



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, AUGUST 8, 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 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. Councilors Michael F. Dattoli and Aaron P. Dushku were absent. 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 consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate – 25 Whites Avenue and One Arsenal Place; if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Council enter into an 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

Burt Greenberg – Duff Street – Remembered Paul Menton, a good friend to the community.

Bob Quinn – Deputy Fire Chief – Thanked the Council for bringing up the memorial resolution for Firefighter Toscano so promptly for discussion and requested a favorable outcome of the memorial.

Marilyn Pettito Devaney – Spoke [in favor of the petition](#) to put up a memorial for Firefighter Toscano.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. [Minutes of the June 29, 2017 Special Town Council Meeting](#)

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

B. [Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Town Council Meeting](#)

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

C. [Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Special Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the School Committee](#)

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

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Proposed Resolution Regarding the [Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Process](#)

President Sideris read the Resolution for the FY 19 budget process. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the Resolution for the FY 19 Budget Process; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

President Sideris requested a motion to move Item 11B up. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up Item 11B; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Consideration and Action on [Dedication of a Memorial for Firefighter Joseph A. Toscano](#) at the Corner of Merrifield Avenue and Bigelow Avenue.

President Sideris read the Resolution. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Resolution dedicating a memorial to Firefighter Joe Toscano; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. Councilor Kounelis made a statement favoring the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris requested that the Town Manager work with Councilor Kounelis to set a date for the dedication and unveiling of the plaque memorializing Firefighter Toscano.

8. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

Proclamation [Honoring Lynn Bratley](#) for Her Work with the Improbable Players'

President Sideris read the Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Bratley. Ms. Bratley commented on all those who helped make this possible and that the work of the Improbable Players' will continue.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Proclamation; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Action Item - Acceptance of the New [Watertown Adopt an Island Policy](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the Adopt an Island Policy as presented in the Public Works report of the February 28, 2017 meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location for NATIONALGRID to Install and Maintain a 6-Inch Prefabricated Regulator on [Louise Street at Frank Street Next to Building #275 Arsenal Street](#).

Barbara Kelliher, National Grid, provided information on the request. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the National Grid petition for a regulator on Frank Street and Louise Street; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

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

There was some discussion on the specifics of the request; the motion was then adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location for NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY to [Install 695 ± Feet of Conduit in Palfrey Street](#) to Serve Existing Residences

Maureen Carroll, NStar, stated the purpose of the request was to replace old infrastructure to improve reliability.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the petition from NStar to provide the underground conduit on Palfrey Street; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion.

President Sideris opened the hearing to the public. Sara Mc Cord had questions regarding the effects of the change. There being no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

There was some discussion on the specifics of the request; the motion was then adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. An Order to Acquire Easements for the [Hosmer School Safe Routes to School Project](#) and an Order of Taking

Mr. Driscoll provided some background on the issue; Attorney Reich provided information regarding the legal requirements of the program; and Mr. Matthew Shuman, Town Engineer, provided information on the technical requirements.

The program is a DOT project whose purpose is to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety of the neighborhood. The work will consist of sidewalk improvements, realignment of the Chauncey and Boylston Streets intersection, road repairs, ADA ramps, and improved signage. Funding of \$1,200,000 will be from the Commonwealth. The Watertown project is the largest in the Commonwealth.

In order to move forward the town must acquire property to provide contractor access and involves 30 permanent and temporary easements for a total of \$128,800 of Chapter 90 funds. The resolution approves the acquisition of the easements; acknowledges the allocation of the Chapter 90 funds; and authorizes the Town Manager to record and file the Order of Taking.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the order to acquire the easements to implement the Hosmer School Safe Routes to School Project; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Consideration and Action on [Dedication of a Memorial for Firefighter Joseph A. Toscano](#) at the Corner of Merrifield Avenue and Bigelow Avenue.

Please see earlier comments regarding this matter.

C. First Reading on the Proposed Zoning Text Amendment Related to [Parking Requirements for Self Storage and Referral to the Planning Board](#)

Mr. Magoon provided background on the need for the Amendment and requested that it be referred to the Planning Board for a public hearing.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the Amendment regarding self-storage to the Planning Board; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a voice vote of 6-1. All Councilors voted in the affirmative, except for Councilor Kounelis, who voted in the negative.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Public Works Report on [Parking and Truck Traffic on North Beacon Street and Charles River Road and the Common Street Project](#) –

Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) That the Town Council Send a Letter to athenahealth Asking Them to Monitor the Parking situation and Notify All Employees that Parking is Allowed Only on the Campus or in Satellite Lots
- 2) That the Town Council Ask the Administration Request the Police chief to Monitor the parking Situation at Arsenal Park
- 3) That the Town Council Refer to the Committee on Public Works a Discussion on Traffic Enforcement in the Vicinity of athenahealth and to Invite a DCR Representative and Sargent Sampson, Traffic Officer, to Join the Committee Discussion
- 4) That the Town Council Approve the Latest Public Works Design for the Common Street Roundabout with the Caveat that Attention Needs to be Paid to Signage and Wayfinding Measures

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council send a letter to athenahealth asking them to monitor the parking situation and notify all employees that parking is allowed only on the campus or in satellite lots; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council ask the Administration request the Police Chief to monitor the parking situation at Arsenal Park; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council refer to the Committee on Public Works a discussion on traffic enforcement in the vicinity of

athenahealth and to invite a DCR representative and Sargent Sampson, Traffic Officer, to join the committee discussion; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council approve the latest Public Works design for the Common Street Roundabout with the caveat that attention needs to be paid to signage and wayfinding measures; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Committee on State, Federal and Regional Government Report on the Appointment of [Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners](#) – Angeline B. Kounelis, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Appoint Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners with a Term to Expire on April 1, 2018.

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

Councilor Kounelis moved to appoint Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners with a term to expire on April 1, 2018; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Falkoff made a motion to refer to the Committees on Rules and Ordinances and Public Works a review of possible regulations that could be implemented to strengthen the protection of trees; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

14. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Driscoll requested that three people be reappointed to the Board of Assessors: Anthony Paolillo – Term expires May 15, 2018; Richard Moynihan – Term expires May 15, 2019; and Francis Golden – Term expires May 15, 2020. Based on Council Rules the matter is referred to the Committee on Personnel and Town Organization.

He announced that Thursday, August 10, 2017, was the last summer concert with Boston Baked Blues. On Friday, August 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm, the second family movie night would be presented by the Recreation and Police Departments behind the Police Station.

He mentioned that Friday summer hours would end on September 1, 2017.

He stated that on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. the MA. Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony would be held in Ashburham Park, across from the State House in Boston. Firefighter Toscano's name will be added to the memorial. All are welcome to attend.

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

Councilor Falkoff requested

- A. A report on double poles
- B. An update on the creation of a Complete Streets Committee
- C. A clarification of the truck types and schedules for the construction sites

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Falkoff announced that on August 15, 2017 at 6:30 in the Library, there will be an initial meeting to discuss what people would like for Arsenal Park.

17. PUBLIC FORUM

Deputy Fire Chief Quinn – Thanked the Town Council for the favorable outcome of the resolution to memorialize Firefighter Toscano on behalf of the Fire Department and the Toscano family.

Rob Mannix – Also thanked the Town Council for their actions.

18. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 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 September 12, 2017

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the June 29, 2017 Special Town Council Meeting – Item 6A
2. Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Town Council Meeting – Item 6B
3. Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Special Joint Meeting of the Town Council and the School Committee – Item 6C
4. Resolution on the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Process – Item 7
5. Proclamation Honoring Lynn Bratley for Her Work with The Improbable Players – Item 8
6. Committee on Public Work Report Regarding Adopt an Island of January 23, 2017 – Item 9

Attachment A. Adopt An Island Program

7. NGRID Petition for Louise Street @275 Arsenal Street – Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works to Steve Magoon, Planning Director – July 12, 2017 – Item 10A
8. NSTAR ELECTRIC d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY Re: Palfrey Street WO #2038795 – Gerald S. Mee, Jr, Superintendent of Public Works to Steve Magoon, Planning Director – July 17, 2017 – Item 10B
9. Agenda Item – An Order to Acquire Easements for the Hosmer School Safe Routes to School Project and an Order of Taking – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – August 3, 2017 – Item 11A
 - A. Hosmer Safe Routes to School Project – Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, to Michael Driscoll, Town Manager – July 13, 2017
 - B. Hosmer School (Safe Routes to School Project) – Katherine Lord Klein, KP Law, to Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager – August 2, 2017
 - C. An Order to Acquire Easements for the Hosmer School Safe Routes to School Project
 - D. Order of Taking with Schedules A – D
 - E. Maps of Affected Area
10. Resolution Dedication a Memorial to Fallen Firefighter Joseph A. Toscano – Items 11B

11. Proposed Zoning Text Amendment for Self Storage – Steve Magoon, DCPD Director to Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager and Town Council, July 26, 2017 – Item 11C
12. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding Traffic Near athenahealth, Common Street Roundabout, and Other Public Works Items – July 12, 2017 – Item 12A
13. Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government Committee Report on the Appointment of Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners – July 10, 2017 – Item 12B