



## Watertown Town Council

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### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,  
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett,  
Vice President

John A. Donohue,  
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, OCTOBER 8, 2013 @ 6:30 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES**

1. ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, 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 Council Clerk Valerie Papas.

2 EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 PM: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation Merullo v Watertown. Vice President Corbett moved to go into executive session for the above stated purpose noting that discussing the matter in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's strategy with respect to litigation; seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 PM

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. EXAMINATION OF MINUTES: [July 30<sup>th</sup>](#) [September 24<sup>th</sup>](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

Ed Shinebarton – praised the success of Faire on the Square.

## 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Chair stated that there will be a special election on December 10<sup>th</sup>; and requested a motion to move the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting from Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. So moved by Councilor Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Joint Committees on Personnel & Town Organization and Public Works [report](#) and action on a DPW Organizational Report - Susan Falkoff/Cecilia Lenk, Chairs. Councilor Falkoff and Councilor Lenk read the Committee report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

Councilor Lenk moved to support the three Committee recommendations which include Public Works to come back with a timeline and estimated cost/proposal for what is needed for the Technology for the interrelated Asset Management/Work Activities; the DPW to come back with the development of Service Level Definitions for review by the Town Council; and the DPW to development a set of Policies and Procedures by looking at other communities, seconded by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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) Committee on Public Works [report](#) and action on plowing of private ways – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. Councilor Lenk read the Committee report. Councilor Falkoff moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

c) Committee on Economic Development & Planning [report](#) on the Railroad property – Stephen E. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the Committee report. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

The Chair noted that the right of first refusal has been extended to October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Chair suggested that a letter be sent to Mass DOT so that the Town can officially place their interest in the property and hold off on any further action. The Chair asked Attorney Reich for a legal opinion on sending the letter. Attorney Reich stated that the expression of interest would be worded so as not to preclude the town to negotiate an agreement.

Councilors Lenk and Donohue expressed their support for sending the letter.

So moved by Councilor Falkoff, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

The Chair asked Attorney Reich to draft a letter to Mass DOT expressing the Town's interest in the property.

d) State, Federal & Regional Government [report](#) and action on the appointments of [Ms. Dugan](#) and [Ms. Mainelli](#) to the Board of Election Commissioners – Angeline B. Kounelis, Chair. Councilor Kounelis read the Committee report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

Councilor Kounelis moved the appointment of Ms. Mainelli, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

Councilor Kounelis moved the appointment of Ms. Dugan, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

9. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) [Consideration of a transfer](#) of funds related to a Committee on Economic Development & Planning recommendation. Delayed until October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

b) [Request for Confirmation](#) of appointment and reappointments to the Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors. Referred to Committee.

c) Former Police Station Re-use and [request for referral](#) to Committee. Councilor Woodland moved to refer the matter to the Economic Development and Planning subcommittee, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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.

The Manager announced the corrected yard waste dates as: October 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. And the corrected Household Hazardous Waste date of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Manager announced the special state primary on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – none noted.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice President Corbett announced a bill against Bullying in the Workplace and asked that we raise awareness of this issue and encourage all employers to provide a healthy, safe and abuse free workplace.

Councilor Kounelis announced: A groundbreaking event will be held on Friday October 11 at 2pm for the Trapelo Road reconstruction project in Belmont. The event will take place near the intersection of Trapelo Road and Belmont Street at the MBTA turnaround, which is just outside the entrance of the Oakley Country Club.

Councilor Lenk announced a Town wide recycling day; November 2nd at the new recycling center.

Councilor Donohue announced that applications are available for the Annual Road Race.

Councilor Falkoff announced that on October 19<sup>th</sup> 9-12 noon; a Comprehensive Planning forum at the Middle School will be held.

## 13. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

14. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Donohue moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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 on October 22, 2013 by unanimous voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President