



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, MAY 14, 2019 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 6:35 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, Joseph Fair, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

Executive Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)3 - To Discuss Strategy With Respect to Litigation if an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Litigating Position of the Town Council and the Chair so Declares

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

There being no speakers; President Sideris closed the Public Forum.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Town Council Meeting](#)

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

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No comments were made.

8. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

Acceptance of Proclamation [Dedicating a Memorial Square to Private First Class Paul James Gorman](#)

Mr. Driscoll made opening remarks. Patrick George, Veterans' Agent, stated that no area was named to honor PFC Gorman, a young man who died in the Vietnam War. Bonnie Gorman, sister of PFC Gorman, spoke of her brother's sacrifice. Councilor Piccirilli read the proclamation.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamation; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to move up Items 10A, 10B, and 10C up in the agenda; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$1,630 From the Costello Family for the Purpose of Awarding Scholarships to Assist Watertown families with [Tuition Costs of the Popular Youth Summer Camp, Camp Pequossette](#), Facilitated by the Recreation Department.

Mr. Driscoll provided some background on the gift. Peter Centola, Director of Recreation, spoke in favor of the resolution. Sean Costello, grandson of Philip Costello, spoke of his grandfather's many contributions to the Town – military service, teacher, coach, Director of Recreation, and founder of Camp Pequossette. Mr. Centola then asked for the Council's favorable consideration of the gift.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept and expend the gift of funds; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$182,950 From the Fiscal Year 2019 Debt Retirement Short Term Interest Account to the Transfer to Capital Projects – Police Mobile Data Account in Order to Move Forward with the [Replacement of the Mobile Data System](#)

Mr. Driscoll provided some background. Police Chief Michael Lawn stated that this would be seventeen computers for the patrol cars and one laptop. The station also has a computer aided dispatch system. The current problem

is with the ability of the computers and the dispatch system to talk to each other. There is a concern that the system will crash if there is another upgrade. If that were to happen, patrol officers would lose the ability to receive and transfer dispatch calls; communicate between cars; write reports in the car; run plates; and produce pictures for identification.

Mr. Driscoll stated that this item was slated for a loan order but because there were funds available from the debt service retirement fund, the purchase would be enabled. He requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli moved to transfer \$182,950; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$242,916 From the Fiscal Year 2019 Debt Retirement Short Term Interest Account to the Fiscal Year 2019 Transfer to Capital Projects – Library Doors Account in Order to Move Forward with the Replacement of the [Library's Sliding Doors](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the matter. Leone Cole, Library Director, stated that the current doors have been used more than 10,000,000 times based on a traffic of 35,000 visits per month over the life of the remodeled library. These doors were not designed for such traffic.

The library considered making the doors energy efficient and reducing the amount of cold and heat entering the building during the winter and the summer. The solution that was decided upon was to place two sets of swinging doors at each entrance with buttons for ADA access; to extend the rear vestibule to reduce the likelihood of both doors being open at the same time; to reduce the amount of cold or hot air coming in; and to add heating in the Circulation Desk area. Ms. Cole asked for the Council's favorable consideration.

Mr. Driscoll stated that this matter would be funded by short-term interest; therefore not needing to obtain a loan order.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$242,916; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. 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 \$12,441,016 under M.G.L. c. 44, §7(7) or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority for the Purpose of Paying [Costs of Designer Services](#) Related to the Design, Construction, Addition to and/or Renovation of Three Elementary Schools, Including the Payment of Costs Incidental or Related Thereto. 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 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 historic background on this project. Council President Sideris, speaking as the Chair of the School Building Committee, stated that the Committee began its work looking at renovations only and found that this did not provide for much and that portions of the building would be upgraded while others would not be improved. A new design approach was to consider building new schools and renovating the Lowell School as it is a historically significant building. This then allowed the Committee to commit to working on sustainable buildings with LEED Silver and above certifications. The Committee worked hard to alleviate the concerns of the neighborhoods and feels that the proposal will benefit the community. Mr. Sideris asked for the Council's favorable consideration of the Loan Order.

Mr. Scott Dunlap of AI3 [made a presentation](#) stating that the Committee wanted to help restore the neighborhoods, return more green space, create a better environment, make a commitment to education and learning, and establish a policy of sustainability of net zero. He displayed many renovation options considered for each school and then presented the desired designs.

The Cunniff School would be moved closer to Ridgelawn to create more greenspace, maintain parking and stormwater drainage, add large photovoltaic array for LEED gold standard for energy efficiency, and create an interior conducive to learning. The building's footprint will be reduced and will be a three story site with a better parking and circulation pattern.

The Hosmer plan was to place it to get the best site fit; to create the most green space, best circulation pattern, and parking conditions; and to establish the best conditions for learning. The building will have two entrances, one for the K-5 program and one for the Early Education program. A glass walkway and an outdoor courtyard below will join the two buildings. There will be learning gardens and outdoor learning courtyards; the existing playfields will have a better orientation; and the grounds will have more green space.

With the Lowell, the concept was to add the smallest addition while maintaining the educational program and add green space. There will be an outdoor learning courtyard between the addition and original façade. The addition will be a learning commons surrounded by classrooms.

Mr. Dunlap explained that the next step is to complete the design development. It will take about a year to complete the construction documents and be ready for bid. Construction will take approximately two years for the Hosmer School, one

year for the Cunniff School, and eighteen months for the Lowell School. The Committee is considering accelerating the construction with the goal of maintaining quality and a safe school environment.

Mr. Driscoll explained that the project would be funded within the operating budget (within the confines of Proposition 2 ½) with the full funding of the pension liability. He thanked Mr. Dunlap for his talented service; the School Building Committee for their tireless effort; the Town Council for their leadership; and the taxpayers for their support.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing.

John Portz – Chair, School Committee – He thanked the Town Manager for his assistance, the Town Council for their support; and the School Administration and the Community for their commitment to education.

Deanne Galdston – Superintendent of the Watertown Schools – She stated that one of the Schools’ objectives is to provide education in appropriate and joyful environments and these buildings will help achieve that. She also committed to the provision of high quality education services from her staff. Dr. Galdston thanked the Town Council and the Community for its commitment to education.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Loan Order for \$12,441,016; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

Minutes for the next three items may be found after Item 8.

- A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$1,630 From the Costello Family for the Purpose of Awarding Scholarships to Assist Watertown families with [Tuition Costs of the Popular Youth Summer Camp, Camp Pequossette](#), Facilitated by the Recreation Department.
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11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Human Services Regarding the [Reappointment of Richard Arnold to the Board of Health](#) for a Term to Expire on February 22, 2022 – Anthony Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Reappoint Richard Arnold to the Board of Health for Term to Expire on February 22, 2022

Councilor Palomba read the Committee Report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report with the date of expiration of Richard Arnold's term being revised to February 7, 2022; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to reappoint Richard Arnold to the Board of Health for a term to expire on February 7, 2022; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding [Liquor Licenses for Arsenal Yards and Their Related Fees](#) – Anthony Donato, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Request Fifteen Additional Liquor Licenses from the State Legislature

Councilor Donato read the Committee report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report with the revision in line 2 of the Agenda section by changing the number "2106" to "2016"; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved for the Town Council to request fifteen additional liquor licenses from the State Legislature; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, the following items were mentioned:

- Concern that too many licenses were being requested
- Concern that small businesses would be edged out and be forced to close their business
- Fifteen licenses are being requested and will be available in four areas and will be used for mostly restaurants and movie theaters
- Currently 6 of the 2016 additional licenses are yet to be distributed that are owned by the town and essentially leased to businesses
- Arsenal Yards is requesting 15 licenses – the six that are open plus nine new ones
- The Town is requesting 15 additional licenses to allow for further growth
- The Special Act of 2016 is being amended to increase the number and to cap the licenses at Arsenal Yards at 23

The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 7-2. All Councilors voted in the affirmative except for Councilors Falkoff and Kounelis.

- C. Committees on Public Works and Human Services Report Regarding [Parking and Access Issues to Filippello Park](#), Including the Area Known as “Glen Circle” – Vincent Piccirilli, Chair, Public Works and Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the Town Council Direct the Administration Close the Gate that Allows Access to Filippello Park from Glen Circle
2. That the Town Council Direct the Administration To Allow Winter Parking in the Grove Street Parking Lot, But Not in the Parking Spaces Along the Driveway
3. That the Town Council Make a Referral to the Committee on Public Works to Address Signage, Striping, Lighting, Stormwater, and Landscaping at the Glen Circle Parking Area
4. That the Town Council Ask the Traffic Commission to Look at the Possibility of Adding a Drop-Off/Pick-Up Location on Arlington Street for Filippello Park

Councilor Piccirilli read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. Councilor Falkoff moved to amend action item 4 by striking the word “possibility” to “advisability”; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The motion to accept the report was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council direct the Administration to close the gate that allows access to Filippello Park from Glen Circle; Councilor Kounelis seconded the motion.

The following discussion considered the following matters:

- The need for substantiated evidence for closing the gate
- That the decision was a solution to close the gate was done to satisfy neighbors
- A 1983 resolution was being violated by opening the gate
- That this was a solution to a safety problem
- That the inconvenience is slight

The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 7 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 1 present. All councilors voted in the affirmative, except for Councilor Woodland who voted in the negative and Councilor Feltner who voted present.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council direct the Administration to allow winter parking in the Grove Street Parking Lot, but not in the parking spaces along the driveway; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council make a referral to the Committee on Public Works to address signage, striping, lighting, stormwater, and landscaping at the Glen Circle Parking Area; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli moved that the Town Council ask the Traffic Commission to look at the advisability of adding a drop-off/pick-up location on Arlington Street for Filippello Park; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. After a brief discussion about the safety of Arlington Street as a pick-up/drop-off area, the motion was adopted on a voice vote of 8-1. All Councilors voted in the affirmative, except for Councilor Woodland who voted in the negative.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Request for Confirmation of Appointment and Reappointment to the Watertown Housing Authority

Mr. Driscoll asked for confirmation of the appointment of Patricia Santos, as Tenant Representative to the Watertown Housing Authority (WHA) for a term to expire on May 15, 2023 and the reappointment of Shannon Law to the WHA for a term to expire on May 15, 2024. The matter was referred to the Committee on Human Services.

He also mentioned that May 24, 2019 would begin the modified hours of the Administration Building and Senior Center with the schedule continuing until August 30, 2019. The Administration Building would be closed for Memorial Day and that the annual Memorial Day Parade would start at noon from Grove Street.

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

There were no requests for information.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the Public Forum.

17. 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 9:28 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 May 28, 2019.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Town Council Meeting – Item 6
2. Agenda Item – Acceptance of Proclamation Dedicating a Memorial Square to Private First Class Paul James Gorman – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – May 9, 2019 – Item 8
3. Agenda Item – Proposed Loan Order Re: a Contract for Designer Services for the Elementary School Building Projects for Design Development to Completion Phases – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – Item 9
4. Watertown Elementary Schools Building Project Design Watertown, Ai3 Architects, LLC to Town Council – May 14, 2019
5. Agenda Item – Acceptance of a Gift of Funds and Expenditure Re: \$1630 for Tuition to Camp Pequonette – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council - May 3, 2019 – Item 10 A
6. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Re: The Replacement of Police Mobile Data System – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – May 9, 2019 – Item 10B
7. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request Re: The Library’s Sliding Doors – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – May 9, 2019 – Item 10C
8. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the Reappointment of Richard Arnold to the Board of Health – May 14, 2019 – Item 11A
9. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Additional Liquor Licenses and Fees for Said Licenses – April 17, 2019 – Item 11B
 - ~ Letter Requesting Additional Licenses and Related Fees – William York, Gilman, McLaughlin & Hanrahan LLP, to Mark Sideris, Council President – November 30, 2018
 - ~ Letter Regarding the Types of Licenses Requested for Arsenal Yards – Andrew Copelotti, Principal, to Anthony Donato, Chair of Rules and Ordinances
 - ~ Revised Language to Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2016
10. Committees on Public Works and Human Services Report Re: Parking and Access Issues for the Glen Circle area Around Filippello Park – May 6, 2019 – Item 11C
 - ~ Sign – In sheet
 - ~ Photos of Parking Along Streets

11. Request for Confirmation – Appointment and Reappointment to the Watertown Housing Authority – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – May 9, 2019 – Item 13