



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 26, 2018 AT 7:15 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

President Sideris called to order the regular Town Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, after Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to recess the Special Town Council Meeting; Councilor Palomba seconded that motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

A roll call was taken and 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, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk.

Councilor Piccirilli then made a motion to recess the regular Town Council meeting and to return to it after the close of the special meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to reopen the special meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

At 7:41 p.m., after the Special Town Council Meeting had adjourned, the regular Town Council Meeting resumed its deliberations.

The Pledge of Allegiance was completed.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to reopen the regular Town Council Meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Burt Greenberg – Duff Street – Stated the Senior Center 25th Anniversary celebration was a success and thanked those who participated.

Patricia Gold – 118 Duff Street – Raised a concern that her neighborhood was not notified of a mercury spill as required when National Grid was changing gas meters.

Clyde Younger – 188 Acton Street – Stated the [Town Council Rule](#) regarding no response at the Public Forum should be changed to allow for a two-week response to the speaker.

Roy Forte – 43 French Street – Spoke about the noise level at Howe Park. Rules for the park are not being enforced.

Brian Wyncoop – 46 Rosedale Road – Stated that he felt school teachers would not be eligible to serve on the CPC because they are under the direction of the School Committee, who are elected officials.

Russ Arico – Fayette Street – Stated that the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance should not be changed and that customers should not be charged for a bag because the cost is already factored into the price of the products sold.

Angelo Ciano – Tappan Avenue – The street needs improvement due to its lack of quality

Peter Centola – Thanked all who participated or assisted in making the park dedication to Lt. Paul Sullivan and the related Scholarship Dinner.

Burt Greenberg – Duff Street – Thanked the Town Manager for his efforts on behalf of the Senior Center

There being no other speakers, the Public Forum was closed.

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the [May 29, 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.

B. Minutes of the [June 5, 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.

C. Minutes of the [June 12, 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.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris stated that on Wednesday and Thursday (June 20 and 21), the School Building Committee made site visits to each of the elementary schools. The Committee was informed about the additions and renovations. The properties were staked out, demonstrating that there would be a significant increase in square footage. The Committee voted to allow the Architects to continue with schematic designs for use at upcoming neighborhood meetings.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Establishing [Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2019](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the matter. Mr. Tracy, Town Auditor, stated that water rates would increase by 1.5% and sewer rates would increase by 3.0%. He mentioned that a 200 gallon per day customer would see an increase of \$.09/day raising the daily charge from \$3.58 to \$3.67/day or a \$7.99 increase per quarterly billing.

President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the proposed water and sewer rates and charges for FY 2019; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Public Hearing and Vote 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. Mr. Glenn Howard of CDM Smith provided a [review of the process of the development of the plan](#)

since July 2016. The Town received a \$250,000 Stanton Foundation Grant for design and construction purposes.

Some of the major improvements include a 25,000 square foot dog park; ½ acre recreation open space with pathways/bikeways; decorative fencing and sidewalk and curb along Grove Street; basketball and futsal courts; new court lighting; new entrance drive with 14 additional parking spaces; drainage and catch basin improvements; and solar lighting along the new entrance road. The improvements were put out to bid with the low bidder being Heimlich Landscaping and Construction Corporation for a cost of \$1,287,000. The expected construction date is three months after authorization, approximately September or October.

Mr. Driscoll then stated that the Loan Order would be for 10 fiscal years starting July 1, 2019 and ending in 2028 and requested the Council's favorable consideration. He further mentioned that there is a need to provide construction oversight services for a cost of \$116,650. The transfer request for these services will be taken up at the July 10, 2019 Town Council meeting.

President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the loan order for \$1,287,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. Public Hearing and Vote 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 stated that 75% of the loan order (\$787,500) was a grant from the MWRA Inflow and Infiltration I/I Local Financial Assistance Program and the remaining 25% (\$262,500) was an interest free loan payable over five years. DPW Superintendent Mee provided a brief statement regarding the Loan Order.

President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the loan order for \$1,050,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- D. Public Hearing and Vote 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 stated that this is an interest free Loan Order for \$500,000 payable over 10 years to replace outdated unlined cast iron water mains in the Town for the improvement of water quality and water pressure and flow. DPW Superintendent Mee stated the program would affect Essex Street from Main to Nash Streets; Pine Street from Nash to Acton Streets; and Oak Street from Laurel Street to Melendy Avenue.

President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the loan order for \$500,000; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding the [Special Education Revolving Fund and the Department of Public Buildings](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr. - Chair

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up Item 8; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli 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.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Vote to Authorize the Town Manager to Sign the [Watertown Department of Public Buildings Memorandum of Agreement](#) to Create a Joint Municipal and School Facilities Department in Accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 37M

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion authorizing the Town Manager to sign the Watertown Department of Public Buildings Memorandum of Agreement to create a Joint Municipal and School Facilities Department in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 37M; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Resolution on a [Special Education Stabilization Fund Process](#)

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adopt the Resolution on a Special Education Stabilization Fund process; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$200,000 to the Special Education Stabilization Fund

This item will be taken up at the next Town Council Meeting on July 10, 2018.

D. Motion for Referral to the Rules and Ordinances Committee to Consider [Amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance \(Chapter 91\)](#)

Councilor Donato stated that Deborah Rosati, Director of Public Health, found that because Section 174F of General Law 140 was not included in the Town's Animal Control Ordinance, the Animal Control Officer is unable to enforce citations relating to animal welfare in cars. The referral is being requested so that the ordinance can be amended. Councilor Piccirilli moved to make the referral to Rules and Ordinances; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- 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 \$2,030,900 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor, and That the Amounts Indicated Below for Each Project are Estimates and That the Town Manager May Allocate More Funds to Any One or More of Such Projects, and Less to Others, So Long As, in the Judgment of the Town Manager, Each of the Projects Described Below Can be Completed Within the Total Appropriation Made by this Order

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DPW Equipment	\$1,618,000
Sewer Dept. Equipment	160,000
Water Dept. Equipment	210,000
Police Equipment	42,900

and Further Ordered That in Accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, Any Premium Received by the Town Upon the Sale of Any Bonds or Notes Approved by This Order, 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 Order in Accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, Thereby Reducing the Amount Authorized to be Borrowed to Pay Such Costs by a Like Amount.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on this request. The matter will be taken up at the July 10, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

- F. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property from [Cronin Signs](#) for “Summer Concert Series.”

Mr. Driscoll stated that Cronin Signs was providing a banner to be displayed at the Summer Concert Series. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the gift of tangible property; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- G. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$217,300 from Various Fiscal Year 2018 Electricity and Gas Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2018 [ESCO Capital Project Stabilization Fund Account](#).

Mr. Driscoll stated the request included funds from fifteen utility accounts that would be transferred to the ESCO Stabilization Fund to help pay the debt service on energy efficiency projects incurred under the ESCO Agreement.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the transfer of \$217,300; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- H. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$34,500 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Town Manager Prior Year Full Time Salaries Account and the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Manager Full Time Salaries Accounts to reflect the adopted Ordinance amending the Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 [Compensation of the Town Manager](#).

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the transfer of \$34,500; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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The minutes for this item may be found after Item 6D.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Falkoff asked what process will be used to clarify which committee will complete the confirmation for the CPC appointees and how to propose language that would include Councilor Palomba's suggestion that the Town Manager include a rationale for the selection of appointees to the boards and commissions in writing.

President Sideris requested time to provide language for this request.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

[Housing Choice Grant](#) Opportunity

Mr. Driscoll stated that he would like to have Watertown designated as a Housing Choice Community; this would allow the Town to apply for a grant of up to \$250,000. He asked that this be referred to committee for policy guidelines.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to refer the item to Committees on Human Services and Budget and Fiscal Oversight; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

He announced that the 2018 Summer Concert Series would begin on Thursday, June 29, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm featuring Johnny Fireseed and the Junkyard Dogs.

Mr. Driscoll stated that due the July 4th holiday, the Administration Building and the Senior Center would have modified hours: Monday and Thursday, the building would be open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, the hours would be 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, the building would be closed due to the July 4, 2018 holiday. Payments could still be made after business hours by using the drop off lockbox located between the Library and the Administration Building.

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

Councilor Feltner requested that a [review of the Town Calendar](#) on the website be reviewed for event time accuracy.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Falkoff announced that on Friday at 7:30 p.m., June 29, 2018 at the Mosesian Art Center, there would be send off for Guilherme Assuncao, the noted singer at Russo's; tickets would be \$25 and the proceeds would be used for his college costs.

Councilor Donato wanted to thank the Town Manager, Department Heads, and all personnel who helped with the memorial at the Lt. Paul J. Sullivan Playground.

Councilor Feltner announced that on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., there would be a public walk with DCR on Charles River Road regarding safety concerns, road striping, and crosswalks. The meeting point would be the Riverfront Park at Irving Street and Charles River Road.

She also announced that on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., the Public Works Committee would be meeting to discuss the Mount Auburn Street Project. She encouraged public involvement and comment.

Councilor Piccirilli announced that on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., there would be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Victory Field Phase 2 to provide their final recommendations.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Burt Greenberg – Duff Street – The cost of the Senior Citizen program received 25% funding from the state.

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the regular Town Council meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 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 August 14, 2018.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018 AT 7:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Statement of Clyde Younger – Public Forum – Item 3
2. Minutes of May 29, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting – Item 4A
3. Minutes of June 5, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting – Item 4B
4. Minutes of June 12, 2018 Town Council Meeting – Item 4C
5. Fiscal Year 2019 Water and Sewer Rates – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 7m 2018 – Item 6A
6. Agenda Items – Proposed Loan Order and Transfer of Funds Request (Filippello Park Improvements) – June 7, 2018 – Item 6B
7. Filippello Park Bidding and Construction – CDM Smith Presentation to Town Council – June 26, 2018 – Item 6B
8. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order (Infiltration/Inflow Projects) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 6C
9. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order (MWRA Local Water System Assistance Program) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 7, 2018 – Item 6D
10. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Watertown School Committee and Watertown Town Council – Item 7A
11. Resolution: Special Education Stabilization Fund Process – Item 7B
12. Email Regarding the Watertown Animal Control Ordinance – Councilor Anthony Donato – June 20, 2018 – Item 7D
13. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order (Equipment for Various Departments) Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 21, 2018 – Item 7E
14. Agenda Item – Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Property (Cronin Signs) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 21, 2018 – Item 7F
15. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (ESCO Capital Project Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 21, 2018 – Item 7G
16. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Compensation of Town Manager) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 21, 2018 – Item 7H

17. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding the Special Education Revolving Fund and the Department of Public Buildings – June 11, 2018 – Item 8
18. Housing Choice Grant Opportunity – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 22, 2018 – Item 10