



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, MARCH 27, 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 – Duff Street – Spoke against a proposed negative change in the Town Council rules. He raised concern about groups that would work to erode governmental power and cautioned new Councilors to use reason when deciding issues.

David Cain – Pleasant Street – Raised a safety concern about the lack of high chairs for infants at the Library and requested that these be purchased for purposes of infant safety.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris stated that the first meeting of the School Building Committee was held and that the second meeting would be on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. The Committee planned on meeting twice a month. He stated that he would keep the Town Council apprised of their progress and share materials as they become available.

5. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading 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 \$1,242,433 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority to Pay [Costs of Renovating North Fire Station \(Station #3\)](#), which Renovations Shall Include, But Not Be Limited To, Expanding the Bay to Accommodate the Recently Ordered New Fire Truck, Replacing Windows, and the Making of Various Roof, Plumbing, Heating, HVAC and Electrical Repairs, Including the Payment of All Other Costs Incidental and Related Thereto. Any Premium Received by the Town 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 in Accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, Thereby Reducing the Amount Authorized to Be Borrowed to Pay Such Costs by a Like Amount.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the changes requested for Fire Station #3 for the First Reading and that the item would be taken up at the next Town Council meeting.

- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$70,000 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 [Linear Park Lighting Project](#) Account In Order To Fund the Linear Park Lighting Upgrade.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the lighting upgrade for Linear Park. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$70,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer Of \$45,300 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 [Demolition Of 10 Winter Street](#) Account In Order To Fund the Demolition of 10 Winter Street

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the demolition of 10 Winter Street that includes the clearing of the site including the foundation and grading it to the street level. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$45,300; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$32,550 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 [Election Equipment](#) Account In Order To Fund the Purchase of New Election Equipment

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the need to purchase new election equipment, new software, and training services. Councilor Piccirilli moved

to transfer \$32,550 for the purchase of new election equipment; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- E. An Order Approving the Use of the [Imagecast Systems Precinct Bundles Election Systems](#)

Mr. Driscoll stated that under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 54, Section 34, regarding voting machines, an order needs to be approved allowing the use of the new equipment and the discontinuance of the current system at least 120 days prior to a state or federal election. This order, if approved, would be completed 160 days prior to the next election on September 4, 2018. Once approved, the order will be sent to the Secretary of the State within five days of approval.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Order regarding the use of the new voting system; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- F. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$38,650 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 Library Lighting Project Account In Order To Fund the [Library Lighting Rebate Project](#)

Mr. Driscoll stated that this would replace 69 lighting fixtures that are more energy efficient in the first and second floor hallways and main staircase. The library will be closed for a week while the work is completed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$38,650 for the Library Lighting Rebate Project. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- G. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds In Order To Move Forward with The [Fire Chief Assessment Center](#)

Mr. Driscoll stated that after interviewing two consultants, it was decided to hire MMA Consultants Group for a Fire Chief Assessment Center and requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$9,100 for the Center; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding [Complete Streets](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Endorse the Department of Public Works' Proposed Complete Streets Prioritization Plan as Presented for Submittal to MassDOT

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council endorse the Department of Public Works' proposed Complete Streets Prioritization Plan as presented for submittal to MassDOT; councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Confirm Mr. Slaven's Reappointment to the Board of Election Commissioners with a Term to Expire on April 1, 2022

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council confirm Mr. Slaven's reappointment to the Board of Election Commissioners with a term to expire on April 1, 2022; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Council.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll discussed the appointments of citizen participants for the Elementary Schools Building Renovation project. After reviewing the several letters of interest and interviews, it was decided to add four citizens to the Committee:

- * Kelly Kurlbaum – Architect
- * W. Leo Patterson – Architect
- * Sean O'Hern – Mechanical Engineer
- * Paul Anastasi – Construction Building Tradesman

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

Councilor Feltner requested a status update from the Department of Public Works regarding the utility upgrades on Louise Street and a timeline as to when it is anticipated the street work will be completed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dattoli announced that on April 11, 2018, the Watertown Youth Coalition would be hosting the Well-Being of Watertown Youth at the Watertown Free Public Library from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. They will discuss the results of the At Risk Behavior Survey.

He also announced that on April 14, 2018, Troop 30 of the Watertown Boy Scouts would be conducting a car wash fundraiser at 80 Mount Auburn Street. Donations will be accepted.

Councilor Palomba announced that on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., the Committee on Media and Public Outreach would be holding its first meeting.

He also announced that on Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Watertown Savings Bank Room, the Watertown Library's One Book, One Watertown in cooperation with the Watertown Access to Treatment, Education, and Referral for Substance Use Disorder would present a program entitled "Science and Stigma of Addiction in Face of a National Opioid Emergency".

Councilor Donato announced that he would not be present for the April 10, 2018 meeting due to a prior commitment.

Councilor Feltner announced that the seventh Annual Music Fest would be held on April 6, 2018 at the Watertown Middle School. Those interested may sign up on watertownmusic.org.

She also announced that the Boosters for the Watertown Track and Field team were pairing up with the Track Team to provide the Students with Disabilities Track Program April through May. Those interested may contact Nancy Alberico at 617-974-6101.

11. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

12. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 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 May 1, 2018.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding North Fire Station Improvements – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018 – Item 5A
2. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding Linear Park Lighting – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018 – Item 5B
3. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding the Demolition of 10 Winter Street – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018 – Item 5C
4. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding the Purchase of New Election Equipment – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018 – Item 5D
5. Agenda Item – An Order Approving the Use of the Imagecast Systems Precinct Bundles Election Systems – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018 – Item 5E
6. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding the Library Lighting Rebate Project – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018 – Item 5F
7. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding a Fire Chief Assessment Center – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018 and March 26, 2018 – Item 5G
8. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan – March 20, 2018 – Item 6A
 - A. Attachment A – Sign-In Sheet
 - B. Attachment B – Complete Streets Prioritization Plan Project Table Memo Dated March 16, 2018
 - C. Attachment C – Complete Streets Prioritization Plan Project Map
 - D. Attachment D – Four Priority Projects Cost Estimates Memo Dated March 20, 2018
9. Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government Report Regarding the Reappointment of Eugene Slaven to the Board of Election Commissioners – March 12, 2018 – Item 6B