



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 27, 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

Burt Greenberg – Duff Street – Expressed concern as to how tax money was being used and who is influencing the public agenda

Pat Gold – Duff Street – Raised concerns that certain groups have too much influence and that Watertown, an older and more traditional community, is growing too fast

Raymond Forte – 43 French Street – Expressed concerns of the noise level of dogs at Howe Park

Eileen Ryan and Joan Blaustein – Spoke about the implementation of the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance, which will begin on July 1, 2017.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the June 13, 2017](#) Town Council Meeting

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes as corrected by Councilor Falkoff; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris had no items to report.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed [Ordinance Establishing Revolving Funds](#).

Mr. Tracy, Town Auditor and Assistant Manager for Finances, provided background information on the Ordinance. He stated that under the Municipal Modernization Act, revolving funds must be established by an Ordinance. He also notified the Council that the proposed Ordinance should be amended by changing the words "Dog Park" to "Animal Control".

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the Ordinance relating to the Revolving Funds with changes in Paragraph F and on the last page in the description by removing the words "Dog Park" and inserting in its place the words "Animal Control"; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed [Order Establishing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background regarding the Water and Sewer Rates and Charges. Mr. Tracy stated that there would be no change in the rates.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the proposed FY 18 Water and Sewer Rates as advertised, which is a 0% increase from FY 17; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. Public Hearing and Vote 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 regarding the purchase of the above listed Capital Improvement equipment. Mr. Mee, Superintendent of Public Works, Ms. DeLai, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, and Deputy Chief Ianetta, Fire Department, provided background on the need to replace or add the requested items. Mr. Driscoll stated that 6 pieces of equipment would be purchased over 5 years; 10 pieces over 10 years, and the Fire Department pumper over 15 years.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Loan Order for \$3,377,850; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS
A. An Order Repurposing \$142,869 of [Unspent Bond Proceeds](#).

President Sideris requested a motion to move up Item 7A. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up Item 7A; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Driscoll provided background that \$142,869 of unspent bond monies from FY's 13, 14, and 15 would now be used for pre-school classrooms at the Phillips School and asked for the Council's favorable consideration.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the repurposing of \$142,869 of unspent bond proceeds to pay the costs of construction of pre-school

classrooms at the Phillips School; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Sideris resumed with the regular agenda.

- D. Public Hearing and Vote 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 the loan order that consists of 45% grants and 55% of an interest free loan payable over five years. Mr. Sheehan, Director of Administration and Finance of the Department of Public Works, explained that the purpose of the program is to reduce the amount of clean water that is diverted to Deer Island for which the Town is charged, thereby reducing sewer use and Town charges.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Loan Order of \$524,000 for infiltration and inflow mitigation projects; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- E. Public Hearing and Vote 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 the Loan Order that would allow for the removal of unlined cast iron pipes and improve the system's water quality and increase water pressures and flows. Mr. Sheehan mentioned that this is a 0% interest loan payable over 10 years.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Loan Order of \$428,000 for water system improvements; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report on the [Reappointment of Steven Aylward to the Licensing Board and the Salary Adjustment of the Town Auditor](#) – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. That the Town Council Approve the Reappointment of Steven Aylward, 154 Worcester Street to the Licensing Board for a Term that Expires on February 15, 2020
- B. That the Town Council Include in the FY2016 Salary of the Town Auditor a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment

President Sideris requested a motion to move up consideration of Item 8. Councilor Piccirilli so moved; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Falkoff read the Committee Report. Councilor Woodland moved to adopt the Committee report; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. Councilor Dushku raised the point that he was present at this meeting. Councilor Palomba moved to accept the report as amended; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The report as amended was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that Steven Aylward be reappointed to the Licensing Board for a term that expires on February 15, 2020; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris stated that the second action item would be taken up under the Public Hearing item 6F.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- F. Public Hearing and Vote on a Salary Adjustment for the Town Auditor for Fiscal Year 2016.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjust the Town Auditor's FY 2016 salary for a 2.5% Cost of Living increase with the salary amount to be set at \$103,963; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the hearing was closed.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. An Order Repurposing \$142,869 of [Unspent Bond Proceeds](#).

See previous notes on this item.

B. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,000 which will be Used to Purchase a [New Stereo System that would be Situated in the Exercise Facility at the Watertown Police Station](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the gift to be provided by the Watertown Police Foundation and requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acceptance and expenditure of a gift of funds not to exceed \$2,000 for a new stereo system to be situated in the exercise facility at the Watertown Police Station; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$279,400 from Various Fiscal Year 2017 Electricity and Gas Accounts to the [Fiscal Year 2017 ESCO Capital Project Stabilization Fund Account](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this item. Monies from 16 related Departmental energy accounts are being transferred into the energy stabilization account. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$279,400 to the Energy Stabilization Fund; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

D. Action on Proposed Contract for [Single Stream Recycling and Automated Trash Collection Program](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this item. He stated that the FY 18 budget of \$3,013,658 is \$48,394 less than that for FY 17 and almost \$225,000 less than that for FY 12. The 5-year contract would be for \$12,430,900. Changes in service would include

~ 5 day v. 4 day trash pickup

- ~ 5 day v. 1 day yard waste pickup
- ~ 17 v. 16 times a year yard waste pickup
- ~ 3 days v 2 days town barrel pickup including one on Saturdays
- ~ Provide recycling education for town buildings and schools
- ~ Cost of a second recycling barrel will be reduced to \$90 v. the proposed \$180 fee

He requested the Council's favorable consideration.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the proposed contract of single stream recycling and automated trash collection for a period of up to 5 years that will include the amendment that a second collection toter will be \$90 and not the proposed \$180; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. After discussion regarding the contract, the motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

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See previous notes on Committee report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There were no requests for New Business.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

There were no matters brought up by the Town Manager.

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

Councilor Palomba requested the mitigation plans for athena, Arsenal Yards, Elon/Gables, and Greystar and that they be provided before the meeting on ICube on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

He also requested that the Department of Public Works provide a list of the construction management firms and the projects they led and the clerk of the works companies and the projects they were involved in for the last five years.

Councilor Kounelis asked for information regarding her previous requests and the Hosmer School Safe Routes to School Project that she addressed in two emails.

Councilor Dushku requested a status and deliverables of the Bar Foundation grant. He also requested any documentation that the Planning Department might have on an economic development plan for Coolidge Square.

Councilor Falkoff requested that the miscellaneous items provided by the Town Manager's Office be sent a day prior to the Council's meeting rather than the day of the meeting.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dattoli stated that on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., there would be Special Town Council meeting regarding ICube.

He also mentioned that on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., the first of the Summer Concert Series would be held; performance by Jamberries at Saltonstall Park.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers.

14. RECESS OR 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 9:03 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 July 11, 2017.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 AT 7:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the June 13, 2017 Town Council Meeting - Item 4
2. Ordinance Establishing Revolving Funds; Thomas J. Tracy, Town Auditor/Assistant Town Manager for Finance to the Town Council and Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, June 22, 2017 – Item 6A
FY 18 Revolving Funds, Thomas J. Tracy, Town Auditor/Assistant Town Manager for Finance to the Town Council and Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, June 2, 2017
3. Fiscal Year 2018 Water and Sewer Rates – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to the Town Council – June 8, 2017 – Item 6B
Watertown Massachusetts Annual Water and Sewer Rate Review – FY 2018 Rates – Chris Woodcock, Woodcock & Associates, Inc.
4. Additional Information – Proposed Loan Order (Capital Equipment) – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 22, 2017 – Item 6C
5. Additional Information – Proposed Loan Orders (Sewer and Water Projects) – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to the Town Council – June 22, 2017 – Items 6D and 6E
6. Agenda Item – Order Repurposing \$142,869 of Unspent Bond Proceeds – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 22, 2017 – Item 7A
7. Agenda Item – Acceptance of Gift of Funds and Expenditure (Stereo Equipment for Police Station) - Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 22, 2017 – Item 7B
8. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (ESCO Account) - Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 22, 2017 – Item 7C
 - a. FY 17 ESCO Transfer – Thomas J. Tracy to Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager June 21, 2017
 - b. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to the Town Council – July 6, 2016
 - c. FY16 ESCO Transfer with Revenue and Expenditure Forecasts – Sharon A. Gallagher, Assistant Town Auditor to Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager – July 5, 2016
 - d. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – July 9, 2015

- e. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – July 8, 2014
 - f. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – February 7, 2013
 - g. Town of Watertown – Energy Saving Performance Contracting Program Review and Update – October 2, 2012
 - h. Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – April 18, 2013
 - i. FY14 ESCO Transfer with Revenue and Expenditure Forecasts – Thomas J. Tracy, Town Auditor to Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager – July 3, 2014
 - j. FY15 ESCO Transfer with Revenue and Expenditure Forecasts – Thomas J. Tracy, Town Auditor to Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager – July 2, 2015
9. Agenda Item – Action on Proposed Contract for Single Stream Recycling and Automated Trash Collection Program, Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council, June 22, 2017 – Item 7D
10. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report of the June 13, 2017 Meeting – Item 8