



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

Anthony J. Donato,
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

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER MINUTES

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 2.6 of the Rules of the Town Council, and pursuant to the Call of the Council President, the members of the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown are hereby notified of a Special Meeting of the Town Council to be held on Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building.

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a special meeting of the Town Council at 6:00 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Caroline Bays, 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 and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

2. ORGANIZATION

Swearing in of Susan G. Falkoff as Councilor-At-Large to Fill an Unexpired Term that Expires on December 31, 2019.

Susan G. Falkoff was sworn in as Councilor-At-Large by John Flynn, Town Clerk, to fill the unexpired term of Michael Dattoli for a term that expires on December 31, 2019.

3. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the [March 15, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of March 15, 2018 as written; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Minutes of the [March 27, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of March 27, 2018 as written; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Minutes of the [April 10, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of April 10, 2018 as written; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris provided the [Dates of the Budget Hearings](#) and stated that formal action would be taken at a Special Meeting on June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Acceptance of the Proclamation Recognizing [Arbor Day](#) – April 27, 2018

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

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding [Media Options](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

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.

B. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding, Chair the [Appointments of Sandra Kasabian Hoffman and Michael D. Brangwynne to the Licensing Board](#) – Caroline Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) That the Town Council Confirm Sandra Kasabian Hoffman for Appointment as a Full Member of the Licensing Board with a Term to Expire on February 15, 2021
- 2) That the Town Council Confirm Michael D. Brangwynne for Appointment as an Alternate Member of the Licensing Board to Fill an Unexpired Term Due to Expire on February 15, 2019.

Councilor Bays 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 Bays moved to confirm Sandra Kasabian Hoffman for appointment as a Full Member of the Licensing Board with a term to expire on February 15, 2021; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Bays moved to confirm Michael D. Brangwynne for appointment as an Alternate Member of the Licensing Board to fill an unexpired term due to expire on February 15, 2019; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Submission of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Mr. Driscoll presented an explanation of the FY 2019 Budget. He highlighted the Capital Improvement Program, a fully funded Retirement System as of July 1, 2018, the Building for the Future Program to upgrade both learning and facilities within the confines of Proposition 2 ½, the sound Bond ratings from both Standard and Poor's (AAA-highest level) and Moody's (AA1 – second highest rating). The Community Preservation Act (CPA) will soon be funded through a revolving fund and ICubed is in the process of obtaining State approval with the projects beginning in FY 2019. The \$1,200,000 received from the sale of the East Branch Library will be used for capital expenditures for the elementary schools.

The budget for FY 19 will be \$139,552,000, an increase of \$6,997,580 – a 5.28% increase. Of this increase, 1.28% represents the one-time expenditure of \$1,700,000 for the Building for the Future Program (School Renovations.) 75.92% of expected revenues include an estimated new growth of \$3,200,000 and \$105,948,348 from Real and Personal Property Taxes. The Town Council Reserve Fund is \$1,080,000, an increase of \$272,427 from last year. State and County charges are \$2,609,371, of which 87% or \$2,268,891 is for the MBTA assessment.

The individual Departments and Programs will be affected as stated below:

COUNCIL ON AGING

A part-time Program Services Assistant will be hired and the hours of the Case Worker will be increased from Part-time to Full-Time

There will be an additional day of bus service for Seniors

EMPLOYEES

The Retirement System will be funded at \$18,485,572, a \$1,545,611 increase over FY 18's payment

The Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) are expected to be paid by Fiscal Year 2022

As a member of the Commonwealth's Group Insurance Commission, the 2019 costs of \$15,245,037 for Insurance is only an increase of \$1,891,324 over the FY 2009 appropriation

LIBRARY

The Library remains one of the most used buildings in the community averaging more than 36,000 visits per month

There will be the creation of a Local History Preservation Project and Map Restoration allowing for the Town's historical material to be organized and conserved

The Library budget of \$3,035,128 is an increase of \$107,406

PLANNING

A Senior Environmental Planner will be hired to provide technical assistance to the Conservation Commission and the Historical Commission

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The newly created Department of Public Buildings will be funded at \$297,000

The Department will consolidate town and school facilities maintenance departments into a single town department

New Positions for the Department include

- ~ Facilities Assistant
- ~ Energy Manager/Maintenance Supervisor
- ~ Preventative Maintenance Technician
- ~ Carpenter

PUBLIC SAFETY (Fire, Police, and Dispatch)

Increases - \$1,057,101

Fire

- ~ Has a staff of 87 firefighters, four of which are funded through a grant, and 2 civilian positions providing services at three stations
- ~ The Fire budget of \$10,544,349 is an increase of \$348,896
- ~ A Health, Wellness, and Safety Program for personnel will be created
- ~ Capital improvements will include some renovations to facilities, acquisition of ALS ambulance medical equipment, and gear extractor/washers and dryers

Police

- ~ An additional police officer will be hired
- ~ Personnel will be 69 Police Officers, of which 50 are Patrol Officers; 9 dispatchers; and 4 civilian employees and crossing guards
- ~ The requested appropriation is \$9,834,536, an increase of \$708,205
- ~ Capital Improvements will be facility upgrades and the purchase of radio infrastructure and specialized equipment

PUBLIC WORKS

The DPW budget of \$5,565,695 is an increase of \$204,860

The staff includes 33 full time and 2 part time employees

The Department will hire a Forestry Supervisor/Tree Warden, a position that will be moved from Planning and Development

The Snow and Ice Removal appropriation will be increased by \$150,000

Street and Sidewalk Improvements include

~ \$1,011,000 to supplement Chapter 90 (Transportation) monies

~ Proposed Loan Order of \$5,800,000

Water and Sewer Enterprises – The \$18,196,328 Budget for FY 19 is an increase of \$410,381

Single stream recycling has reduced the weight of solid waste disposed and reduced the cost of collection.

The recycling budget of \$3,099,162, an increase of \$85,504, is less than the FY12 appropriation of \$3,236,940

SCHOOLS

The Schools budget of \$48,039,451 is a 5% increase in Education of \$2,287,593

The Building for the Future Project is funded at \$1,700,000

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with the DPW Union, Town Hall Associates Union, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, Police Supervisors Union, as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Town's Bargaining Position.

9. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting and to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the DPW Union, Town Hall Associates Union, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, Police Supervisors Union, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and not to return to open session; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote. President Sideris announced that the Council would not be returning to Open Session after the Executive Session. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 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 ___ for, ___ against, ___ present on May 22, 2018.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Hearings – Mark Sideris, Town Council President, to Members of the Town Council, The Town Manager, All Town Department Heads, and Other Interested Parties – May 1, 2018
2. Arbor Day Proclamation – April 19, 2018
3. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding Increased Participation in Government and Methods of Reaching Out to the Community – Meeting on March 28, 2018
4. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding Interviews for Appointees to the Licensing Board – Meeting on April 11, 2018
5. Town of Watertown Annual Budget 2018-2019 – Submitted by the Town Manager