



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, JUNE 13, 2017 AT 7:15 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 7:15 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, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Ralph Filicchia – 121 Bellevue Road – Spoke against Watertown becoming a Sanctuary or a Welcoming City.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the May 23, 2017](#) Town Council Meeting and the [June 6, 2017 Special Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of May 23, 2017 as written; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote except for Councilor Falkoff who voted present.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the minutes of June 6, 2017 as corrected; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Approval of Sending [Letters for the Act Supporting Community Access Television H2682](#)

President Sideris asked for approval to send letters of support to Watertown's state delegation for the Act Supporting Community Access Television H2682. He read the letters.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize President Sideris to send the letters as written; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. School Committee Vacancy - [Consideration and Vote on Process to Fill Remainder of Unexpired Term](#)

President Sideris read a statement regarding the open position on the School Committee and requested a motion to hold a special election to coincide with the General Town Election for the position. Councilor Piccirilli moved to call for a special election to be held on the same ballot as the General Town Election on November 7, 2017, to fill the remainder of the term for School Committee created by a resignation effective August 15, 2017, in accordance with the Home Rule Charter Section 4-1 Filling of Vacancies section (1); and that this special election will follow the schedule and procedures for the General Town Election, and that further:

1. Nomination papers shall be available Wednesday June 14, and will be due no later than Monday, July 31 at 5:00 PM.
2. If more than two candidates are certified to be placed on the ballot, a Preliminary Election will be held Tuesday, September 19, in accordance with Section 7-4 of the Charter.
3. The person certified by the Election Commission as a successful candidate on November 7 shall immediately be sworn in to serve the remainder of the vacant term.

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

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

[Informational Presentation](#) on a Proposed New Five-Year Agreement [Continuing the Single Stream Recycling and Automated Trash Collection Program](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided some introductory explanatory comments. A presentation was provided by Republic representatives.

The cost of the five year contract would be \$12,430,900. The major service changes include:

- ~ Trash pick-up will be on 5 day rather than a 4 day schedule. The routes will be revised and 20% of households will be affected by the change. Republic will be responsible for notifying residents of the revised schedule
- ~ Yard service will be 17 times a year rather than 16

- ~ Town barrels will be picked up 3 times a week as opposed to the current 2 times. One pick-up day will be on Saturday
- ~ Fuel cost increases are on the provider
- ~ Republic is conducting a recycling assessment for the Town Buildings and Schools
- ~ Recycling education is being included in the schools

The Town's recycling diversion has increased to 28.4% from 16.1% in 2012. With the increase in recycling, solid waste is being reduced lowering costs to the town.

Republic felt that weekly recycling is not economically feasible at this time. Diversion would need to increase to more 50% to be economically feasible. A second cart, if needed, can be obtained for a cost of \$180.

President Sideris stated that the contract would be considered by the Town Council at its next meeting on June 27, 2017.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading on a Proposed [Order Establishing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2018.](#)

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this item and stated that it would be taken up at the next meeting.

B. First Reading on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager [to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \\$3,377,850](#) Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the Costs of the Following Items of Departmental Equipment, as More Fully Described in the Town's Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018 Capital Improvement Plan

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire Department	Various Vehicles	\$ 866,000
School Department	Replace Rugs at Lowell School	\$ 122,850
Public Works Dept.	Various Vehicles and Equipment	\$1,451,000
Water Enterprise Dept.	Backhoe	\$ 210,000
Sewer Enterprise Dept.	Various Vehicles and Equipment	<u>\$ 728,000</u>
	Total:	\$3,377,850

and Further Ordered that in Accordance With Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, Any Premium Received upon the Sale of Any Bonds or Notes Approved by this Vote, Less Any Such Premium Applied to the Payment of the Costs of Issuance of Such Bonds or Notes, May be Applied to the Payment of Costs Approved by this Vote, Thereby Reducing the Amount Authorized to be Borrowed to Pay Such Costs by a Like Amount.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this item and stated that it would be taken up at the next meeting.

- C. First Reading on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$524,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the [Costs of Infiltration/Inflow Mitigation Projects at Various Locations throughout the Town](#). Any Borrowing Pursuant to this Order May be Obtained through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Infiltration and Inflow Local Assistance Program or through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The Borrowing Authorized by this Order Shall be Reduced to the Extent of Any Grants Received by the Town on Account of this Project.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this item and stated that it would be taken up at the next meeting.

- D. First Reading on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$478,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(5) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the [Costs of Water System Improvements at Various Locations throughout the Town](#). Any borrowing pursuant to this order may be obtained through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program or through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The Borrowing Authorized by this Order Shall be Reduced to the Extent of Any Grants Received by the Town on account of this Project.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this item and stated that it would be taken up at the next meeting.

- E. First Reading on a Salary Adjustment for the Town Auditor for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

President Sideris stated that Town Auditor is a position that needs to be completed by ordinance under the Town Charter. The Committee met to discuss this and they will make a recommendation on the salary. The matter would be taken up at the next Town Council meeting.

- F. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$26,500 from Various Fiscal Year 2017 Police Department Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2017 [Police Vehicle Replacement Account](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the matter of the vehicles. By using funds from various police accounts, the department will be able to purchase a vehicle. He requested the Town Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$26,500; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Request the Department of Public Works, When Planning for the Redesign of the Intersection of Waverly and Main Streets, to Include a Transit Signal Prioritization and a Plan to Move the Existing Bus Stop to the Far Side of the Intersection

Councilor Piccirilli moved to request the Department of Public Works, when planning for the redesign of the intersection of Waverly and Main Streets, to include a Transit Signal Prioritization and a plan to move the existing bus stop to the far side of the intersection; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report on the [Status of the Transportation Management Association \(TMA\)](#) – 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.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Driscoll requested a favorable consideration of the reappointments of John Airasian and Kelly Gallagher to the Traffic Commission. Under Town Council Rules, the matter is referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

B. Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Board of Election Commissioners.

Mr. Driscoll requested a favorable consideration of the appointment of Eugene Slaven to Board of Election Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Deborah Dugan. Under Town Council Rules, the matter is referred to the Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government.

Mr. Driscoll further announced that at 6:00 p.m. on June 14, 2017, Flag Day, at Ridgelawn Cemetery, the Veterans Council was planning a retirement of flags no longer fit for use.

He also requested a moment of silence at adjournment for Robert W. Kelly, who had served the Town for many years as a Town Meeting Member, member of the Finance Committee, and a Commissioner of the Board of Elections.

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

Councilor Dushku requested cost estimates of subsidies of a few scenarios for toters that would include the offset for disposal savings over the life of the contract.

Councilor Kounelis asked about several items:

- ~ Upland Road Access – how will this be maintained
- ~ Planting Strips – Keenan Street is being taken care of but those on Prentiss and Merrifield need to be addressed
- ~ Glenn Circle – A survey is scheduled for the June-July period. As a reminder, there is a 1983 Resolution preventing an entrance at Glenn Circle for Filippello Park
- ~ Pedestrian Crossing Light at 705 Mount Auburn Street is repaired
- ~ Calvin Road – the use by business of public property needs to be addressed.

Councilor Falkoff stated that the No Dogs signs have been taken down.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dattoli announced that on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Arsenal Park, the Watertown Youth Coalition would be awarding its annual Spirit of Watertown Awards.

Councilor Dushku announced that on Saturday, June 17, 2017, there would be a Kayaking on the Charles River Program. Anyone interested needs to sign up to participate.

He also announced that at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 19, 2017, there would be a joint Public Works and Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee meeting regarding the Mount Auburn Street Project.

Councilor Kounelis announced that on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., there would be a discussion on substance use disorder at the Greek Hellenic Center.

Councilor Piccirilli announced that on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., the Ad Hoc Committee on Victory Field would complete an on-site inspection of Victory Field track and court area. Also on June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., the Committee would hold its second meeting on design issues of the field and track and the court area.

Councilor Feltner announced that

- ~ On Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 11:30 am, there would be a tree hearing for trees designated for removal
- ~ On Saturday, June 17, 2017, there would be a household hazardous waste event in Lexington from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- ~ On June 30, at 9:30 a.m., there would be a Public Safety Coffee for Seniors with Fire Captain Ryan Nicholson
- ~ On June 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Watertown Free Public Library, there would be the presentation of a final draft of the Mass DOT report for the Arsenal Street Corridor Study

Councilor Palomba announced that on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., the Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice, and Environment would be holding its annual meeting and potluck dinner at the Auditorium of the Apartments at Coolidge Square.

He also announced that the Watertown Family Network would be celebrating summer at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Watertown Mall.

President Sideris announced that there would a special Town Council meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber regarding a Public Hearing and potential Vote regarding the I Cube proposal by athena.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

David Cain – Pleasant Street – He requested a second trash barrel at the MBTA stop near the taxi stand due to the large amount of overflow.

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

A moment of silence was held for Mr. Kelly.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 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 27, 2017.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 AT 7:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Town Council Meeting – Item 4
2. Minutes of the June 6, 2017 Special Town Council Meeting - Item 4
3. Letters of Support of House Bill 2682 to Senator Brownsberger, Representative Hecht, and Representative Lawn – Item 5A
4. Statement from President Sideris to Town Council regarding the vacancy on the School Committee – Item 5B
5. Watertown Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Program by Republic Services – Item 6
6. Agenda Item – Informational Presentation on a proposed new five year agreement continuing the Single Stream Recycling and Automated Trash Collection Program, Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – Item 6.
7. Fiscal Year 2018 Water and Sewer Rates, Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 8, 2017 – Item 7A
~ Watertown Massachusetts Annual Water & Sewer Rate Review – FY 2018 – Chris Woodcock, Woodcock & Associates, Inc.
8. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order (for the Purchase of Capital Improvement Equipment), Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council June 8, 2017 – Item 7B
9. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order (for Improvements to Sewers), Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 8, 2017 – Item 7C
10. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order (for Improvements to Water lines), Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 8, 2017 – Item 7D
11. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (for purchase of Police Vehicle), Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 8, 2017 – Item 7F
12. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report – Meeting of April 27, 2017 – Item 8A
13. Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Report – Meeting of May 15, 2017 – Item 8B

~ Watertown Transportation Management Association Presentation – May 15, 2017

14. Request for Confirmation – Appointment to Board of Election Commissioners (Eugene Slaven) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 8, 2017 – Item 10A
15. Request for Confirmation – Reappointments to Watertown Traffic Commission (John Airasian and Kelly Gallagher) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 8, 2017 – Item 10B