



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, JUNE 5, 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 June 5, 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, 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 and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk.

2. THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Public Hearing and Vote on the [Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and Related Matters](#)

President Sideris read a statement regarding the budget: that it was published in accordance with the Charter; that a member may pass on an item, but those items not passed would be considered adopted; and that the total was in accordance with Proposition 2 1/2.

Mr. Driscoll stated there were two amendments to the budget

1. Police Full-time Salaries Account would be decreased by \$600,000 and the Town Council Reserve Account would be increased by the same amount.
2. Library Full-time Salaries Account would be decreased by \$63,000 and the Library Computer Maintenance Account would be increased by the same amount.

Mr. Driscoll provided an overview of the proposed budget: a 5% increase in Education funding; the Initiative for the Future school project funding; the Retirement system funding; an increase in Public Safety including the hiring of an additional police officer; the creation of the Department of Public Buildings; an increase in the snow and ice removal budget; the hiring of a Senior Environmental Officer and Forestry Tree Warden, and added staff for the Council on Aging; a Fire Department Health, Wellness and Safety Program; a Library History Collection Preservation Project; and an additional day of bus service for Seniors.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing; there being no speakers, he closed the Public Hearing. President Sideris stated that Councilor Donato would need to recuse himself for the Recreation Budget but would be able to vote on the Full Budget. Mr. Tracy, Town Auditor, read the general budget. Councilor Donato recused himself during the reading of the Recreation Budget. Mr. Tracy stated that he noted no passes on the budget on the reading.

Mr. Tracy then read the general fund with other financing sources budget; the General Fund with other financing sources for Free Cash and Overlay Surplus; the Water and Sewer Enterprise Budgets; and the Water and Sewer Enterprise Budgets with other financing sources. He noted that in each case there were no passes on any of the budgets. President Sideris announced that the Budget had passed as submitted.

4. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Related to Establishing FY 2019 Expenditure Limits for [Revolving Funds](#)

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up Item 4; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. Mr. Tracy provided background on the Revolving Funds. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the resolution establishing the FY 2019 spending limits of the Revolving Funds; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris gave his thanks to the taxpayers; Mr. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mr. Tracy, Town Auditor; and staff for the passage of the fair budget with many new initiatives.

Councilor Piccirilli congratulated the Town Manager and Auditor for providing a budget that incorporated the concepts of the budget priorities, for providing funding for renovations of the elementary schools within the confines of Proposition 2 1/2, and a fully funded pension fund.

Councilor Falkoff made a motion with a hope that it is defeated to reconsider the budget; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was defeated unanimously on a voice vote.

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- B. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Honorable School Committee and Honorable Town Council on the Creation of a [Joint Municipal and School Facilities Department](#) in Accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 37M; and Referral to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Oversight.

Mr. Driscoll provided some background on the matter of consolidating the maintenance of all municipal buildings. He stated that this would be a multiyear issue and suggested that the agreement be reviewed by the Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight. Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the matter to the committee; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer, with the Approval of the Town Manager, to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$2,500,000 Under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or Any Other Enabling Authority to Pay [Costs of Street and Sidewalk Work](#), Including if Necessary, Convenient or Desirable, Underground Duct or Conduit Improvements, and 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 request. Superintendent Mee stated that these funds would provide for full-depth reconstruction, new granite curbing, and new sidewalks to Edgecliff Rd., Westland Rd., Woodleigh Rd., Everett Ave., Malden Ave., Priest Rd., and Arden Rd. It would also pay for mill and overlay of 300 – 1,000 feet sections of some streets. He also stated that the Pavement Condition Index in Watertown has increased from 59 in 2012 to 65 in 2017, a substantial improvement.

Mr. Driscoll stated the funding would include payments on principal along with interest beginning in FY2019 and ending in FY 2023. He asked for 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 of

\$2,500,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

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Please see the notes for this item after Item 2A – Consideration of the Budget.

5. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 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 June 26, 2018.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – May 31, 2018 – Item Board Report Regarding Self-Storage – April 11, 2018 – Item 2A
2. Proposed Memorandum of Agreement Creating a Department of Public Buildings – Thomas Tracy, Town Auditor/Assistant Town Manager for Finance, to Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – May 31, 2018 – Item 2B
3. Additional Information – Proposed Loan Order (Streets and Sidewalks), Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – Item 3
4. Proposed Resolution – FY !9 53E 1/2 Revolving Funds Expenditure Limits – Thomas Tracy, Town Auditor/Assistant Town Manager for Finance, to Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – May 31, 2018 – Item 4