



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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 AT 6:45 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:45 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. Councilor Susan G. Falkoff was absent. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:45 P.M.

To Conduct Strategy Sessions in Preparation for Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel or to Conduct Collective Bargaining Sessions or Contract Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel – Town Manager, Michael J. Driscoll

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion for the Town Council to enter into executive session; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:15 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Patrick Fairbairn – 20 Marcia Road – Spoke in favor of the proposed [Community Preservation Ordinance](#) as a reasonable compromise relating to the manner that members are named Committee members.

Deborah Peterson – 2 Westland Road – Supported the passage of the proposed Community Preservation Committee Ordinance.

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Road – Raised a concern about the quality of the Noise Regulations minutes and their lack of completeness.

Michelle Cokonaugher – 37 Paul Street – Stated that the Committee Reports were losing quality of the meetings. She also spoke in support of the proposed Community Preservation Committee Ordinance.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the May 22, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

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

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Approval of Sending [Letter to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority \(MBTA\)](#)

Mr. Magoon provided background regarding the Bus Service in Watertown. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to send the letter; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed [Ordinance Amending the Town Manager’s Compensation](#)

President Sideris read the Proclamation which stated the reasons for requesting the salary adjustment: strong management; good fiscal policies – a fully funded pension plan as of 7/1/2018, a plan to pay for OPEB benefits, and the funding of the elementary schools renovations within the confines of Proposition 2 1/2; an upgrading of bond rating to AAA by Standard and Poor’s; and the participation in the Group Health Insurance Commission providing quality health care benefits until 2021. The salary increase for FY 2017 would be from \$172,500/year to \$184,000, and the increase for FY 2018 would be a salary of \$195,500.

Comparing the position to 12 comparable communities, Mr. Driscoll is the longest serving Town Manager in this grouping; his salary currently ranks him as 9 out of 12; and with the increase, he will be ranked 5 out of 12. In addition, 9 of the 12 communities have between 1-3 full time Assistant Town Managers with salaries that range from \$109,840 - \$383,776.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing. The following people spoke:

Russ Arico – 49 Fayette Street – Thanked Mr. Driscoll for a job well done and for providing his leadership to help the community thrive.

Elodia Thomas – 20 Marion Street – Thanked Mr. Driscoll for his job steering the Community finances

Bert Greenberg – Duff Street – Thanked Mr. Driscoll for his many accomplishments for Watertown.

There being no other speakers; the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the Ordinance regarding the Town Manager's compensation as presented; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Driscoll thanked the Town Council for its action and stated that he looked forward to working on the successor contract.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Motion for a Joint Referral to the Public Works and Economic Development & Planning Committees to Work with the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee to Develop a Recommendation for the Town Council on How to Move Forward with the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10 Goal 1A: *"Consider developing a [Climate Action or Energy Master Plan](#) and Adopt it as an Addendum to the Watertown Comprehensive Plan"*

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion for a joint referral to the Public Works and Economic Development & Planning Committees to work with the Watertown Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee to develop a recommendation for the town council on how to move forward with the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10 Goal 1A: *"Consider developing a Climate Action or Energy Master Plan and Adopt it as an Addendum to the Watertown Comprehensive Plan"*; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. First Reading on a Proposed Order Establishing [Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2019](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the matter and stated that it would be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

- C. 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 \$1,287,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the Costs of [Improvements to the Filippello Park](#), 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 matter and stated that it would be considered at the next Town Council meeting. He also requested that the transfer requests needed to complete this request should be taken up at that time as well.

- D. 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 \$1,050,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the [Costs of Infiltration/Inflow Mitigation Projects at Various Locations](#) Throughout the Town, and for the Payment of All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto. Any Borrowing Pursuant to this Order May Be Obtained Through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Infiltration and Inflow Local Assistance Program or through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The Borrowing Authorized by this Order Shall be Reduced to the Extent of Any Grants Received by the Town on Account of this Project. Any Premium Received 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 matter and stated that it would be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

- E. 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 \$500,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(5) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the Costs of Water System Improvements at Various Locations Throughout the Town, and for the Payment of All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto. Any Borrowing Pursuant to this Order May be Obtained Through the [Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program](#) or Through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The Borrowing Authorized by this Order Shall Be Reduced to the Extent of Any Grants Received by the Town on Account of this Project. Any Premium Received 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 matter and stated that it would be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

- F. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$27,550 from Various Fiscal Year 2018 Police Department Accounts to the [Fiscal Year 2018 Police Vehicle Replacement](#) Account

Mr. Driscoll stated that the funds would be used to replace two 2012 motorcycles with two 2018 models for \$13,775 each and a \$6,000 trade in for each vehicle. He requested the Town Council's favorable consideration.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$27,550; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- G. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$35,000 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Fire Full Time Salaries Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 [Fire Vehicle Maintenance](#) Account

Mr. Driscoll stated unexpected repairs were needed for Ladders 1 and 2. Ladder 1 is a 2005 model slated for replacement in 2021; Ladder 2 is a 2007 model slated for replacement in 2023. Replacement costs for such trucks is \$1,100,000 each. He requested the Town Council's favorable consideration.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$35,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- H. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of Gifts of Funds in the Amount of \$780 from [Belmont Savings Bank to Offset Expenses Related to the "Summer Concert Series."](#)

Mr. Driscoll stated that Belmont Savings Bank was gifting \$780 to offset the costs of the Summer Concert Series; a favorable consideration was requested. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the gift of funds; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- I. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of a [Gift of Tangible Personal Property](#) from Stop & Shop for the "Summer Concert Series."

Mr. Driscoll stated that Stop & Shop, Pleasant Street, would provide water during the Concert Series; he requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the acceptance of a gift of

tangible property; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Education and School System Matters Report Regarding a [Review of Pending Referrals](#) – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Approve the Closure of All the Open Referrals to the Committee on Education and School System Matters

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

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the closure of all the open referrals to the Committee on Education and School System Matters; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Committees on Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Joint Meeting Report Regarding [Noise Regulations](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services; Anthony Donato, Chair, Rules and Ordinances

Councilor Palomba read the Committee Report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the report.

Councilor Bays stated that as there was a previously mentioned dissatisfaction with the minutes of this meeting, could acceptance of the report be given with a statement that the report was an addendum or could it be postponed and approved later as an addendum. President Sideris stated that the matter could only be tabled and he was reluctant to do that because the meeting was a discussion of on an ongoing matter with no action items. He suggested that members take advantage of the scribing services available to the Council in order to provide more detailed notes.

The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding the [Appointment of Robert J. Airasian to the Board of Assessors](#) for a Term That Expires on May 15, 2021 – Caroline Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Confirm the Appointment of Robert J. Airasian to the Board of Assessors for a Term to Expire on May 15, 2021

Councilor Woodland recused himself from the reading of the report and the discussion.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved that Robert J. Airasian be appointed to the Board of Assessors for a Term to Expire on May 15, 2021; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- D. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Reports Regarding the [Community Preservation Committee](#) for January 22, 2018 (pp. 1-3); February 6, 2018 (pp. 18-19); and April 24, 2018 (pp. 40-41)

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Adopt the Community Preservation Ordinance as Revised, as well as the Separate Process Policy for Council Appointments

NOTE: The Action Item for this report will be taken up by the Council at a later date that is yet to be determined.

Councilor Donato read a [summarized version of the three meetings](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Committee Report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The action item will be considered in a special Town Council meeting on June 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll stated that on Thursday, June 14, 2018, Flag Day, there would be a Retiring of the Colors Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at Ridgelawn Cemetery. He also mentioned that on June 7, 2018 through October 18, 2018, a Farmer's Market would be held every Thursday from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

13. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENTS

That the Firm of [Kopelman and Paige, PC be Appointed as Town Attorney](#)

Mr. Driscoll provided background on continuing the services of KP Law as the Town's Attorney. He requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to appoint KP Law, formerly known as Kopelman and Paige PC, as the Town's Attorney; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Councilor Kounelis stated that she received a concern from a resident regarding [Sampson Street in regards to a maintenance issue](#).

She also raised another concern about [Calvin Road regarding its maintenance](#). Both of these matters are ongoing issues.

Councilor Feltner asked for a clarification of the status of the [Watertown Square Improvements Project](#). She was aware of a meeting on June 27, 2018 but the information was not available on the project website; the most recent information available is from October 2017.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kounelis announced that on

- ~ Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber, there would be an Open House reviewing the plans for Arsenal Park
- ~ Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Building G of the Arsenal, there would be a review of the RMUD height increase.
- ~ Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Coolidge Apartments, developers would be discussing their plans for the development of 80 Elm Street.

Councilor Donato announced that this year would be the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Lt. Paul J. Sullivan Scholarship Fund created as a memorial of his death in Vietnam on August 9, 1968. On June 23, 2018 a dinner would be held at the Sons of Italy and on Sunday, there would be a memorial mass at Sacred Heart Church at 10:15 a.m. followed by a dedication of a memorial at the Paul J. Sullivan playground at noon. All are invited.

Councilor Palomba stated that on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. there would be a meeting of the Media and Public Outreach Committee in the third floor conference room.

Councilor Feltner stated that events at the Senior Center are free this week and that on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., there would be a ceremony celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Center.

President Sideris stated that on Wednesday, June 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. there would be a tour of the Hosmer School for what may be a new building. There are tentative plans to tour the Cuniff and Lowell Schools on June 20, 2018 that will be confirmed later online.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

Bert Greenburg – Duff St. – requested that the Town Manager stay for a long period.

Pat Gold – thanked the Town Manager for the maintenance of the Senior Center and invited the public to visit.

17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 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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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the May 22, 2018 Town Council Meeting Minutes - Item 6
2. Letter to the MBTA – June 13, 2018 – Item 7
3. Ordinance Amending the Town Manager’s Compensation – Item 8
4. Request for a Joint Referral to the Public Works and Economic Development and Planning Committees Regarding an Energy Master Plan – Councilor Vincent Piccirilli – June 7, 2018 – Item 9A
5. Fiscal Year 2019 Water and Sewer Rates – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council, June 7, 2018 – Item 9B
 - * Town of Watertown, MA FY 2019 Water and Sewer Rate Study – Raftelis – May 22, 2018
6. Agenda Items – Proposed Loan Order and Transfer of Funds Request Regarding Filippello Park Improvements – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 9C
7. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding MWRA Inflow and Infiltration – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 9D
8. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Regarding LWSAP Water Improvements – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 9E
9. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding Police Vehicle Replacement – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 9F
10. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Regarding Fire Vehicle Replacement – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 9G
11. Agenda Item – Approval of Gift Expenditure Regarding the Summer Concert Series (Belmont Savings Bank - – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 9H
12. Agenda Item – Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property (Stop & Shop, Pleasant Street) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, and Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 9I
13. Committee on Education and School System Matters Report Regarding Referred Committee Items – May 15, 2018 – Item 10A

14. Joint Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Committee Report Regarding Noise Regulations – March 21, 2018 – Item 10B
 - * Attachment A – Sign In Sheet
 - * Attachment B – Draft changes to Chapter 95 – Noise Regulations
15. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding the Appointment of Robert J. Airasian to the Board of Assessors – June 6, 2018 – Item 10C
16. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding the Community Preservation Committee (Summarized Version of January 22, February 6, and April 24, 2018 Meetings) – Item 10D
 - * Detailed Minutes of January 22, 2018 Meeting
 - Sign In Sheet
 - City of Somerville – Committee Member Application
 - Draft Ordinance Establishing a Community Preservation Committee
 - Draft Changes of Ordinance Establishing a Community Preservation Committee
 - * Detailed Minutes of February 6, 2018 Meeting
 - Sign In sheet
 - Redlined Draft Ordinance Establishing a Community Preservation Committee
 - Clean Version of Draft Ordinance Establishing a Community Preservation Committee
 - Town Manager Selection Draft Ordinance Establishing a Community Preservation Committee
 - * Detailed Minutes of April 24, 2018 Meeting
 - Sign In Sheet
 - Committee Edits to KP Law’s Most Recent Revisions of the Ordinance Establishing a Community Preservation Committee
 - Somerville CPC Application form – November 4, 2016
 - Somerville Community Preservation Ordinance – April 11, 2013
 - Committee Edits to Appointed Membership Policy
 - Councilor Woodland Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Community Preservation Committee
17. Town Council Approval of Town Attorney – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – May 17, 2018 – Item 13