

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

April 1, 2026

5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present	Also in Attendance	Citizens Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dana Davis, Chair• Bob Wetzel• Jonathan Lampe• Myron Moldenhauer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police Chief Brower• Nathan Williams• Stacey Winkleman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ian Pilak• John Katisch• Danielle Taylor• Stefanie Broere

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

- There were no comments from the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Public Safety & Welfare minutes from March 4, 2026
- [03.04.2026 Public Safety Minutes.pdf](#) (0.24 MB)

MOTION: Approve the minutes from March 4, 2026 (Wetzel/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

2. BUSINESS

- A. Review and discuss: Carriage Hill Drive Bump Outs
 - a. [MEMO Carriage Hill Drive Traffic Calming.pdf](#) (0.56 MB)

DISCUSSION: Carriage Hill Drive has been discussed in the Public Safety Committee meetings since September 2023. A resident has concerns about the rate of speed that vehicles drive on the road. Davis reminded the Committee that a speed study was presented in July 2024. That speed study indicated that drivers’ speeds were largely “reasonable and proper” as per the average driver’s perception of roadway conditions.

In August 2024, the committee made two motions.

1. Request the Park, Rec and Forestry Dept. to plant trees strategically on Carriage Hill Drive as a traffic calming method. This has been accomplished.
2. Direct the Engineering Dept. to investigate the location and cost of bump outs to slow traffic on Carriage Hill Drive. The Engineering Dept. is presenting their results tonight.

Nathan Williams presented 6 options.

Mr. Lampe expressed his preference for Concept B because it involves paint and posts rather than concrete.

MOTION: Recommend Concept B design plan for Carriage Hill Dr. to the Public Works Commission for further consideration. (Lampe/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

- B. Review and discuss: S. Tenth Street Signage and Pavement Marking near Webster School

- a. [MEMO Crossing Request Tenth St and Station St.pdf](#) (0.56 MB)
- b. [S Tenth St and Station St.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)

For discussion only. No action needed.

- C. Review and take action: Request for flashing pedestrian sign at N Church and Cady Street
 - a. [Agenda Item April 1 to Upload.pdf](#) (1.07 MB)

MOTION: Install a “pedestrian crossing sign ahead” between Rock Street and Cady Street. Investigate the possibility of also installing a pedestrian crossing sign on the northeast corner of N. Church and Cady St. for southbound traffic. (Lampe/Moldenhauer/Unanimous approval)

- D. Review and take action: Amend Section 428-7(A) (Special Event Definitions)) and 428-7(C) (Special Event Exemptions)
 - a. [Amend Section 428-7\(A\) \(Special Event Definitions\) \) and 428-7\(C\) \(Special Event Exemptions\).pdf](#) (0.02 MB)

The Committee has several questions about these proposed revisions.

1. Why remove the wording in 1. Under Special Event? This wording seems to be important in describing a premise being used in ways that are beyond its normal use.
2. In 3., the committee questions why “public” has been added.
3. The committee prefers keeping #5. Why do the staff want to remove it?

MOTION: Request the staff to clarify their reasons for wanting to make these adjustments. Table for a future meeting. (Wetzel/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

- E. Review and take action: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 319 Health and Sanitation Article V. Practice of Certain Trades and Professions Requiring State Licensing, Registration or Credentials, Sections 319-35, 319-36 and 319-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances
 - a. [Massage Parlor Ordinance 03.26.26 edits.pdf](#) (0.03 MB)

DISCUSSION: Davis expressed that she is thankful for the input that was received from a local massage therapy establishment owner and Council members. Davis said that she worked with the Attorney to incorporate all of the ideas that have been received.

Summary of Changes:

- Reference to “parlor” removed from the ordinance.
- Massage Therapy or Bodywork Therapy definition is identical to the language in the state statute.
- Purpose and Authority section added
- Application – The requirements on the application.
- Hours of operation adjusted from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Professional dress clarified
- Allowance for a therapist who is alone with a client to lock the outside door.
- Reference to showers removed.

The committee spoke in favor of the ordinance and changes.

Danielle Taylor, owner of a massage establishment, voiced some concerns.

MOTION: Approve the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 319 Health and Sanitation Article V. Practice of Certain Trades and Professions Requiring State Licensing, Registration or Credentials, Sections 319-35, 319-36 and 319-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances. (Moldenhauer/Wetzel/ Unanimous Approval)

- F. Review and take action: Special Event - Whiskey Wine Walk
- a. [MEMO WHISKEY WINE WALK.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
 - b. [2026-04 APPLICATION.pdf](#) (1.48 MB)
 - c. [2026-04 MAP.pdf](#) (0.19 MB)

MOTION: Approve Special Event – Whiskey Wine Walk (Lampe/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

- G. Review and take action: Special Event - 4th of July Parade
- a. [MEMO 4TH OF JULY PARADE.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
 - b. [2026-06 APPLICATION Redacted.pdf](#) (1.33 MB)
 - c. [2026-06 MAP.pdf](#) (0.32 MB)

MOTION: Approve Special Event – 4th of July Parade (Wetzel/Davis/Unanimous Approval)

- H. Review and take action: Special Event - Lights and Sirens
- a. [MEMO LIGHTS AND SIRENS.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
 - b. [2026-05 APPLICATION.pdf](#) (1.47 MB)
 - c. [2026-05 MAP.pdf](#) (0.25 MB)

MOTION: Approve Special Event – Lights and Sirens (Lampe/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

- I. Review and take possible action: 10/31 Special Event update for Market Series
- a. [UPDATED 2026 BFTS SERIERS 10-31.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)

MOTION: Approve the 10/31 Special Event update for Market Series organizer to Main Street Programs (Lampe/Moldenhauer/Unanimous Approval)

5. ADJOURN

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Lampe and seconded by Wetzel to adjourn. Motion was supported unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.