



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, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Pronovost, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Burt Greenberg – Duff Street – Agreed that the Town Charter should be the guiding force when appointing Committee members.

Bruce Coltin – Spoke against the use of artificial turf especially because children are exposed to lead.

Russ Arico – Fayette Street – Spoke against solar panels as they may put firefighters at risk due to increased roof collapses.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the September 12, 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.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris stated the Town's State Representatives, State Senator, the Board of Library Trustees, and the School Committee were invited to the October 10, 2017 Town Council meeting to hear the Town Manager's presentation of the FY 2019 Preliminary Budget Overview in accordance with §5-1 of the Charter.

He also stated that there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 8:30 am at the Lowell School and at 6:30 pm at the Middle School regarding school start times, which could change.

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

Acceptance of the Proclamation for [Karen V. Norton Day](#) on September 20, 2017

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

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. 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 \$975,000, Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, For the Purpose of [Paying Costs of Street, Sidewalk and Underground Duct and/or Conduit Improvements](#); Including the Payment of Costs Incidental or Related Thereto; 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 the need for the Lower Common Street Project. Superintendent of Public Works Mee provided a description of the changes being made. He stated that there would a roundabout in the Church, Orchard, and Common Streets intersection. The project would go out for bid in 2.5 months with road construction to start in April, 2018. Water main work would begin within the next few weeks and the project would take two construction seasons to complete.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing. There being no speakers, the hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the loan order for \$975,000; Councilor Dushku seconded the motion.

There was an extended discussion regarding the details of the plan. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Consideration and Action on a Proposed Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Belmont for [Coordinated, Year-Round Recreation Programs for Children and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities](#) through the Special Programs Organized for Recreation Time (“S.P.O.R.T.”) Program through Collaboration to be Known as Belmont/Watertown S.P.O.R.T.

Mr. Driscoll provided information on the municipal agreement with Belmont to formalize a long-standing informal agreement between the towns and to provide regional service efficiencies for residents of both communities. He requested the favorable consideration of the Town Council.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Town of Belmont to provide for coordinated, year-round recreation programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities through the Special Programs Organized for Recreation Time (“S.P.O.R.T.”) Program through a collaboration to be known as Belmont/Watertown S.P.O.R.T.; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. Action on Authorization to Investigate [Community Choice Aggregation](#) and Develop an Aggregation Plan

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Authorizes the Appropriate Departments to Research, Develop, and Participate in a Contract, or Contracts, to Aggregate the Electricity Load of the Residents and Small Businesses in Watertown and for other Related Services, Independently, or in Joint Action with Other Municipalities, and Authorizes the Town Manager to Execute all Documents Necessary to Accomplish the Same.

Mr. Driscoll provided information on the project and reminded the Council that this is the first step in a process that may take up 18 months to be completed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the action item; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Dushku moved to refer to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning a discussion of Property Assessed Clean Energy

(PACE) Financing and the consideration of adopting such a policy in Watertown; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion. After a discussion as to whether this is an appropriate item for Committee discussion, Councilor Dushku withdrew his motion and Councilor Palomba withdrew his seconding of the motion.

Councilor Palomba moved to ask the Town Council President to invite an official to a Town Council meeting to provide a short presentation on the PACE Program as a first step in adopting the program; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved to refer to the Human Services Committee a request that it provide an interpretation of the tree inventory dataset and to consider target-setting on town and neighborhood scales; Councilor Palomba seconded the motion.

After a discussion as to whether this request is premature and whether it was not fully-developed, the motion failed to carry on a voice vote of 1 – 8. All Councilors voted in the negative except for Councilor Dushku who voted in the affirmative.

Councilor Woodland moved to have the Rules and Ordinances Committee review Town Council Rules and create a process as to how and when an item is referred to a Subcommittee; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

A. Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee

Mr. Driscoll requested the appointment of Justin Roy and the reappointment of Janet Buck whose terms expire on July 15, 2019 to the Stormwater Advisory Committee. Under Council Rules, the matter is referred to the Committee on Public Works.

B. Request for Confirmation of Appointments and Reappointments to the Environment & Energy Efficiency Committee

Mr. Driscoll requested the appointments and reappointments of nine people to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee. The appointments include Edward Lewis, Jeanne Trubek, and Emma Clement, whose terms expire on November 15, 2018; Sean O'Hern and Andrew Airasian, whose terms expire on November 15, 2019; and Matthew Riegert, whose term expires on November 15, 2020. He also requested the reappointments of Meredith Fields, whose term expires on November 15, 2019, and Brian Hebeisen and Lauri Murphy, whose terms expire on

November 15, 2020. Under Town Council Rules, the matter is referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Mr. Driscoll also reported that Laurie Cable has been appointed as the Director of Public Buildings, to oversee both Town and School facilities.

Ms. Cable is a civil engineer and a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the US Air Force with 22 years of management of bases.

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

Councilor Kounelis requested a status of the survey of Glen Circle. She also requested information on the conducting of business on Calvin Road and lack of public access as the businesses are using it as a private way.

Councilor Dushku requested the status of the BYOB license cost reduction; information regarding PACE financing; and the status of the letter to be written to athenahealth regarding parking. He also asked that a copy of the letter be shared with the Council.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Feltner announced that there would be a community meeting regarding Arsenal Park at the Commander's Mansion on October 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. She also encouraged people to attend the Farmer's Market as this is the last it will be open.

Councilor Palomba announced that on Wednesday September 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., a candlelight vigil would be held at St. Patrick's Church.

Councilor Dushku announced that on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., the Girls and Boys Club would be hosting an event at the Commander's Mansion to begin their Great Futures Campaign to enhance the safety at and operations of the Club.

He also announced that on Friday, October 6, 2017, the annual movie night at Lowell School would be held at 6:00 p.m.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

13. 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 8:40 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 _8_ for, _0_ against, _0_ present on October 10, 2017

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Town Council Meeting – Item 4
2. September 20, 2017 Karen V. Norton Day Proclamation – Item 6
3. Additional Information – Proposed Loan Order – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – September 18, 2017 – Item 7A
 - A. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – September 7, 2017
 - B. Letter Re: Town of Watertown – Street and Sidewalk Bonds – Kara Adams, Locke Lord to Peter B. Frazier, First Southwest Company – August 8, 2017
 - C. Committee on Public Works Meeting Report – April 20, 2016
 - D. Common Street Project Update – Public Works Sub-committee, Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – World Tech Engineering – April 20, 2016
 - E. Committee on Public Works Meeting Report – January 23, 2017
 - F. Committee on Public Works Meeting Report – July 12, 2017
 - G. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Letter – Ethan Davis, Chair, to Michael Driscoll, Town Manager – May 8, 2017
4. Agenda Item – proposed Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Belmont – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 21, 2017 – Item 7B
 - A. Intermunicipal Agreement
 - B. Belmont SPORT – September – October 2017 Social Schedule
 - C. Belmont Watertown SPORT 2017-2018
5. Agenda Item – Action on Authorization to Investigate Community Choice Aggregation and Develop an Aggregation Plan – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 21, 2017 – Item 7C
 - A. Agenda Item – Informational Presentation on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 7, 2017
 - B. Miscellaneous Items – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – May 9, 2017
 - C. Miscellaneous Items – Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – July 21, 2017
 - D. Community Choice Aggregation Presentation