, report writing, and daily operations. Their training is progressing well.
- Completed plan reviews, attended pre-construction meetings, and conducted site visits alongside the Building Department for ongoing and upcoming construction projects, including DATTCO and Trinity Health.
- Attended various continuing education and professional development classes to maintain required certifications and stay current with fire code updates and best practices.
- Responded to and fulfilled multiple requests for information, including underground storage tank removal documentation, fire incident reports, and other public records requests.
- Performed a variety of field duties, including building inspections, responses to burn complaints, open burning permit inspections, tent inspections, food truck inspections, and blight-related investigations. During the month, the office completed: 8 Open Burning Permit inspections, 4 Food Truck inspections, 3 Tent inspections, 2 Blight-related site visits
- Observed and participated in three fire drills, including a drill conducted at the Watertown Senior Center.
- Participated in several meetings, including the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control Special Populations Committee, Community Risk Reduction Committee, Community Response Subcommittee, and the Youth Firesetting Statewide Steering Committee.
- Presented a fire safety program at CW Resources, with assistance from the Watertown Fire Department to including a fire apparatus visit.
- Participated in STEAM Night at Swift Middle School, where Fire Marshal's Office staff educated students and families about the many career opportunities within the fire service. Attendees also had the opportunity to receive hands-on fire extinguisher training.

Respectfully Submitted, **Fire Marshal Kim Calabrese**



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TOWN OF WATERTOWN

Land Use Office

Planning & Zoning Commission · Zoning Board of Appeals · Conservation Commission / Inland Wetlands Agency

Watertown Municipal Center · 61 Echo Lake Road · Watertown, CT 06795
Tel (860) 945-5266 · www.watertownct.org

July 1, 2026

Mark Raimo
Town Manager
Watertown, CT

Re: Department Activities, June 2026.

In the month of June 2026, the Land Use Office issued 26 permits, generating fees to the Town of \$4,305 and having an approximate net value of \$373,925.

Notable projects include:

- Construction of Turnberry age restricted housing Phase II continues. Site work has begun for Phase III.
- An application from Taft School for the construction of (2) two 45,000 ft² dormitories with associated drainage improvements, walkways and interior roadway construction has been approved by the CCIWA and the PZC.
- Working on establishing a 2027 POCD Working Group to begin the process of identifying what is still relevant to carry over from the current plan and what areas need to be reworked for the next decade of development in town.
- Modifications have been approved by the CCIWA and PZC for Tractor Supply (28 Riverside) and construction is expected to resume soon.
- A Planned Development District (PDD) application has been submitted by Napoli Associates for 3 Harvard Street to construct 12-apartment units in the old hardware store building. PDD applications require a master plan, text amendment, and a zone change. If these applications are approved the applicant will then need to submit a site plan application to the PZC and receive approval before construction can begin.
- An application has been received to re-zone 178 / 184 Commercial Street from IR-80 → B-SC to allow for fabrication, restoration and car repairs on the property so that EPS Motorsport can move their operations.
- Request for permit extension was received and approved for an age-restricted housing development at 470 Straits Turnpike. The developer is looking to start work on building the 9 duplexes within the next year.

- The PZC is looking to rezone the southern half of Echo Lake Road from IR-80 → IG-80 from Park Road to Route 8.

Staff continue to meet through the pre-application process with residents and developers interested in pursuing a variety of development projects in Town. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Musselman, CZEO
Land Use Administrator
Town of Watertown, CT



WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT

PARKS, RECREATION, SENIOR, & SOCIAL SERVICES

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June 2026 MONTHLY REPORT



Myrec 6/01/2026-6/30/2026

A Message from Michael Ganem, Director:

If May was the month our operations hit full stride, June is where that planning became reality. This month, our department successfully balanced a rigorous push to wrap up the fiscal year with the official launch of our peak summer recreational operations and critical capital project advancements.

Key departmental milestones from June include:

- **Summer Aquatics Launch:** Following intense preparation, the municipal pool and Sylvan Lake officially opened to the public on June 24th, with our seasonal aquatics staff fully deployed.
- **Court Rehabilitation & Infrastructure:** In partnership with SLR International Corporation, we are finalizing preliminary drawings and site assessments for the Crestbrook Park tennis and pickleball court replacements, keeping this vital project on a fast track.
- **Strategic Master Planning:** The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed advancing a primary strategic goal for the year: developing a comprehensive, town-wide Parks Master Plan to present to the Town Manager.
- **Field Fencing Upgrades:** Physical field fence repairs commenced in late June as scheduled, addressing critical safety and aesthetic needs across our sports fields.
- **Fiscal Year-End Closeout:** In the weeks leading up to the June 30th deadline, we executed a meticulous line-by-line closeout of our departmental accounts to ensure strict fiscal responsibility and balanced books.

- **Looking Ahead to July 4th:** Logistics and coordination were finalized for the historic Semiquincentennial celebration at Crestbrook Park, including bus shuttle routing and event promotion to ensure a memorable and successful community experience.

Recreation:

- Several summer programs began in June, including Mad Science, Middle School Running Training, Karate, Ball Till You Fall Basketball, and Volleyball. Summer Camp officially began on June 29.
- The Fall Festival Committee met on June 8 to discuss planning, entertainment, and vendor participation. Applications are now available, and exciting plans are underway. Please save the date: September 26, 2026.
- On Saturday, June 20, we held our 7th Annual Canine Carnival fundraiser. Formerly known as Coolest Canine, the event featured a photo contest, lick mat contest, and 11 vendors. The Town Clerk's Office collected pet food donations for the Food Bank. Gia was officially crowned the 2026 Watertown Coolest Canine.
- On Thursday, June 18, I met with Garry Smith and the Pool Director at Crestbrook Park Pool to prepare the facility for opening day. Following setup, the pool was inspected by the Torrington Area Health District (TAHD). Minor issues involving the ladders and landline phone were identified and addressed with assistance from our IT Department and Frontier Communications.
- On Monday, June 22, I conducted our mandatory Summer Staff Meeting for all camp counselors and lifeguards. During the meeting, I reviewed the Summer Staff Handbook. Joan Palladino conducted Universal Precautions training, and Jeremy Brewer from our insurance company presented information on bee and tick safety.
- On Monday, June 22, I met with pool contractor RD LeMay and the Crestbrook lifeguard staff. RD conducted comprehensive safety training covering vacuuming procedures, chemical balancing, pool operations, and emergency protocols.
- Crestbrook Park Pool officially opened for the season and is operating daily from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- On Wednesday, June 24, I met with the Parks Department and lifeguards at Sylvan Lake to prepare the facility for the summer season.
- Sylvan Lake officially opened for the season and is operating daily from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- On Wednesday, June 24, we kicked off our Entertainment at the Park series with our first concert and farmers market of the season. The Potentials provided an outstanding performance as residents enjoyed an evening of live music, local vendors, food, and community fellowship.
- Also on June 24, we brought back the popular Summer Poker Run at Veterans' Memorial Park. A total of 17 participants completed either the 5K, 3K, or 1K course.
- On Friday, June 26, we hosted our first Friday Night Flick of the summer at Veterans' Memorial Park. Families gathered on Soccer Field #1 to enjoy a showing of *The Goat* under the stars.
- Summer Camp officially began on Monday, June 29. Staff has been busy preparing for a successful season, and we look forward to providing a fun, safe, and memorable summer experience for our campers.

Social Services:

- Received multiple generous donations from the following
 - \$200 from the Knights of Columbus
 - \$350 from Women's Fellowship
 - \$1,000 from Women's Fellowship profit from Holiday Fair

- \$300 Water-Oak Community Women
- \$500 T&J Enterprises
- Completed 32 Renter Rebate applications
- Assisted two homeless families with food and bus passes.
- Conducted two home visits with Laura from the Senior Center to assist elderly residents in need
- Assisted 3 families with their Electric bill
- The Amazon Wish List continues to be very successful, with numerous donations

Senior Center:

- **(7) New FASC Members** came on board
- (11) Seniors attended a Zumba Class sponsored by Oak Street Health on Tuesday, June 2.
- (33) Seniors attended a Bus Trip to The Mohegan Sun Casino on Friday, June 5.
- (20) Seniors attended Milkshake Monday on Monday, June 8.
- (15) Seniors attended a Bus Trip to Walmart in Naugatuck on Tuesday, June 9.
- (7) Seniors attended Reflexology (25-minute session) on Tuesday, June 9.
- (15) Seniors attended Part III of a Three-Part Historical Series on The American Revolution with Historian Dan MacNeil on Wednesday, June 10.
- (20) Seniors attended the annual Father's Day Luncheon on Friday, June 19.
- The **FASC Book Club** discussed "When the Cranes Fly South", written by Lisa Redzen on Tuesday, June 23.
- (20) Seniors attended the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Revolutionary War BINGO/Trivia hosted by the Mattatuck Museum's "Matt on the Go", on Friday, June 26.
- (12) Seniors attended a presentation from Home Instead Home Care Services. They enjoyed author John Scully discussing his book entitled "Visited Mom Today, Conversations Through the Lens of Alzheimer's and Dementia," on Friday, June 26.
- (95) Energy Assistance Applications were completed this season from 9-1-25 through May 31, 2026.

Planned Activities for July 2026

- 1776 Movie and Popcorn 7-1
- Milk Shake Monday 7-13
- Reflexology 7-14
- America Night Sky
Fireworks Painting Class 7-15
- Bus Trip Cross Sound Lighthouse Cruise and Lunch 7-17
- Blood Pressure Clinic 7-21
- Annual Blueberry Bake-Off 7-22
- Bus Trip Patty's for Lunch/ Bantam Farmers Market 7-24
- Book Club 7-28
- Luau Party 7-31



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Joshua N. Bernegger
Chief of Police

Jared D'Andrea
Deputy Chief

TO: Town Manager Mark Raimo
Watertown Town Council
Watertown Police Commission

FROM: Joshua Bernegger, Chief of Police

DATE: 8 July 2026

RE: July 2026 Chief's Report

- 1) The Watertown Police Department has one recruit officer attending the police academy in New Haven, scheduled to graduate on July 30th.
- 2) A new recruit officer, Arnaldo Santos, is being sworn in on July 8th, and beginning the police academy at POST in Meriden on July 9th. The academy is expected to last about 6 months.
- 3) A Conditional offer has been given to another new entry applicant. Background investigation is underway. If all goes well, this recruit officer will be attending the Milford Police Academy, starting in late August.
- 4) Interviews are being conducted to select a new entry candidate to replace Master Sergeant Jay DeMarest who retired on June 2nd.
- 5) A promotional ceremony was held on July 1st where Lieutenant Jared D'Andrea was promoted to Deputy Chief, Sergeant Loren Angiolillo was promoted to lieutenant, Officer Mark Raimo Jr. was promoted to sergeant, and Officer Zachary Buesser was promoted to sergeant. All have started their duties in their new roles.
- 6) A new full-time dispatcher and three per diem dispatchers have been provided conditional offers of employment and are currently in the onboarding phase.
- 7) The Town of Watertown Radio Communications Upgrade Project continues as scheduled. Motorola is now reporting the fire department's portable radios should be delivered by the end of July.
- 8) Sgt. Christopher Donston and Officer Austin Keeney have been selected to receive an award from Mother's Against Drunk Driving for their efforts in DUI detection and apprehension. They will be honored at an award ceremony on Sept. 18th at Mohegan Sun.
- 9) The Western Chief's Region, of which Watertown is a participating Department, is in receipt of a new \$1M command vehicle which will be available to our use. The vehicle was funded through a grant from NHTSA.

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July 13, 2026

Monthly Departmental Report

Town Clerk's Office

June 2026 reporting:

268 Land Records Recorded

took in \$35,202.19 town conveyance tax

8 Maps Recorded

Took in \$2,171 in PA 490 Tax Penalty (tax benefit penalty when property owner sells property or removes status prior to the 10-year requirement)

6 Property Foreclosure Registrations and De-Registrations

31 Sports Licenses (Hunting, Fishing licenses and permits)

3 Cigarette Dealer License Applications

6 Notary Commissions

4 Trade Name Recordings

15 Burial Permits

6 Cremation Permits

1,657 Land Record Copies and 42 Map Copies

7 Certified Land Record/Map Copies

0 Scan fee collection

1,079 Dog Licenses plus 5 10-kennel set, 1 20-kennel set

9 Marriage Licenses

3 Military Discharge Recordings

113 Vital Record Certified Copies

Project Progress:

*Budget Referendum – issued 126 absentee ballots for June 23, 2026 Budget Referendum.

*Dog Licensing – issued 1,079 dog licenses, 5 10-kennel sets, and 1 20-kennel sets. *Sure kept us on our toes all month!*

Respectfully submitted, 
Lisa Dalton, MCTC, Watertown Town Clerk