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 22, 2013 @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 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 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. EXAMINATION OF MINUTES: October 8th. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes, 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.

4. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

6. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) First Reading on a proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. The Chair provided a first reading and recognized the Manger who gave a brief overview of the proposed amendment to the FY 2014 Budget. The matter will be advertised and placed on the November 12th Town Council agenda for a public hearing and vote.

b) Resolution endorsing addition of underpasses to design of three bridges and urge DCR and MASSDOT to include them in current phase of construction. This agenda item was Tabled until November 12th.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT:

a) Committee on Public Works report and action on a re-appointment to the Conservation Commission – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. This agenda item was Tabled until November 12th.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None noted.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Preliminary Budget Overview for Fiscal Year 2015. The Manager provided an overview of the Preliminary Budget Overview for Fiscal Year 2015.

10. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

The Chair asked for a motion on the following referral items:

Referral of Special Education funding and related matters to the Budget and Fiscal Oversight subcommittee. So moved by Councilor Piccirilli, 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.

Referral of the use of On Call Architecture firm proposals for all the town buildings. So moved by Councilor Piccirilli, 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 Piccirilli stated that the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight will prepare the FY2015 Budget Policy Guidelines for the Council to vote on at the December 9, 2013 meeting, in accordance with section 5-1 of the Watertown Home Rule Charter. The BFO Committee will meet on Monday, November 18 and November 25, from 7pm to 9pm. He asked that each councilor prepare additions or changes to the FY2014 policy guidelines and include a brief explanation along with each request, so that the committee can adequately discuss them. He noted that all submitted material will be distributed to the council. He indicated that all Councilors are invited to attend a committee meeting and discuss proposed changes and asked that Councilors please email changes to him no later than 5pm on Friday November 8.

Councilor Palomba asked that the Public Works subcommittee look into safety issues related to the intersection of Palfrey Street and Church Street.

Councilor Donohue asked the Manager to look into the Display Television which has been down for several days.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chair announced a Blood Drive at the Police Department this Saturday from 10am-3pm.

The Chair announced that grants are available through the Watertown Community Foundation; please call 617-926-1500.

Councilor Palomba announced a Harvest Party at the Senior Center this Friday from 12-4pm.

Councilor Donohue announced applications/donation for the Boys/Girls Club Road Race; please call 617-926-0968.

12. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Donohue moved to adjourn he meeting at 9:15pm, 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.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted on November 12, 2013 by unanimous voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris