



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett,
Vice President

Aaron Dushku,
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,
District A Councilor

Cecilia Lenk,
District B Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
District C Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 @ 7:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 7:15 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Valerie Papas, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [September 10th](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Eloda Thomas, 67 Marion Road – spoke against Phase Two of Victory Field renovations; including the proposed artificial turf and noted her concerns over the financing of the project and spoke in favor of more community representation.

2. Bruce Coltin, 67 Marion Road – spoke against Phase Two and in favor of opening up the process to the public and not ignoring dissent.

3. Charles Ditts, 1 Clayton Street – spoke in concern over the garbage along the business sections of Mt. Auburn Street with overflowing receptacles.

4. Ashok Modak, Standish Road – thanked the Council for exposing the issues with respect to Victory Field and spoke in favor of having representation from the public.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. The Chair announced a very well attended Mural showing at Baptist Walk; painted by Watertown students.

2. With respect to the Victory Field Design Phase II; the Chair stated that the town has been gathering input from the community and will go back with this input and ask the architect to go through all the concerns and see if changes can be made to the design. The Chair further noted that a special Town Council meeting will be scheduled on this at some point in the near future and that the Council will have another public hearing where information will be taken and all options will be on the table at that point.

6. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of \$7,301 from the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Auditor Full Time Salaries Account in order to adjust the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget to reflect the previously adopted Ordinance amending the Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 compensation of the Town Auditor. The Manager provided a brief overview. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of \$2,390 from the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2015 Town Council Full Time Salaries Account in order to adjust the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget to reflect the previously adopted Ordinance amending the Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 compensation of the Council Clerk . The Manager provided a brief overview. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by a roll call vote of 8 for and 1 against and 0 present with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilor Kounelis voting against.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Falkoff requested information on artificial turf and scheduling of the turf field. The Chair indicated that all of that has already been requested.

Councilor Dushku stated that he has been gathering information regarding parking which will be brought up at a future date. For more information residents can go to: URL.com/Watertown parking.

Councilor Palomba asked; where groups can send their suggestions for the design of Victory Field. The Chair indicated that suggestions can be sent to Mr. Peter Centola, Recreation Director.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Request for Confirmation of a re-appointment to the Traffic Commission. So referred to the Public Safety subcommittee.

b) Request for confirmation of an appointment and reappointments to the Cable Access Corporation – Board of Directors. So referred to Education and School System Matters subcommittee.

c) Free Public Flu Clinics schedule is on the town's website.

d) Faire on the Square; Saturday; September 27th – 10am-4pm.

e) Yard Waste – Friday; October 10th.

f) Announced the appointment of Mr. Dennis Sheehan as Finance and Administration Director for the Public Works Department.

9. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION: None noted.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Dushku announced: Watertown Education Foundation meeting – October 9th at the Watertown Savings Bank; 7pm.

Councilor Kounelis announced: A neighborhood meeting regarding 65 Grove Street – September 29th Coolidge School Apartments; 7pm.

The Chair announced: At the October 14th Town Council meeting there will be an update on the roads program.

The Chair announced: Every Tuesday in October – Not Your Average Joe's 15% of proceeds go to Homeless Veterans.

11. PUBLIC FORUM:

Eloda Thomas – stated that neighborhood participation is critical in the Victory Field renovations project.

12. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Addendum

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by unanimous voice vote on October 14, 2014.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President