



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, JULY 11, 2017 AT 6:30 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 6:30 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 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 to 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

Bob Quinn – Deputy Fire Chief – Requested that a memorial be dedicated to Firefighter Joseph Toscano at the corner of Merrifield Avenue and Bigelow Avenue.

Rob Mannix – Watertown Fire Department – Spoke in favor of the dedication to Firefighter Toscano

Mark Comiero – Veteran’s Agent – Spoke in favor of the dedication to Firefighter Toscano

Libby Shaw – Raised concerns about the way the trees were pruned at Saltonstall Park

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the June 27, 2017](#) Town Council Meeting

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

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Sideris stated that he was calling a special meeting on July 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the School Committee’s meeting to hear an informational presentation by Ai3 Architects LLC on their formal recommendations related to the Building for the Future Initiative.

President Sideris recognized Councilor Kounelis who spoke in favor of the dedication of a memorial on Merrifield Avenue and Bigelow Avenue. She [read an email](#) addressed to Deputy Fire Chief Quinn and his response regarding this matter. She thanked President Sideris for letting her speak and said she deferred to him as to how to proceed in this matter.

President Sideris stated that the item would be placed on the August 8, 2017 agenda for consideration and a vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Request to Amend Section 5.01 of the Watertown Zoning Ordinance to [Allow Assisted Living as a Use in the Industrial-3 \(I-3\) Zoning](#) District by Right or by Special Permit with Site Plan Review

Mr. Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning and Assistant Town Manager, provided background on this zoning matter. After some questions by the Council, President Sideris opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, President Sideris closed the public hearing. After further discussion, Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to amend section 5.01 of the Watertown Zoning Ordinance to allow Assisted Living as a use in the Industrial – 3 Zone by special permit with a site plan review; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8–1. All Councilors voted in the affirmative except for Councilor Feltner who voted in the negative.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location for Lighttower Fiber Networks, LLC to Locate Approximately 166 Feet of [Conduit in Cottage Street to Provide Service to 330 Mount Auburn Street](#)

Representatives from Lighttower explained the need for the conduit. Mr. Mee, Superintendent of Public Works, stated that he favored the change. President

Sideris opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the petition for a grant of location for Lighttower Fiber Networks on Cottage Street and Mount Auburn Street as presented; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. Driscoll provided background regarding the gift from Sasaki Associates and asked for the Council’s favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the acceptance and expenditure of the gift of funds; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$7,608 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Auditor Full Time Salaries and Fiscal Year 2018 Town Auditor Prior Year Full Salaries Accounts in order to Adjust the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to Reflect the Previously Adopted Ordinance Amending the [Fiscal Year 2016 Compensation of the Town Auditor](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the salary increase for the Town Auditor and asked for the Council’s favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$7,608; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$450,000 from the Fiscal Year 2017 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2017 Transfer to [Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund Account](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund and asked the Council’s favorable consideration for this transfer. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$450,000 for the Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- D. Resolution Authorizing Transfers in order to Fund an Agreement with the Town Hall Associates, SEIU, Local 888 Covering the Period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the Agreement with the Town Hall Associates and asked the Council’s favorable consideration for this transfer. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$343,352 from the Town Council Reserve and to also approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the Water

Reserve Fund to cover the agreement with the Town Hall Associates; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$500,000 from the Fiscal Year 2017 Town Council Reserve and Fiscal Year 2017 Town Health Insurance Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2017 Transfer to [Capital Projects Stabilization Fund Account](#)

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund and asked the Council's favorable consideration for this transfer. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$500,000 to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding [Staging Areas for the Department of Public Works](#) – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Request the Administration to Produce a List of Potential Sites for a DPW Staging Area, to be Brought Back to the Committee for Discussion:

- a) That DPW List Such Sites not Close to Residents, One Acre or Larger, with Flat Terrain Located in Watertown
- b) That a List of Pros and Cons be Provided for Each Site
- c) That a Description be Provided for Each Site on How it Would be Used by DPW
- d) That the Sites be Identified by General Location and Not by their Addresses for Discussion in an Open Session; That Detailed Information on Each Potential Site Could be Provided for Executive Session Discussion to Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Estate, if the Chair Declares that an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Negotiating Position of the Public Body

Councilor Falkoff read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

- B. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the [Review and Evaluation of the Structure for Scheduling the Use of Town Fields](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) That the Town Council Ask the Recreation Department to Convene a Meeting on or around July 15th with Representatives from the Youth Soccer, Youth Football, Youth Baseball & Softball, and Youth Lacrosse Organizations with the Purpose of Coordinating Field Schedules Based on the Organizations'

Needs and Permit Availability, as well as for the Purpose of Determining Better Coordination of Possible Changes in an Organization's Schedule

- 2) That the Town Council Refer to the Committee on Human Services a Discussion About Allowing Joint Permitted Utilization, or Dual Use, of Facilities During Watertown Public School Department Permit Times

Councilor Palomba read the Committee Report. He noted out that Action Item #1 should not have been included as such. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. After a discussion as to whether or not the report established the problems and completed sufficient data for analysis, Councilor Palomba moved the question. The motion was adopted 8-1 on a voice vote. All Councilors voted in the affirmative except for Councilor Woodland who voted in the negative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council refer to the Committee on Human Services a discussion of allowing joint permitted utilization, or dual use, of facilities during Watertown Public School Department permit times; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. President Sideris stopped the discussion to state that the School Committee has an Athletic Subcommittee. He stated that the current policy is that the Watertown schools do not share the fields when the school is on the field. President Sideris suggested that this is not an appropriate referral at this time and should not be considered until the School Committee takes up the matter. After a discussion of the matter, Councilor Piccirilli withdrew his motion; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 8-1 on a voice vote. All Councilors voted in the affirmative except for Councilor Dushku who voted in the negative.

- C. Joint Meeting of the Committees on Public Safety and Public Works Report Regarding [Arsenal Street Public Way Improvements](#) and Their Impact on Public Safety – Lisa J. Feltner, Chair, Public Safety and Aaron P. Dushku, Chair, Public Works

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

- D. Joint Meeting of the Committee on Public Works and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Report Regarding [Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations for Mount Auburn Street Project](#) – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

Councilor Dushku read the Joint Committee report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. Councilor Feltner stated that she attended the meeting as well. President Sideris stated that her attendance will be added to the record. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Dushku asked to refer again to the Committee on Human Services a discussion on site characteristics for open space acquisition and to develop a priority plan; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll noted that the third of the Summer Concerts would be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Saltonstall Park.

He announced that Governor Baker signed the bill permitting the Town of Watertown to pay Firefighter Toscano's funeral expenses.

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

Councilor Dattoli requested the local option room occupancy excise rate for the Super 8 motel for FY's 2016 and 2017.

Councilor Falkoff requested a status of the Adopt-An-Island Program.

Councilor Feltner requested a World Tech Study for Watertown Street, Morse Street, and Boyd Park including the pedestrian crossings.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dushku announced that the Transportation Committee meeting on July 27, 2017 regarding the TMA was rescheduled to Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Dattoli announced that on Thursday, the third Summer Concert would be held at Saltonstall Park.

He also announced that at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2017, the Historical Society would have the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence and a celebration of Treaty Day at the Edmund Fowle House on Marshall Street.

Councilor Kounelis announced that on July 25, 2017, there would be a community discussion regarding airplane noise at the Coolidge Apartments from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Senator Brownsberger, Representative Hecht, and Councilor Kounelis will facilitate the meeting.

Councilor Feltner announced that Friday, July 14, 2017 is Family Movie Night and would be held behind the police station.

Councilor Piccirilli announced that on July 25, 2017, the Victory Field Committee would be discussing Parking and the tennis and basketball courts and possibly the lighting at the field.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum

16. 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 9:20 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 7 for, 0 against, 0 present on August 8, 2017.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Town Council Meeting – Item 6
2. Email from Councilor Kounelis, July 7, 2017 with response from Deputy Fire Chief Bob Quinn, July 8, 2017 regarding a memorial dedication to Firefighter Joseph Toscano at Merrifield Avenue and Bigelow Street – Item 7

Watertown Veteran Memorials and Dedications Policy

3. Planning Board Report regarding the addition of Assisted Living as a principal use by Right or SP/SR in the I-3 Zone – May 10, 2017 – Item 8A
4. Grant of Petition for Lighttower Fiber Networks, LLC for Cottage Street for 330 Mount Auburn Street for Mount Auburn Hospital – June 16, 2017 – Item 8B
5. Agenda Item – Approval of Gift Expenditures (Sasaki Associates for Summer Concert Series – Michael Driscoll to Town Council – July 6, 2017 – Item 9A
6. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (To Fund Town Auditor Salary) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – July 6, 2017 – Item 9B
7. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll to Town Council – July 6, 2017 – Item 9C
 - A. Agenda Item – Establishment of Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund; and an Initial Transfer Thereto – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – July 11, 2013
 - B. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – June 19, 2014
 - C. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – June 18, 2015
 - D. Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – April 28, 2015
8. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Capital Projects Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – July 6, 2017 – Item 9E
9. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report regarding potential staging areas for the Department of Public Works – June 20, 2017 – Item 10A

10. Committee on Human Services Report regarding the evaluation of the structure for scheduling use of Town fields – May 24, 2017 – Item 10B
 - A. Attachment A – Sign In Sheet
 - B. Attachment B – Department of Recreation Permitting Policy
 - C. Attachment C – Department of Recreation Data
11. Joint Committees on Public Safety and Public Works Report regarding Arsenal Street improvements and their public safety impact – June 12, 2017 – Item 10C
 - A. Detailed Committee on Public Safety Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2017
 - B. Detailed Committee on Public Safety Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2017
 - C. Summary Minutes of the Committee on Public Safety Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2017 and April 10, 2017
 - D. March 22, 2017 and April 10, 2017 Public Safety Sub-Committee Minutes – Gerald Mee, Superintendent of Public Works and Steve Magoon, Assistant Town Manager to Michael Driscoll, Town Manager – June 6, 2017
12. Joint Committee on Public Works and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Report regarding the Mount Auburn Street Project – June 19, 2017 – Item 10D
 - A. Mount Auburn Street, A Complete Streets Project – World Tech Engineering – June 19, 2017
 - B. Joint Town Council Public Works Committee and Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting: Summary – June 19, 2017
 - C. MassHighway Report – Chapter 2 – Project Development – 2006 Edition – January, 2006