

Redevelopment Authority for the City of Watertown

Turning Opportunity into Results

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 6:00 pm

In-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING Room 2044, City Hall

By Phone or Zoom Meeting:

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For the Public, Members of the media and the public may attend by

calling: (US) +1 (646)931-3860 Meeting ID: 617-065-5357 Pass Code: 959083

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during the public comment period where applicable.

RDA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1) 100 W. Main St. block demolition,
 Town Square design etc., and publicizing
 town square project
 for possible funding from sources other
 than the City.
 - 2) Facilitating quality development in downtown, and
- 3) Creating an approach and working to attract development projects downtown.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
 - A. Present: Deb Sybell, Steve Board, Ryan Wagner & Dave Zimmermann.
 - B. Virtual: Jacob Maas. Ald. Arnett joined at 6:20pm.
 - C. Absent: Todd Huhn, Ald. Berg
 - D. Other attendees: Stefanie Broere, Dan Rahfeldt
- 3. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order at 6:05 pm
- 4. Approval of meeting minutes
 - A. Regular board minutes 9.17.25.

Board motioned to approve

Maas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Introduction of new Manager of Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives/Director of the RDA
 - A. Deb Sybell introduced herself and talked about her role. The rest of the board introduced themselves.
- 6. Public Comment
 - A. None
- 7. Old Business:
 - A. Review and discuss: Update RDA website
 - a. Deb Sybell will review the website and share any suggestions with Lisa F
 - B. Review and discuss: Director position and task list
 - a. Steve Board reviewed Mason's memo to the RDA board dated August 20, 2025; and he requested that the more exhaustive list of "to do" tasks shared with Mayor Stocks be shared with the board.
 - b. Get Deb on the RDA checking account.
 - C. Development Discussion
 - a. No new news on these projects. General discussion on 111 Water St. and the Riverwalk
- 8. New Business:
 - A. Review and take possible action: 2026 RDA budget

Zimmermann motioned to approve

Board seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Status Reports:

A. Housing Rehab Grants:

a. Nothing new to report

B. Beltz Foundation Grants:

a. Ryan Wagner is meeting with Dr. Beltz next Wednesday

C. Social media/messaging update:

a. The board reviewed the submitted report from Lisa Famularo. Steve Board requested the community poll results comments that were missing at the end of the report.

D. Council update:

a. Ald. Arnett reviewed the budget timeline

E. Director update:

- a. Items for next agenda:
 - i. Update on Ryan's meeting with Beltz on grants
- b. Next meeting is November 19, 2025, at 6 pm

10. Adjournment at 6:35 pm

Dave Zimmermann motioned to adjourn.

Ald. Arnett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.