



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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 AT 6:45 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 6:45 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, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:45 P.M.

To Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining with the DPW Union, Town Hall Associates Union, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, Police Supervisors Union, as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Town's Bargaining Position.

Councilor Piccirilli moved for the Town Council to meet in Executive Session; Councilor Feltner 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

Ruth Thomasian – 39 Townly Road – Thanked the Council for the gate at Merchant's Row and anyone involved with it, including the Traffic Commission and the DPW.

James Mello – 100 Warren Street – Suggested having a police detail at the new Orchard Street roundabout to assist users navigate it safely.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the [August 13, 2019 Town Council Meeting](#)

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the minutes with an amendment to Item 12D; the words “Public Works” should read “Economic Development and Planning”; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Sideris stated that on October 8, 2019, there would be a Preliminary Overview of the next Fiscal Year’s budget. State Senator Brownsberger, State Representatives Hecht and Lawn, all Department Heads, Library Trustees, and the School Committee have been invited to attend.

On September 17, 2019, the Town Council will have a Special Town Meeting to cover many items and Committee Reports that the Council has not been able to take up.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 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 \$4,080,875 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(7) or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority for the Purpose to Pay Costs of [Owner’s Project Management Services](#) Associated with the Design, Construction, Addition to and/or Renovation of Three Elementary Schools, Including the Payment of All 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. Chapter 44, Section 20, Thereby Reducing the Amount Authorized to Be Borrowed to Pay Such Costs by a Like Amount

Mr. Driscoll stated that the School Building Committee had selected Hill International Inc. of Needham, MA as the Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) and that they would assist the Town through design development, construction bid and award, and project close out

President Sideris, speaking as the Chair of the School Building Committee, stated the OPM would provide many services on behalf of the Town such as overseeing the architect and checking cost estimates.

Mr. Driscoll stated that the order would be funded through a one-year Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) and then the obligation would be rolled into the

school construction costs. If the services were in a separate loan order, it would need to be paid back in 5 years and present a large obligation to the Town; therefore, it would be easier to roll the remaining amount into the larger bonding. Using conservative estimates, the BAN would be at a 2.25% rate and the long-term interest rate would 4.50%.

President Sideris opened the Public Hearing; there being no speakers, he closed the hearing.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve a Loan Order authorizing the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$4,080,875 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(7) or pursuant to any other enabling authority for the purpose to pay costs of Owner's Project Management services associated with the design, construction, addition to and/or renovation of three elementary schools, including the payment of all 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. Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. 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 \$2,500,000 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or Any Other Enabling Authority to Pay Costs of [Street and Sidewalk Work](#), Including if Necessary, Convenient or Desirable, Underground Duct or Conduit Improvements, 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 M.G.L. 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 loan order. Mr. Mee, Superintendent of Public Works stated that the contract would be split in two – one would be for underground water line work and the other for the road construction. By doing this, the road construction piece might invite more contractors as it removes the specialized utility work from the contract. The utility work is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2019 and the roadwork will be rebid in December with an anticipated closure date

within FY 2020. Mr. Driscoll then stated the loan would be paid within 5 years.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve a Loan Order authorizing the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$2,500,000 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority to pay costs of street and sidewalk work, including if necessary, convenient or desirable, underground duct or conduit improvements, 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 M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. 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 \$1,100,000 Under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or Any Other Enabling Authority to Pay Costs of Purchasing and Equipping a New [Ladder Truck for the Use of the Fire Department](#), Including the Payment of All Other Costs Incidental or 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 M.G.L. 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. Fire Chief Quinn stated there is a need for a new truck to maximize safety and minimize risk of injury. With increased runs, there has been more stress made on the vehicles. NFPA standards have changed over 15 years and a new truck is needed to conform to these standards. While this truck is about 13 years old, it should be ordered now because it takes 13-14 months to complete.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve a Loan Order authorizing the town treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$1,100,000 Under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a new ladder truck for the use of the fire department, including the payment of all other costs incidental or 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 M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; Councilor Bays seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in Order to Fund an Agreement with the Library, AFSCME Council 93 Union Covering the Period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

Mr. Driscoll stated that the Library Union was the first of six unions to complete a three-year agreement with the Town. The contract would provide a 2% pay increase each year for employees; increase the salary for certain positions to remain competitive; and participate in the MBTA monthly pass program.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to transfer funds in the amount of \$41,325 to fund an agreement with the Library, AFSCME Council 93 Union covering the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of a [Gift of Funds in the Amount of \\$5,000 from Watertown Savings Bank](#) to Offset Expenses Related to the “Faire on the Square 2019.”

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the donation from the Watertown Savings Bank and asked for the Council’s favorable consideration.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of a gift of funds in the amount of \$5,000 from Watertown Savings Bank to offset expenses related to the “Faire on the Square 2019”; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a [Gift of Funds in the Amount of \\$1,000 from Digital Federal Credit Union for Veterans' Services](#).

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the donation from Digital Federal Credit Union. Mr. George, Veterans' Agent, stated the funds could be used to help support veterans who have special needs or concerns. Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of a gift of funds in the amount of \$1,000 from Digital Federal Credit Union for veterans' services; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$176,600 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Debt Retirement – Short Term Interest Account to the Fiscal Year 2020 Transfer to Capital Projects – [Fire Department Equipment](#) Account in order to move forward with the acquisition of the Second Set of Firefighter Protective Gear.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the transfer. Chief Quinn stated that cancer is a grave concern of firefighters and this is associated with fire ground exposure to contaminants. The work environment can be safer and healthier by having a second set of gear as the contaminated gear can be cleaned while firefighters are using clean gear. This practice will minimize firefighters' breathing in or absorbing contaminants. It will take about 2 months to receive as responders need to be measured for gear and then it must be manufactured.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$176,600 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Debt Retirement – Short Term Interest Account to the Fiscal Year 2020 Transfer to Capital Projects – Fire Department Equipment Account in order to move forward with the acquisition of the second set of firefighter protective gear; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- E. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$72,603 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Debt Retirement – Short Term Interest Account to the Fiscal Year 2020 Transfer to Capital Projects – [Public Buildings Vehicles](#) Account in Order to Move Forward with the Purchase of Two Maintenance Vehicles.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the transfer. Ms. Kabel, Director of the Public Buildings Department, stated that the transfer would allow for the replacement of a 2002 vehicle, which is costly to maintain, and the purchase of a vehicle that can carry large items for maintenance. This would bring her fleet up to 7 vehicles.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$72,603 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Debt Retirement – Short Term Interest Account to the Fiscal Year 2020 Transfer to Capital Projects – Public Buildings Vehicles Account in order to move forward with the purchase of two maintenance vehicles; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding [Recommendations for the 2020 Roads Program](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair

AGENDA ITEM:

That the Town Council Approve Proceeding with the 2020 Road Program as Presented

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

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion for the Town Council to approve proceeding with the 2020 Road Program as presented; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Committees of the Budget and Fiscal Oversight and Public Works Report Regarding [Policy Guidance for the 2019 Road Program](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair, Budget and Fiscal Oversight and Public Works

The Report was not read as it was taken up at the previous Town Council meeting.

- C. Committees on Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Report on [Noise Ordinance Revisions](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services and Anthony J. Donato, Chair, Rules and Ordinances

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

Referral to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning To Consider Staff Proposed Adjustments to the Town's Transportation Demand Management Regulations.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning the consideration of staff proposed adjustments to

the Town's Transportation Demand Management regulations; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Update on Public Private Partnership to Undertake [Renovations and Improvements at Arsenal Park](#)

Mr. Driscoll stated that the Public Private Partnership initiative to renovate Arsenal Park would not go forward due to the insistence of Boylston Properties that the Town pay a 5% management fee, which was never part of the negotiations. In addition, the Inspector General had reservations regarding the fee because the developer would be benefitting from the project at the expense of the Town. As a result, the Special Act to create the partnership will not go forward.

Mr. Driscoll also stated that there would be a 9/11 Remembrance at the Fire Department on Wednesday at 9:55 a.m. on Main Street to honor the fallen firefighters and victims of that day.

He also stated that September 28, 2019 would be the twentieth Faire on the Square celebration.

October 16, 2019 is the last day to register to vote to be eligible to participate in the Town elections.

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

There were no requests.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kounelis announced that her mother had recently celebrated her 101st Birthday.

Councilor Piccirilli announced that on Thursday, September 26, 2019, there would be a Community meeting in the Council Chamber to display plans for the development of a five-story apartment building on 166 Main Street, the former Tedeschi Market building.

Councilor Donato announced that the New Repertory Theatre was celebrating its 35th season and would like to thank the Community by providing a free ticket to residents for the 2019-2020 season (September – May). For more information, please see www.newrep.org.

Councilor Bays announced that the Watertown Free Public Library would be sponsoring a 5K Fun Run on Saturday, September 21, 2019 starting at 9:00 am. The run would be between Linear Park and Saltonstall Park. To register, contact the Library online.

Councilor Feltner announced that on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm, there would be a developer's meeting with the community regarding 85 Walnut Street, the former Doble Engineering building, on the third floor.

President Sideris reminded everyone to support the Farmers' Market on Wednesday.

15. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers for the public forum.

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 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 September 24, 2019.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 AT 6:45 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Town Council Meeting – Item 4
2. Additional Information – Proposed Loan (Elementary Schools Owner’s Project Manager) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 5, 2019 – Item 8A
3. Additional Information – Proposed Loan (Streets and Sidewalks) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 5, 2019 – Item 8B
4. Additional Information – Proposed Loan (Fire Department Ladder Truck)– Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council - September 5, 2019 – Item 8C
5. Agenda Item Transfer of Funds Request – Library, AFSCME, Council 93 Union – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 5, 2019 – Item 9A
6. Agenda Item – Approval of Gift Expenditure (Watertown Savings Bank – Faire on the Square”) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 5, 2019 – Item 9B
7. Agenda Item – Approval of Gift Expenditure (Direct Federal Credit Union – Veterans’ Benefits) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 5, 2019 –Item 9C
8. Transfer of Funds Request (Fire Department – Acquisition of Second Set of Firefighter Protective Gear) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 5, 2019 – Item 9D
9. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds (Vehicles for Public Buildings Department) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – September 5, 2019 0 – Item 9E
10. Report of the Committee on Public Works Regarding Recommendations for the 2020 Road Program – August 22, 2019 – Item 10A
Attachment: 2020 Road Program Presentation – Prepared by the Department of Public Works
11. Report of the Committees on Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Regarding Revisions to the Noise Ordinance – July 2, 2019 – Item 10C
 - Detailed Minutes of the Committee Meeting
 - Sign In Sheet – July 2, 2019
 - Draft Changes to Chapter 95: Noise Regulations – May 1, 2019 – Redlined
 - Draft Changes to Chapter 95: Noise Regulation – May 1, 2019 – Clean Version

12. Letter Regarding the Arsenal Park Development – Mark R. Reich, KP Law to Council President Sideris and Town Council Members – August 2, 2019 – Item 12