



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor

Caroline Bays
Councilor At Large

Michael F. Dattoli,
Councilor At Large

Anthony J. Donato,
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, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 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 Caroline Bays, Michael F. Dattoli, Anthony J. Donato, 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, Council Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Burt Greenberg – Spoke in favor of the Council's support of the Council on Aging's advancing the scope of the Senior Center, the Director, and the programs offered, and those coordinated with other communities such as Belmont and Newton

Gail Boroyan – Spoke on behalf of the [Parish Council of St. James Armenian Church](#) and thanked the Town Council for accepting the Church's bid for the purchase of the former East Branch Library property

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Town Council Meeting

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

B. Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Town Council Meeting

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

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris stated that he was forming the Media and Outreach Committee and that it would consist of Councilors Bays, Feltner, and Palomba; Councilor Palomba will serve as Committee Chair. President Sideris asked to refer the matter of seeking potential options for increased participation in government and for methods to reach out to the community. He cautioned that use of social media may have conflicts with the open meeting law and its use needs to be reviewed carefully.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the matter to Committee; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

A. Acceptance of the Proclamation Commemorating the [Boy Scouts 100 Years of Service to the Community](#)

Councilors Dattoli and Feltner, who have family members in the Boy Scouts, read the proclamation. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamation; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Acceptance of the Proclamation [Congratulating Catherine J. Holt on Her 100th Birthday](#)

C. Acceptance of the Proclamation [Congratulating Loretta McHugh on Her 100th Birthday](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamations for Ms. Holt and Ms. McHugh; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Approving the Acceptance of a Gift of a [Stone Marker that Would Be Installed at the Lt. Paul J. Sullivan Memorial Playground](#)

Councilor Donato recused himself from this matter.

Mr. Driscoll provided some background on the matter and introduced Thomas J. Sullivan who spoke about the addition of the marker and requested the acceptance of the gift.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the gift of personal property; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding [Appointments and Reappointments to the Historic District Commission](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) That the Town Council Confirm Petr Kuzmic for Appointment to the Historic District Commission as a Resident Appointee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2018
- 2) That the Town Council Confirm Elizabeth Hayes for Appointment to the Historic District Commission as the Realtor Appointee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2020
- 3) That the Town Council Confirm Lauren Soelch for Appointment to the Historic District Commission as a Resident Appointee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2018
- 4) That the Town Council Confirm Linda Sternberg for Reappointment to the Historic District Commission as a Resident Appointee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2019
- 5) That the Town Council Confirm Harvey Steiner for Reappointment to the Historic District Commission as a Resident Appointee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2019
- 6) That the Town Council Confirm Jonathan Merin for Appointment to the Historic District Commission as the AIA Appointee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2020

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

Councilor Woodland moved that the Town Council confirm Petr Kuzmic for appointment to the Historic District Commission as a Resident Appointee for a term that expires on November 15, 2018; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Woodland moved that the Town Council confirm Elizabeth Hayes for appointment to the Historic District Commission as a Realtor Appointee for a term that expires on November 15, 2020; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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B. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the [Review of Economic Development and Planning Referrals](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Approve Moving Forward with the Economic Development and Planning Committee Referrals as Outlined by the Committee

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

Councilor Woodland moved that the Town Council approve moving forward with the Economic Development and Planning Committee referrals as outlined by the Committee; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Committee on Education and School Systems Matters Report Regarding the [Reappointment of John M. Airasian as a Member of Cable Access Television Board of Directors](#) – Michael J. Dattoli, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Reappoint John M. Airasian to the Cable Access Television Corporation Board of Directors for a Term Expiring September 15, 2019

Councilor Dattoli 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 reappoint John M. Airasian to the Cable Access Television Corporation Board of Directors for a term expiring September 15, 2019; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

D. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding [Appointments and Reappointments to the Stormwater Advisory Committee and to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) That the Town Council Confirm Jeanne Trubek for Appointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2018.
- 2) That the Town Council Confirm Lauri Murphy for Reappointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2020
- 3) That the Town Council Confirm Andrew Airasian for Appointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2019
- 4) That the Town Council Confirm Meredith Fields for Reappointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2019
- 5) That the Town Council Confirm Brian Hebeisen for Reappointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2020
- 6) That the Town Council Confirm Sean O'Hern for Appointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2019
- 7) That the Town Council Confirm Emma Clement for Appointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2018
- 8) That the Town Council Confirm Justin Roy for Appointment to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a Term that Expires on July 15, 2019
- 9) That the Town Council Confirm Ed Lewis for Appointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a Term that Expires on November 15, 2018

Councilor Piccirilli 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.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council confirm Jeanne Trubek for appointment to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a term that expires on November 15, 2018; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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E. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the [Review of Public Works Referrals](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Approve Moving Forward with the Public Works Committee Referrals as Outlined by the Committee

Councilor Piccirilli 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.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council approve moving forward with the Public Works Committee referrals as outlined by the Committee; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

President Sideris stated that he would place on the next agenda a First Reading with a referral to the Planning Board a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance prohibiting self-storage facilities.

He also requested a referral to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning a discussion and review of the Transportation Management Association and the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance and a status report of when the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation might be implemented.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health

Mr. Driscoll requested the reappointment of Dr. Barbara Beck to the Board of Health. Under Council Rules, this request is referred to the Committee on Human Services.

B. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Driscoll requested the appointment of Christopher Heep to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Under Council Rules, this request is referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning.

C. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Licensing Board

Mr. Driscoll requested the appointments of Sandra Hoffman, as a Full Member, and Michael Brangwynne, as an Alternative Member to the Licensing Board. Under Council Rules, this request is referred to the Committee on Personnel and Town Organization.

D. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Planning Board

Mr. Driscoll requested the reappointment of Jeffrey Brown to the Planning Board. Under Council Rules, this request is referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning.

E. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Election Commissioners

Mr. Driscoll requested the appointment of Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners. Under Council Rules, this request is referred to the Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government

Mr. Driscoll mentioned that the sale of the East Branch Library was completed on February 6, 2018 and thanked all parties involved for their participation.

Mr. Driscoll also stated that there would be a need to establish a School Building Committee with regard to the renovations of the Elementary Schools. After discussion with the Principal of AI3, the Town Council President, the Superintendent of Schools, and Chair of the School Committee, the suggested composition is

- * Two Town Council Members
- * Two School Committee Members
- * Town Manager or his representative
- * Superintendent of Schools
- * Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Finance and Operations
- * Town Auditor, the Assistant Town Manager for Finance
- * Director of Public Buildings
- * School Principals, ex officio
- * Two Members of the Public with Architectural or Engineering experience

He further stated that a press release would be made seeking community candidates.

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

There were no requests for information.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dattoli announced that on

- ~ Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Watertown Free Library, there would be a meeting regarding the Mount Auburn Street Transit Project to discuss bus transit and the Barr Foundation Grants
- ~ February 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., there would be a meeting at the Watertown Free Library regarding short-term rentals
- ~ Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., there would be a meeting of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Committee regarding the Schools request for their Capital Improvements for FY2019-2023.

Councilor Kounelis announced that on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., there would be a ceremony placing a plaque on the corner of Merrifield Avenue and Bigelow Avenue in tribute to Firefighter Toscano. She thanked the Watertown Savings Bank for their \$2,000 donation for the plaque and the reception thereafter at the Hellenic Center.

Councilor Palomba announced that the Watertown Free Library is sponsoring the “One Book” project with meetings on topics related to the book. On March 29, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting coordinated with the Watertown Treatment Education and Resources Regarding Substance Use Disorder to discuss addiction.

Councilor Palomba also announced that on April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Watertown Free Library, the Watertown Youth Coalition would hold its annual meeting to present information regarding the Youth Risk Survey

13. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the public forum.

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 8:17 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 March 15, 2018.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 7:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Letter from Saint James Armenian Apostolic Church to Watertown Town Council – Signed by Rev. Fr. Arakel Aljalian, Pastor, and Gail Boroyan, Parish Council Chair – February 12, 2018 – Item 3
2. Minutes of January 9, 2018 Town Council Meeting – Item 4A
3. Minutes of January 23, 2018 Town Council Meeting – Item 4B
4. Boys Scouts 100 Years of Service to the Community Proclamation – Item 6A
5. Congratulating Catherine J. Holt on Her 100th Birthday Proclamation – Item 6B
6. Congratulating Loretta McHugh on Her 100th Birthday Proclamation – Item 6C
7. Agenda Item – Acceptance of Gift of Personal Property (Stone Marker at Lt Paul J. Sullivan Memorial Playground – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – February 8, 2018 – Item 7
8. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding Appointments and Reappointments to the Watertown Historic District Commission – January 29, 2018 – Items 8A
9. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding Referrals and Their Status – January 23, 2018 – Item 8B
10. Committee on Education and School System Matters Report Regarding Reappointment to CATV Board of Directors – January 16, 2018 – Item 8C
11. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding Appointments and Reappointments to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee and the Stormwater Advisory Committee – January 24 and 25, 2018 – Item 8D
12. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding Referrals and Their Status – January 23, 2018 – Item 8E
13. Request for Confirmation – Reappointment to the Board of Health - Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – February 8, 2018 – Item 10A
14. Request for Confirmation – Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – February 8, 2018 – Item 10B

15. Request for Confirmation – Appointments to the Licensing Board – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – February 8, 2018 – Item 10C
16. Request for Confirmation – Reappointment to the Planning Board – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – February 8, 2018 – Item 10D
17. Request for Confirmation – Reappointment to the Board of Election Commissioners – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – February 8, 2018 – Item 10E