



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, AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 6:30 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 6:30 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, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Angeline B. Kounelis arrived at 6:31 p.m. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

To Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Negotiating Position of the Public Body – Consideration of Acquisition of Properties for Establishment of Open Space

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council 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

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Street – Raised the concern that Arsenal Yards would like to develop an [R & D lab](#) there, but that no ordinances, rules or regulations, or inspections for these facilities exist in a community that has 30 labs.

Russ Arico – Fayette Street – Stated that there is a need to have improved regulations regarding rabid animals in the community, and that police should

have the authority to remove the animal for community safety and for humane action to a wounded animal.

Elodia Thomas – Confirmed her concern for these situations. People are increasing their use of poisons to remove unwanted vermin and the issue needs to be addressed.

There being no other speakers, President Sideris closed the public forum.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Minutes of the [June 26, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes as written of the Special Town Council meeting of June 26, 2018; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Minutes of the [June 26, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes as written of the Town Council meeting of June 26, 2018; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of the Town Council meeting of July 10, 2018 as amended; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Proposed Resolution Regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Process.

President Sideris read a proposed resolution regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 budget process. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the resolution; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location for NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy to [Install Approximately 70 Feet of Conduit in Nichols Avenue](#) in Order to Provide Underground Electric Service to 490 Arsenal Street

Maureen Carroll of Eversource Energy provided background on the request.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing.

Elodia Thomas – Asked for a clarification on the numbering on the street.

There being no other speakers, President Sideris closed the public hearing.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the petition as presented; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice 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 \$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

Project	Amount
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 the Loan Order. Superintendent Mee provided information on the DPW, Water, and Sewer equipment.

Police – Video Storage Server – Provides video retention for one year as opposed to the current 30-day retention period

DPW – Fuel Management System

6 Wheel Dump Truck – 15 year old vehicle used for snow removal

Front End Loader – More than 20 years old used in daily operations

Sidewalk Tractor – About 15 years old – Parts are difficult to obtain

Salter – More than 20 years old used in snow removal

4x4 6 Wheeler – About 20 years old used for snow removal

Bucket Truck/Body Lift – Change body to improve functionality

Stump Grinder – Almost 20 years old

Tree Truck – More than 12 years old – Tree removal vehicle

Sewer – Service Truck – 1st Responder to sewer issues – Runs 18 – 24 hours when in use – Replace every five years. Body of truck then reconverted

Water – 10 years old – vehicle has problematic engine issues – hauls material for underground breaks.

Mr. Driscoll stated that the total cost would be \$2,030,900 paid for over 10 years and requested the favorable consideration of the Loan Order.

Mr. Sideris opened the Public Hearing. There being no speakers; the Hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Loan Order of \$2,030,900; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

An Order Accepting a Pedestrian and Bicycle Easement at Property Located at 130 Arsenal Street and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute the Acceptance of said [Pedestrian and Bicycle Easement](#)

Mr. Driscoll provided background and requested the Council's favorable consideration on the acceptance of the easement for a pedestrian and bicycle walkway.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the order accepting the easement at 130 Arsenal Street and authorizing the Town Manager to execute the grant of easement; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Ad Hoc Committee on Victory Field Phase 2 Report – [Final Report](#) – Vincent Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Accept the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Victory Field Phase 2

Before the report was read, President Sideris thanked Councilors Piccirilli and Palomba and all committee members for their extensive efforts reviewing issues related to Victory Field and offering suggestions. Councilor Piccirilli read the conclusion of the report and made a motion that the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee be accepted; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the [Transportation Network Company Tax](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Appropriate the 2018 Transportation Network Company Tax Funds to the Watertown

Transportation Management Association to Partially Fund the Shuttle Bus Pilot Program

Councilor Woodland 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 Piccirilli made a motion that the Town Council appropriate the 2018 Transportation Network Company Tax Funds to the Watertown Transportation Management Association to partially fund the Shuttle Bus Pilot Program; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

C. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding [Affordable Housing in Watertown](#) – 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.

D. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding [Increased Government Participation and Methods of Outreach](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

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

E. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding a [Salary Adjustment for the Town Council Clerk and Town Auditor and a Review of the Town Council Salaries](#) – Caroline Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. First Reading of Item: That the Town Council Approve a 2.0% Salary Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 for the Town Council Clerk
- B. That the Town Council Evaluate the performance of the Town Auditor Using the Most Recently Used Form
- C. That the Town Council Ask the Personnel Director to Provide Salary Information for Town Councilors from Comparative Communities

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

President Sideris stated that he would like to amend the motion regarding the salary adjustment for the Town Council Clerk. The

Committee had voted to include an increase of 2.5% for Fiscal Year 2018. Councilor Piccirilli moved to amend the action item motion to include a 2.5% increase for Fiscal Year 2018 and a 2.0% increase for Fiscal Year 2019; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. President Sideris stated that the amendment would not permit this to be a first reading and would be delayed to the next meeting.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council evaluate the performance of the Town Auditor using the most recently used form; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council ask the Personnel Director to provide salary information for Town Councilors from comparative communities; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- F. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding the [Status of the Bring Your Own Bags Ordinance](#) (May 21, 2018) – Anthony Donato, Chair

Councilor Donato 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.

- G. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Revised Report Regarding the [Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance](#) (July 16, 2018) – Anthony J. Donato, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Adopt the Proposed Changes to the Watertown Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance, as Outlined in the Report

Councilor Donato 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.

President Sideris stated that the Action Item would be advertised for a First Reading at the next Town Council meeting.

- H. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Revised Report Regarding [Revisions to Animal Control Ordinance](#) – Anthony Donato, Chair
ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Adopt Revisions to Chapter 91, Watertown Code of Ordinances

Councilor Donato 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.

President Sideris stated that the Action Item would be advertised for a First Reading at the next Town Council meeting.

- I. Committees of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight and Human Services Report Regarding the [Housing Choice Grant Application](#) – Vincent Piccirilli, Chair, Budget and Fiscal Oversight and Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services

Councilor Piccirilli read the report of the Committees. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

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

Councilor Paloma read the report of the Committees. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll mentioned that he sent the Council notice that the Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be updated and requested that it be sent to Committee for review and public discussion. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to refer it to Public Works; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion.

Councilor Feltner stated that the Committee on Public Safety should be included in the referral. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to include Public Safety in the referral; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Driscoll stated that

- ~ Wednesday, August 15, 2018 was the last day to register to vote in the September 4, 2018 State Primary
- ~ Thursday, August 16, 2018 would be the last concert of Summer Concert Series
- ~ Monday, September 3, 2018, the Administration Building would be closed for the Labor Day holiday.

He then mentioned that he appointed Larry Ramden as the Director of Public Health and that he has had more than 40 years of experience in Public Health serving in Salem, Reading, Newton, Trinidad, and within the State Department of Public Health. He would be starting August 27, 2018.

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

Councilor Kounelis asked for an update on her request of a [review the policy of the refund of monies](#) for Town Services not used. She also noted that many [planting strips](#) are not maintained and that the Town needs to address who will notify property owners of their responsibility to maintain them.

Councilor Palomba [requested information](#) for

- ~ The amounts of money in the O'Neill Properties Charitable Gift Fund and the Harvard Community Enrichment Fund as of July 1, 2018
- ~ Statistics regarding the Town's recycling program, results of spot checks by Republic or the DPW, methods of informing residents of what is recyclable, and the leading item incorrectly placed in collection for recycling
- ~ The amount of money raised due to the Community Preservation Act.

Councilor Feltner requested the status of [requests related to trees](#) (removal, replacement, planting, pruning, planting) and the status of these requests.

Councilor Falkoff thanked the DPW for their efforts in [cleaning up the oil spill](#), and requested more information regarding how it happened and what was done to alleviate it.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Sideris announced that the School Building Committee would be meeting on August 15, 22, and 29. The topic on August 15 would be updated designs for the Cuniff and Lowell Schools; on August 22, the topic would be potential updated designs for the Hosmer School; and on August 29, the topic is open and with the possible discussion of mechanical engineering and HVAC issues.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Street – She stated that Watertown lacks any policy, ordinance, regulations, or Bio Safety Oversight Committee and would like to see these implemented to protect the residents of the community. Neighboring communities have these and Watertown needs to implement such oversight.

Libby Shaw – Stated that she was impressed with the work and diligence of the Victory Field Committee and their recommendations, especially as it relates to shade trees.

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 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, AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Statement Regarding BioTech Labs in Watertown – Item 5
2. Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting – June 26, 2018 – Item 6A
3. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting – June 26, 2018 – Item 6B
4. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting – July 10, 2018 – Item 6C
5. NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy – Nichols Avenue, Petition for a Grant of Location to Install Approximately 70 Feet of Conduit – Steve Magoon, Acting Town Manager, to Town Council – August 6, 2018 – Item 8A
6. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order (Various Departments Equipment) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 21, 2018 – Item 8B
7. Agenda Item – an Order Accepting 130 Arsenal Street/Pedestrian and Bicycle Easement and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Grant of Easements – Steve Magoon, Acting Town Manager – August 6, 2018 – Item 9
8. Ad Hoc Committee on Victory Field Phase 2 Final Report – Approved by the Committee on June 28, 2018 – Item 10A
9. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the Transportation Network Company Tax – July 31, 2018 – Item 10B
 - A. Memo on Potential Projects
 - B. Transportation Infrastructure Funds – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 28, 2018
10. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding Affordable Housing in Watertown – June 14, 2018 – Item 10C
ATTACHMENT - Watertown Housing Authority Operations Summary – Providing Affordable Housing Since 1948
11. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding Options for Public Participation in Government and Methods of Outreach to the Community – July 17, 2018 – Item 10D
ATTACHMENT – Presentation on Participation and Communications Planning – Watertown Town Council Committee on Media and Public Outreach – Tuesday, July 17, 2018

12. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding Salary Adjustments of the Town Council Clerk and the Town Auditor, and the Comparison of Town Council Salaries with Comparable Communities – July 30, 2018 – Item 10E
 - A. Town of Watertown – Employee Performance Review – Council Clerk (Form)
 - B. Town Auditor: Management Performance Evaluation (Form)
 - C. List of Town Council Salaries of Comparable Communities
13. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding the Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance – May 21, 2018 – Item 10F
 - A. Sign In Sheet
 - B. Recommended Changes to Current Plastic-Bag Ordinance from ReThink Plastic
14. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance – July 16, 2018 – Item 10G
 - A. Sign In Sheet
 - B. Updated July 2018: Worksheet for Changes to Current Plastic-Bag ordinance from ReThink Plastic, Watertown
 - C. Office of Attorney General Ruling – Lanesborough Annual Town Meeting of June 13, 2017 – Case #8570 – November 6, 2017
 - D. Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance with Suggested Amendments
15. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding Watertown Animal Control Ordinance – July 16, 2018 – Item 10H
 - A. Email Deborah Rosati – Director of Public Health – June 19, 2018
 - B. Chapter 91: Animals of Watertown Ordinances
 - C. Animal Control Ordinance with Suggested Amendments
16. Joint Meeting of the Committees on the Budget and Fiscal Oversight and of Human Services Report Regarding a Housing Choice Grant Application – July 24, 2018 – Item 10I
 - A. Housing Choice Grant Possible Projects – Steve Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning – July 24, 2018
 - B. Housing Choice Initiative Housing Choice Capital Grant Program Application
 - C. Housing Choice Grant Opportunity – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 22, 2018
17. Joint Meeting of the Committees on Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding Noise Ordinances – June 25, 2018 – Item 10J
 - A. Sign In Sheet
 - B. Draft Changes to Chapter 95: Noise Regulations
18. Requests for Information from
 - A. Councilor Kounelis Regarding the Policy of Refunding Monies for Services Requested and a Planting Strips Policy
 - B. Councilor Palomba Regarding the O’Neil Charities, Recycling, and the Community Preservation Act

- C. Councilor Feltner Regarding Requests for Tree Services and the Status of those Requests
- D. Councilor Falkoff Regarding the Recent Oil Spill on Main Street