



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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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

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER AGENDA

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 2.6 of the Rules of the Town Council, and pursuant to the Call of the Council President, the members of the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown were notified of a Special Meeting of the Town Council that was held on Tuesday June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building.

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a special meeting of the Town Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Lisa J. Feltner, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Aaron P. Dushku arrived at 6:01 p.m.; Councilor Michael F. Dattoli arrived at 6:03 p.m. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Hearing and Vote on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and Related Matters

President Sideris read a statement regarding the purpose of the budget hearing. Mr. Driscoll presented [two amendments to the FY 2018 proposed budget](#) and an [amendment to the proposed FY 18 Water and Sewer Enterprise budgets](#) to provide for collective bargaining agreements.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing to the public. There being no speakers, the hearing was closed. Mr. Tracy, the Town Auditor, read [the appropriations for the General Budget, the Water and Sewer Enterprises, and the Other Financing Sources for the Budget and Water and the Sewer Enterprises](#). He advised that there were no passes on any of these items.

President Sideris noted that the Budget had been approved with no passes. Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Budget be adopted as presented by the Town Auditor; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Falkoff moved to reconsider the vote with the expressed hope that the motion not pass; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was not adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

President Sideris thanked all those who assisted with the Budget, those in Town Administration and the Schools, Town Councilors, and Taxpayers. He then called for a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

3. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of [\\$1,500 from Watertown Savings Bank](#) to Offset Expenses Related to the “Summer Concert Series.”

Mr. Driscoll requested the Council’s favorable consideration for the acceptance of the gift of \$1,500 from the Watertown Savings Bank. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acceptance and expenditure of the gift of funds; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible [Personal Property from Stop & Shop](#) for “Summer Concert Series.”

Mr. Driscoll requested the Council’s favorable consideration for the acceptance of the gift of refreshments from Stop & Shop, Pleasant Street. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the gift of tangible personal property; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. First Reading on a Proposed [Ordinance Establishing Revolving Funds](#).

Mr. Tracy stated that the ordinance is a response to the Municipal Modernization Act of 2016; that it would be advertised and the public hearing and vote would be scheduled for the June 23, 2017 (sic) Town Council meeting.

- D. An Order Accepting an [Easement for Electrical Equipment at Property Located at 85-87 Union Street](#)

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the matter and requested the Council’s favorable consideration on the acceptance of the easement. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the easement; Councilor Dushku

seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report on [Continued Discussion Regarding the MBTA Meeting of March 29, 2017](#)

Councilor Dushku read the Committee Report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. Councilor Falkoff noted that there was an action item within the report that was not on the agenda. President Sideris stated that it would be taken up at the next Town Council meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku provided some updates on the report:

- ~ A draft Arsenal Corridor Study was released on June 5, 2017 and would be presented at 6:00 p.m. on June 22, 2017 at the Library. The report is also available on the MassDOT website
- ~ Service Planning is due to start in the August-October time frame
- ~ Some money for improvements is being provided for the Watertown Yard - better platform and bicycle racks.

President Sideris asked that all Councilors be informed when the Committee schedules the tour of the Watertown Yard so that they can participate.

B. Committee on Public Works Report on [Ridgelawn Cemetery Improvements](#) and Other Issues – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) That the Department of Public Works Address the Issues of PVC Pipe Storage, 24-Hour Dumping, Trucks at All Hours, Unsecured Loam Pile, Cleanup of Tree and Wall Debris, Drainage/Standing Water, Dead and Dying Trees and Report Back to the Committee in Two Months.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the action item; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- 2) That the Town Council Approve the Hiring of a Consultant to Develop a Property Management Plan that will Assess How to Best Utilize the Property and to Specifically Address Drainage, Landscaping and Additional Tree Planting; if a Garage is Needed and How it would be Used; Creating New Burial Areas; Fence Replacement; Grading; Boundary Survey; and Repairing/Rehabilitating the Headwall along Highland Avenue.

President Sideris read the motion but requested an amendment because the Town Council does not hire personnel. He suggested that the amendment read that the Town Council ask the Town Manager to work with the DPW Superintendent to hire a consultant to Develop a Property management plan that will assess how to best utilize the property and to specifically address drainage, landscaping and additional tree planting; if a garage is needed and how it would be used; creating new burial areas; fence replacement; grading; boundary survey; and repairing/rehabilitating the headwall along Highland Avenue. Councilor Dushku moved to amend the motion as stated; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. After a clarification about the procedure regarding action items and how to state them, the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the motion as amended; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- 3) That the Town Ask the Council to Make a Referral to the Economic Development Committee to Explore Ways for DPW to Get the Staging Area it Needs for the Town's Ongoing Infrastructure Improvement and Maintenance Projects.

This item needs no further action because the matter was previously referred to the Committee. It was listed on the agenda because it was an item in the Report.

Councilor Dushku provided some updates on the report

- ~ DPW is starting some clean up at the Cemetery
- ~ 10 Winter Street demolition – there should be a hearing soon on this
- ~ DPW is developing a scope of work for the Community Path

5. 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 6:54 p.m.

ADDENDUM

I hereby certify that at a special 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.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget, Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 6, 2017 – Item 2
2. Amendment to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Water and Sewer Enterprise Budgets, Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 6, 2017, Item 2.
3. Proposed General Fund FY 2018 Budget – Item 2
4. FY 2018 Proposed Other Financing Sources General Fund – Item 2
5. FY 2018 Proposed Water and Sewer Enterprise Budgets – Item 2
6. FY 2018 Proposed Other Financial Sources – Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds – Item 2
7. Agenda Item – Approval of Gift of Expenditures (\$1,500 from Watertown Savings Bank for Concert Series) – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 1, 2017 – Item 3 A
8. Agenda Item – Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property (Stop & Shop, Pleasant Street for Concert Series) – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – June 1, 2017 – Item 3B
9. FY 18 Revolving Funds – Thomas J. Tracy, Town Auditor/Assistant Town Manager for Finance to Town Council – June 2, 2017 – Item 3C
10. Agenda Item – An Order Accepting an Easement for Electrical Equipment at Property Located at 85-87 Union Street – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – Item 3D
 - a. Letter Re: Grant of Easement for Casey Park (85-87 Union Street) – Attorney Katherine K. Klein, KP Law to Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager
 - b. An Order Accepting an Easement for Electrical Equipment at Property Located at 85-87 Union Street
 - c. Grant of Easement
 - d. Utility Easement Plan
 - e. Proposed Utility Easement Plot Plat – CDM Smith – May 2017

11. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report on the Discussion and Suggestions from the MBTA meeting held on March 29, 2017 – Item 4A
12. Committee on Public Works Report on Ridgelawn Cemetery – Item 4B