Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President

Michael F. Dattoli,
Councilor At Large

Aaron P. Dushku,
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,
District B Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AT 6:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL
   Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:15 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Michael F. Dattoli, Aaron P. Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Lisa J. Feltner, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Angeline B. Kounelis arrived at 6:18 p.m.; Councilor Kenneth M. Woodland arrived at 7:21 p.m. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 P.M.
   To Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Estate –Former East Branch Library; If the Chair Declares That an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Negotiating Position of the Public Body.

   Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council enter into executive session; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC FORUM
   David Cain – Requested the enforcement of immigration laws

   Don MacDonald – Spoke against Watertown becoming a Sanctuary City and illegal immigration.

   Dennis Holland – 29 Nyack St. – Stated that immigration is not an issue and therefore there is no need for Watertown to become a Sanctuary City.

   Wilfred J. Clifford – 93 Riverside – Councilors need to stand behind their oath to uphold the laws.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Town Council Meeting
Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of February with the amendments by Councilor Falkoff; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Sideris made remarks regarding the removal of trees by the City of Cambridge on its water easement along Linear Park. He stated that although he is disappointed by the removal of trees on that site, as a property owner, the City of Cambridge is not required to provide public notice when trees are removed. After discussion with the City of Cambridge, the Town has been advised that no other trees will be removed and that the cities will work to improve communication with each other.

8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer, With the Approval of the Town Manager, to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of $2,800,000 Under Chapter 44, Section 7(6) of the General Laws or Any Other Enabling Authority for the Costs of Construction and Reconstruction of Streets and Sidewalks, Including Underground Duct/Conduit Improvements.

Mr. Driscoll provided information regarding the streets and sidewalks improvements. He informed the Council that at the March 14, 2017 meeting, there will be a public hearing and vote on this matter.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up Item 9C in the agenda; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Committee on Rules and Ordinances and Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report on a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance – Kenneth M. Woodland and Aaron P. Dushku, Chairs
ACTION ITEM: That the TDM Ordinance as Amended be Brought to the Town Council for a First Reading when the Draft Rules and Regulations Are Available.

Councilor Dushku read the report of the Joint Committee. Councilor Woodland made a motion to accept the report; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. After a discussion of the report, the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The Action Item was deferred until the report in item 9A was discussed.

A. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Regulations – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

Councilor Dushku read the Committee report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris then took up the Action Item for 9C. Councilor Piccirilli moved that the TDM Ordinance as amended be brought to the Town Council for a First Reading when the draft rules and regulations are available; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Committee on Public Works Report on Adopt-An-Island Policy and Organic Composting – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

Councilor Palomba read the Committee report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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See previous notes for Town Council action on this item.

10. NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Driscoll stated that DPW Superintendent Mee notified him the appropriation for snow and ice removal will be or is exhausted. He requested the authority to incur additional liability to make expenditures in excess of the current appropriation for snow and ice removal. Councilor Piccirilli moved to grant the Town Manager such authority; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER
A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointments to the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Driscoll listed the people who were being named for appointment and reappointment. Under Council Rules, the appointment and reappointments were being referred to the Committee on Public Works for their review who will report to the Town Council.

B. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Board of Health.
Mr. Driscoll listed the people who were being named for appointment and reappointment. Under Council Rules, the appointment and reappointments were being referred to the Committee on Human Services for their review who will report to the Town Council.

12. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS
Councilor Dattoli asked for what information the Administration needs to move forward to hire a Transportation Planner.

Councilor Falkoff asked

~ Why the signs "No Dogs, No Golf" haven't been removed from Linear Path
~ If the Administration could confirm if the cameras at Mount Auburn Street and School Street were being used for the Mount Auburn Reconstruction Project.
~ For a listing/accounting of the money the City receives from the Federal Government and for what.

Councilor Dushku stated that the state website of ordinances for local communities indicates that Watertown Ordinances have not been updated. He requested information as to what is the backlog.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Piccirilli stated that $1,000,000 was in the CIP for a feasibility study for the School Department. The purpose of the study is to hire someone to guide the community through the next phase of school construction and to assist in the writing of the Statement of Interest (SOI) for resubmission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the High School. Based on this,

~ An RFP was placed with a response time of February 24.
~ Four firms made proposals. It is hoped that all can be interviewed with a selection completed by March 3.
~ On March 7, there will be a Special School Committee meeting to award the contract
~ On March 22, there will be a Special School Committee meeting to approve the submission of the SOI for the High School.
~ On March 28, the SOI will be submitted to the Town Council for approval
~ The SOI needs to be submitted to the MSBA by April 7.

Councilor Dattoli stated that the School Superintendent search has been narrowed down to two candidates. There will be a public forum with the candidates on March 2 and March 6. The meetings will be at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

Councilor Dushku announced that people wishing to know what was on the agenda could sign up on the Town website at the Notify Me link to receive notices of the agenda.

He also announced that on March 7 at 6:30 in the Council Chamber, the Committee on Transportation would be discussing the shuttle service set up.

Councilor Feltner announced that on March 7 at 7:00 pm, there would be a showcase of music at the Watertown schools.

14. PUBLIC FORUM

Wilfred J. Clifford – 93 Riverside – Police need to enforce the laws, including immigration laws.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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 a vote of __8__ for, __0__ against, __0__ present on March 14, 2017.

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President
s/MWP

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Town Council Meeting - Item 6

2. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order regarding the Proposed Loan Order of $2,800,000 for the Costs of Construction and Reconstruction of Streets and Sidewalks - Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager – February 23, 2017 – Item 8

3. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Meeting Report for October 18, 2016, January 12, 2017, February 1, 2017 relating to Transportation Demand Management Regulations – Items 9A

   A. Attachment A – Detailed Report of the Committee's Meeting and Discussions – October 18, 2016
   B. Attachment B – Detailed Report of the Committee's Meeting and Discussions – January 12, 2017
   C. Attachment C – Detailed Report of the Committee's Meeting and Discussions – February 1, 2017
   D. Attachment D – Revised and Endorsed Version of the Watertown Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Regulations

4. Committee on Public Works Report relating to Adopt An Island, Organic Composting and Related Public Works Updates – January 23, 2017 – Item 9B

5. Joint Meeting of the Rules and Ordinances Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report of September 14, 2016, January 4, 2017, and February 1, 2017 – Item 9C
   A. Attachment A – Detailed Report of the Committee's Meeting and Discussions – September 14, 2016
   B. Attachment B – Detailed Report of the Committee's Meeting and Discussions – January 4, 2017
   C. Attachment C – Detailed Report of the Committee's Meeting and Discussions – February 1, 2017
   D. Attachment D – Proposed Watertown Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance

6. Late Agenda Item – Resolution Approving Excess Expenditures for Snow and Ice Removal Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 31D, Massachusetts General Laws - Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager – February 28, 2017 – Item 10