



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, APRIL 10, 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, Lisa J. Feltner, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Anthony J. Donato was absent. 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

James Mello – 514 Mount Auburn Street – Spoke about cars speeding on Pleasant Street near the swimming pool. He suggested providing a crosswalk to slow traffic. He also mentioned bikers are not walking their bikes near the pool creating a safety hazard travelling too quickly. The Town should consider temporary speed bumps

David Cain – mentioned that he lived on Pleasant Street and that cars do travel too fast on the road.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris stated that he would ask for a Moment of Silence for Ken Thompson, Building Inspector, who died unexpectedly.

He also mentioned that the School Committee adopted a budget of \$48,039,451 for FY 2019 and that it remained within the guidelines of a 5% increase.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing and Vote Regarding a Proposed Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$1,242,443 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.

Provisional Fire Chief Robert Quinn stated that among the items the funding would provide for Fire Station #3 include

- ♦ New Boiler System
- ♦ Replacement and updating of Electrical Panels
- ♦ New water heaters and sump pumps
- ♦ New fire alarm system
- ♦ New rooftop HVAC units
- ♦ New windows and brick repair, where needed
- ♦ Renovation of bathrooms to accommodate female firefighters
- ♦ New tiling in the kitchen and dining area
- ♦ New lighting fixtures
- ♦ New ceilings in the common areas
- ♦ Waterproofing of apparatus bay floor
- ♦ New unit heaters in the apparatus bay

Mr. Driscoll stated that the funding would be paid with a 10 year bond from FY 2019 – 2028. He requested the Council's favorable consideration.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing. There being no speakers, the Hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the loan order for \$1,242,443; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer in the Amount of \$624,736 from Various Fiscal Year 2018 Accounts to Various Fiscal Year 2018 Snow and Ice Removal Accounts in Order to [Fund the Snow and Ice Removal Deficit](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the need for the fund and from which accounts the funding would be derived. He requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$624,736; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. [An Order](#) Approving the Naming of Private Ways within the Arsenal Yards Development.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the naming of private ways. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the order naming the private ways within the Arsenal Yards Development; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the Status of [Transportation Demand Management \(TDM\) and Transportation Management Association \(TMA\)](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

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

- B. Committee on Human Services and the Conservation Commission Regarding [Executive Sessions on Available Open Space](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

President Sideris requested a referral to the Rules and Ordinances Committee regarding the success and deficiencies of the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to refer the matter to the Rules and Ordinances Committee; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris requested a motion to cancel the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on April 24, 2018 because there is relatively little business to be taken up and because there will be a special meeting on May 1, 2018. Councilor Piccirilli made the motion; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Because this would be Councilor Dattoli's last meeting, President Sideris read a proclamation of thanks for Councilor Dattoli's service on the Town Council.

Councilor Dattoli thanked the community and government personnel for their support and guidance regarding the role of government.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Request for Confirmation of Appointment to the Planning Board

Mr. Driscoll asked that Jason Cohen be appointed to the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of John Hawes who served on the Board for more than 23 years.

Mr. Driscoll thanked Councilor Dattoli for his diligent dedication to the community and wished the Councilor and his family much happiness in the future.

Mr. Driscoll then provided a statement regarding the sudden death of [Ken Thompson](#).

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

Councilor Feltner requested information on the status of Jackson Road, a collector road with Newton.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Palomba announced that on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, the Youth Coalition for the Well Being of Watertown Youth would conduct its 2018 Town Hall Meeting from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Watertown Free Public Library in the Watertown Savings Bank Room. The youth risk behavior survey would be discussed.

Councilor Feltner announced that Thursday, April 19, 2018 is the last day to sign up for the town wide yard sale. Proceeds will go to the Watertown Education Fund.

She also wanted to congratulate Police Lieutenant Jamie O'Connor for graduating from the FBI National Academy.

Councilor Palomba announced that on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:15 p.m., the Committee on Human Services would be meeting in the Lower Conference Room to discuss Affordable Housing.

President Sideris announced that the School Building Committee meeting would be moved from Wednesday to Thursday (April 12, 2018) at the Phillips Schools – 3rd Floor.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

13. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Before adjournment, a Moment of Silence was held for Ken Thompson, Building Inspector.

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 7:56 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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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018 AT 7:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Additional Information – Proposed Loan Order – North Fire Station Improvements – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – April 4, 2018 – Item 5
~ Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding North Fire Station Improvements – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – March 22, 2018
2. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding Snow and Ice Removal Deficit – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – April 5, 2018 – Item 6A
3. Agenda Item – An Order Approving the Naming of Private Ways within the Arsenal Yards Development – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager to Town Council – April 6, 2018 – Item 6B
4. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the Status of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and the Transportation Management Association (TMA) – April 3, 2018 – Item 7A
 - A. Watertown Transportation Management Association, Tuesday April 3, 2018 Presentation to Watertown Town Council Committee on Economic Development and Planning
 - B. Transportation Demand Management Requirements for Developing Projects – Laura Wiener, Senior Transportation Planner to Steve Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning/Assistant Town Manager and Town Council Committee on Economic Development and Planning – April 3, 2018
5. Committee on Human Services Report on the Executive Sessions with the Conservation Commission – December 11, 2017 and March 14, 2018 – Item 7B
6. Request for Confirmation – Appointment to the Planning Board (Jason D. Cohen) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council - April 5, 2018 – Item 9
7. Statement Regarding Ken Thompson, Building Inspector – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager – April 10, 2018 – Item 9
8. Email from Councilor Feltner Regarding the Condition of Jackson Road – April 10, 2018