# 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, MAY 23, 2017 AT 6:45 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 6:45 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Aaron P. Dushku, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Michael F. Dattoli arrived at 6:46 p.m.; Councilor Susan G. Falkoff arrived at 6:50 p.m.; and Councilor Lisa J. Feltner arrived at 6:51 p.m. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Joseph Fair, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:45 P.M.
   To Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with the DPW Union, Town Hall Associates Union, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, Police Supervisors Union, as an Open Meeting may have a Detrimental Effect on the Town's Bargaining Position.

   Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Council enter into Executive Session; Councilor Woodland 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
   Bert Greenberg – Stated his previous comments at the May 9, 2017 Town Council meeting were misconstrued by some.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Town Council Meeting

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Sideris read a Proclamation regarding Memorial Day from Governor Baker.

8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
A. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of $4,478 from the Fiscal Year 2017 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2017 Retirement Appropriation Account.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this matter and asked for the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to transfer the amount of $4,478; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer in order to Fund an Agreement with the Watertown Police Supervisors Association, MCOP, Local 373 Covering the Period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

Mr. Driscoll provided background regarding the agreement and asked for the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to transfer the amount of $43,618; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS
Councilor Palomba moved to refer two items to the Public Works Committee: A discussion on parking and truck traffic from Athena on North Beacon Street and Charles River Road and a discussion of changes to the Common Street Project as it relates to accommodating bicycles and pedestrians; Councilor Dushku seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER
Mr. Driscoll stated that the Administration Building would be closed Monday, May 29, 2017 for Memorial Day and announced that the annual Memorial Day Parade would be held on Monday, May 29, 2017 beginning at noon.

He also mentioned that the Police Department would issue a written immigration policy by the end of the month.

Also, the Summer Concerts will begin on June 29, 2017; the schedule is located on the website.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION /REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

Councilor Dattoli requested that either the meeting on Arsenal Yards or the other on Victory Field be rescheduled.

Councilor Kounelis requested to know which planting strips were going to be addressed and which were denied. She asked about the maintenance of Town owned land, specifically Upland Access Extension. She wanted an update on Glen Circle and the issues remaining regarding Calvin Road.

Councilor Falkoff thanked the Administration for the information regarding the Immigration Policy. She also wanted to know by what date the signs would be removed from the parks regarding No Dogs.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba announced that on Sunday June 4, 2017, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the First Parish on Church Street, the Watertown Welcomes Immigrants Coalition was holding a second forum on Safe Communities.

Councilor Dattoli announced that on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., the Human Services Committee was meeting about field scheduling priorities. He also mentioned that on June 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., the Watertown Youth Coalition would be holding its annual Spirit Awards.

He stated that the Town's third graders visited Watertown sites to learn about government, an event sponsored with the Watertown Historical Commission.

Councilor Dushku stated that Asiana Fusion was holding an event raising money for the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Councilor Palomba announced that on June 8, 2017 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., there would be an Iftar Celebration at the Charles Mosesian Cultural and Youth Center at 465 Mount Auburn Street. The celebration is an interfaith celebration of the daily fast breaking during the month of Ramadan.

He also announced that on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Watertown Opiate Task Force was sponsoring a forum with the Greek Church on the Opiate Crisis. He suggested that those interested should contact the Health Department for details.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 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 _9_ for, _0_ against, _0_ present on June 13, 2017.

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Town Council Meeting - Item 6

2. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) – May 18, 2017 – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to the Town Council - Item 8A