



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, JANUARY 22, 2019 AT 7:15 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 7:15 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 Driscoll, Town Manager, and Mark Reich, Town Attorney.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Jonathan Kresch – 73 Salisbury Road – Raised [concerns about construction](#) being done in his neighborhood and how it is affecting his property rights.

Libby Shaw – 73 Templeton Parkway – Raised concerns how the Salisbury Street construction is affecting the urban forest of the neighborhood.

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

4. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. [Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes with one correction on page 10 by removing the words “Unknown – 100 Irving Street” and inserting in its place the words “Pribhu Hingorani – 124 Watertown Street”; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. [Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes with correction. On page 4, Item 8, the link for the Report of the Committees on Media and Public Outreach needed to be included and the supportive documentation to be added to the document listing; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris stated the Superintendent of Schools notified the School Committee that DLS was at the Watertown Middle School, reviewed the school's records, completed a visual inspection of the building, and found the school [complied with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Records Act \(AHERA\) requirements](#).

6. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of [Exercise Equipment from Mrs. Maureen Toscano](#)

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the gift of three TRX Pro 4 systems, one for each fire station, from Mrs. Maureen Toscano. 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.

B. First Reading and Referral to the Planning Board an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to [Clarify Limitations on the Size, Height, and Number of Stories in Accessory Structures in Residential Zones](#)

Mr. Magoon, Director of the Department of Community Planning and Development, provided background on the changes that were in response to the structure being built on Morse Street. The clarifications state that residential accessory buildings may

- ~ Not have a façade more than 30 feet long
- ~ Not be more than 12 feet high for a flat roof and not more than 18 feet high for a pitched roof
- ~ Not be more than one story
- ~ Not exceed the half-story definition if it has an attic.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the matter to the Planning Board; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Ad Hoc Committee on the [Community Preservation Committee Interviews Report](#) Regarding the Appointment of Members Requiring Town Council Confirmation – Mark Sideris – Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the Town Council Appoint Dennis Duff to the Community Preservation Committee for a One-Year Term that Expires on February 1, 2020
2. That the Town Council Appoint Elodia Thomas to the Community Preservation Committee for a Two-Year Term that Expires on February 1, 2021
3. That the Town Council Appoint Jonathan Bockian to the Community Preservation Committee for a Three-Year Term that Expires on February 1, 2022

President Sideris 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.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appoint Dennis Duff to the Community Preservation Committee for a one-year term that expires on February 1, 2020; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appoint Elodia Thomas to the Community Preservation Committee for a two-year term that expires on February 1, 2021; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appoint Jonathan Bockian to the Community Preservation Committee for a two-year term that expires on February 1, 2022; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding [Other Post-Employment Benefits \(OPEB\)](#) – Vincent Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the Town Council Approve An [Order Establishing the Watertown OPEB Trust Fund](#) by Adopting M.G.L. Chapter 32B Section 20; Designating the Treasurer as Trustee; and Approving the Use of M.G.L Chapter 203C, the *Massachusetts Prudent Investor Act*, to Invest Trust Funds
2. That Town Council Request the Administration to Develop an Investment Policy Statement for the OPEB Trust Fund, and Establish a Funding Plan to Address the Unfunded OPEB Liability.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council approve an [Order Establishing the Watertown OPEB Trust Fund](#) by adopting M.G.L. Chapter 32B Section 20; designating the Treasurer as Trustee; and approving the use of M.G.L Chapter 203C, the *Massachusetts Prudent Investor Act*, to invest trust funds; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council request the Administration to develop an Investment Policy Statement for the OPEB Trust Fund, and establish a funding plan to address the unfunded OPEB liability; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. Committee on Human Services Regarding the [Snow Removal Program](#) - 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 Personnel and Town Organization Regarding the [Salaries of the Town Council and the Town Auditor](#) – Caroline Bays, Chair

Councilor Bays read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The report contained three errors: Councilor Kounelis name should be added after the eighth bullet; the date of the hearing was Monday, November 26; and the adjournment time should be p.m. not p.n. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report with the three revisions; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- E. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding [Self-Service Gas Pumps](#) – Anthony Donato, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Full Town Council Hold a Public Hearing and Vote to Amend the Watertown Code of Ordinances Section 92.04 to Allow Self-Service Gasoline Pumps

Councilor Donato read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. Councilor Kounelis requested that there be written information regarding the process for allowing self-service gas pumps; President Sideris stated the Fire Department would provide the information when the Public Hearing is held. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris stated that the Action Item did not need to be taken up, as there is a process in place for the public hearing. He stated the hearing would be at a future date and the requested information would be added.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action on the Appointment of Mark Krackiewicz to the Community Preservation Committee for a One-Year Term that Expires on February 1, 2020

President Sideris stated that the CPC Interview Committee met with Mark Krackiewicz earlier in the evening. On a vote of 4-0, the Committee moved to appoint Mr. Krackiewicz to the Community Preservation Committee. President Sideris stated that a written report would be provided for the next meeting.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to appoint Mr. Krackiewicz to the Community Preservation Committee for a one-year term that expires on February 1, 2020; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris stated that the appointment would be confirmed at the next Town Council meeting.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll announced that a forum that would be presented at the Watertown Senior Center led by Marion Ryan regarding winter scams on Wednesday January 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

He further announced that the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program would be submitted to the Town Council by January 31, 2019.

10. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENTS

This item was inadvertently included. There being no relevant business, the item was passed over.

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

Councilor Feltner requested the [status of the effort of reducing the speed limit from 25 to 20 miles per hour](#). It was her understanding that World Tech was to make recommendations with the Town Engineer; however, she was not aware of any follow-up.

Councilor Piccirilli requested that the Department of Community Development and Planning work with the Schools to provide an update on the [number of children residing in multi-unit developments](#).

Councilor Falkoff stated that her requests from January 8, 2019 remain the same. She thanked those who responded to her request and asked for an [update for the remaining items that are highlighted on her list](#).

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kounelis provided a point of information regarding 71 Salisbury Road. The parties Ms. Shaw and Mr. Kresch met with the Building Inspector.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the public forum.

14. 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 8:12 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 _8_ for, _0_ against, _0_ present on February 14, 2019.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Public Forum Statement Regarding 71 Salisbury Road – Jonathan Kresch – Item 3
2. Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Town Council Meeting – Item 4A
3. Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting – Item 4B
4. Acceptance of a Gift of Tangible Personal Property (3 TRX Pro 4 Systems) from Mrs. Maureen Toscano – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – January 17, 2019 – Items 6A
5. Proposed Language for a Zoning Amendment Clarifying Limitations on the Size, Height, and Number of Stories in Accessory Structures in Residential Zones – January 17, 2019 – Item 6B
6. Ad Hoc Committee on Community Preservation Committee Interviews Report Regarding the Candidates - January 9, 2019 – Item 7A
 - ~ Community Preservation Committee Appointments – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – December 7, 2018
 - ~ Administration’s Interview Questions
7. Committee of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Report Regarding the Review of Options for an Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund – December 10, 2018 – Item 7B
 - ~ OPEB Trust Fund – Thomas Tracy, Town Auditor/Assistant Town Manager for Finance and Nancy Heffernan, Treasurer/Collector to Councilors Piccirilli, Kounelis, and Woodland and Michael Driscoll, Town Manager – December 7, 2018
 - ~ Adopting an OPEB Trust by Rockland Trust
 - ~ MGL Chapter 32B Section 20 Other Post-Employment Benefits liability Trust Fund
 - ~ MGL Chapter 203C Prudent Investor Act
 - ~ Sherman Actuarial Services Handout – Clients with OPEB Trust Funds
 - ~ Sherman Actuarial Services Handout – Example of Funding Schedule
 - ~ Page 47 of the October 9, 2018 Preliminary Budget Overview
8. An Order Establishing the Watertown OPEB Trust Fund – item 7B
9. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the Snow Removal Program – December 20, 2018 – Item 7C
 - ~ Town of Watertown Snow Removal Program 2018-2019
10. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding the Salaries of the Town Council and the Town Auditor – November 26, 2018 – Item 7D
11. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding Self-Service Gas Pumps – January 15, 2019 – Item 7E

- ~ Allow Self Service Gasoline Pumps – Steve Magoon, Director of Community Planning and Development, Assistant Town Manager, to the Town Council and Michael Driscoll, Town Manager – December 6, 2018
- ~ Current Chapter 92 – Fire Prevention of the Watertown Code of Ordinances
- ~ Proposed Changes – The Repeal of Section 92.04 Gasoline Pumps of Chapter 92 of the Watertown Code of Ordinances

12. Request for Information Regarding the Effort to Reduce Speed Limits from 25 to 20 Miles Per Hour – Councilor Feltner – Item 11
13. Request for Information Regarding the Number of Children Residing in Multi-Unit Developments – Piccirilli – Item 11
14. Request for Information Regarding the Items Left Open from Councilor Falkoff’s Previous Request – Councilor Falkoff – Item 11