



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, DECEMBER 10, 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 6:30 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors 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. Councilor Caroline Bays was present at 6:32 p.m. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Attorney Mark Reich, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

- A. 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
- B. To Conduct Strategy Sessions in Preparation for Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel or to Conduct Collective Bargaining Sessions or Contract Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel – Town Manager, Michael J. Driscoll

Councilor Falkoff moved to enter into executive session 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 and to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel namely, Town Manager, Michael J. Driscoll; 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

David Cain – Stated that the property that was inappropriately taken by the Watertown Police has not yet been returned; now he demands that it be returned.

Liana Rice – A Junior at Watertown High School and Coordinator for the Trees for Watertown Teens – She stated that she and others spent six weeks, 20 hours/week, to plot the tree cover of Watertown and to align the data with current maps. They found that there are 4,236 trees in town and 4,340 empty potential sites for trees. There are 1,834 sites where there is no interference with asphalt, concrete, or wires. Of these feasible sites, 1,700 are in planting strips. She urged the town to hire a tree warden, set aside more funds for trees, and educate the community on the need for trees.

Libby Shaw – 73 Templeton Parkway – Stated that there is a need to hire a Tree Warden soon and that a requirement for the skill of public outreach needs to be included in the job skill set, but has not yet been done.

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

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Town Council Meeting](#)

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

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report from the President

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

A. Proclamation Honoring the Work of Library Trustee [Timothy Tracy](#)

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

B. Proclamation Honoring the Work of [Penny Peoples](#)

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

C. Proclamation Honoring the Work of [Councilor Susan G. Falkoff](#)

President Sideris read the Proclamation. Councilor Falkoff thanked the members for making her term a pleasant one.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the Proclamation; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. During the discussion that followed, Councilors praised Councilor Falkoff's sense of humor and wit; dedication to the community; humble service; diligence; dedication to the Town's needs; leadership; guidance; and friendship.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location by National Grid to Install and Maintain a 6-Inch Prefabricated Regulator with Approximately 100 Feet of 16-Inch Gas Main and Approximately 140 Feet of 12-Inch Gas Main in Belmont Street (Abutting Saint Patrick's Cemetery) Near the Intersection of Duff Street, All of Which to Replace and Remove the Existing Regulator in the Intersection of [Duff Street and Belmont Street](#)

Barbara Kelleher, representing National Grid, stated that this change would upgrade the regulator. President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, he closed the public hearing.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the grant of location by National Grid to install and maintain a 6-inch prefabricated regulator with approximately 100 feet of 16-inch gas main and approximately 140 feet of 12-inch gas main in Belmont Street (abutting Saint Patrick's Cemetery) near the intersection of Duff Street, all of which to replace and remove the existing regulator in the intersection of Duff Street and Belmont Street; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location from Comcast Cable, Inc. to Install 2x4 – Inch Conduits Starting at Utility Pole 47 Crossing Pleasant Street as Shown on SOW 60-Feet to Rear of Sidewalk Located on Private Property at 350 Pleasant Street, Continue on Private Property (Behind Sidewalk) Toward 330 Pleasant Street and Place a 24 x 36 – Inch Vault on Private Property to [Feed Buildings 350 and 330 Pleasant Street, Watertown](#)

Manny Furtado, representing Comcast, provided background on the request. President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve a grant of location from Comcast Cable, Inc. to Install 2x4 – inch conduits starting at utility pole 47 crossing

Pleasant Street as shown on SOW 60-Feet to rear of sidewalk located on private property at 350 Pleasant Street, continue on private property (behind sidewalk) toward 330 Pleasant Street and place a 24 x 36 – inch vault on private property to feed buildings 350 and 330 Pleasant Street, Watertown; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to Install 51 Feet of Conduit in Pleasant Street, Southerly from Pole 16/48, Approximately 416 Feet West of Waltham Street, a Distance of 51 ± Feet – [Conduit to Provide Underground Electric to 330 Pleasant Street.](#)

Maureen Carroll, representing Eversource, provided background. President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve a grant of location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to install 51 feet of conduit in Pleasant Street, southerly from Pole 16/48, approximately 416 feet west of Waltham Street, a distance of 51 ± Feet – Conduit to Provide Underground Electric to 330 Pleasant Street subject to the following conditions:

1. The petition shows the reason for this work is to provide service to 330 Pleasant St, and it shall be amended to show it providing service to 350 Pleasant St instead
2. The underground conduit from pole 16/48 shall not terminate on the property of 360 Pleasant St as shown in the drawing submitted with the petition; it shall run easterly and terminate on the property of 350 Pleasant St in front of the new pad-mounted transformer.
3. To run this extra distance, the length of the conduit will be longer than the +/- 51 feet shown in the petition, and the exact length and routing of the conduit shall be determined by the Department of Public Works.
4. The pole 16/48 is marked with an X indicating it will be replaced by Verizon; if that is true, this petition is subject to the condition that the underground conduit may be installed on the new pole, but cables run in the conduit shall not be connected to the primary conductors until all remnants of the old pole are removed, and that Eversource shall coordinate with Verizon and other attachment entities to make this occur.

Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- D. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to Install 119 Feet

of [Conduit in Pleasant Street](#), Southerly from Pole 16/45, Thence Turning Northeasterly, Approximately 104 Feet Southwest of Waltham Street, a Distance of 119 ± Feet – Conduit

Maureen Carroll, representing Eversource, provided background. President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve a grant of location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to install 119 feet of Conduit in Pleasant Street, Southerly from Pole 16/45, thence turning northeasterly, approximately 104 feet southwest of Waltham Street, a distance of 119 ± feet – conduit; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- E. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to Install Northwesterly from pole 16/46, approximately 220 feet Southwest of Waltham Street, a distance of 9 feet ± of [conduit to provide underground electric service to 385 Pleasant Street](#)

Maureen Carroll, representing Eversource, provided background. President Sideris opened the public hearing; there being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve a grant of location from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to install Northwesterly from pole 16/46, approximately 220 feet Southwest of Waltham Street, a distance of 9 feet ± of conduit to provide underground electric service to 385 Pleasant Street subject to the condition that as Pole 16/46 is a double pole, the underground conduit may be installed on the new pole, but cables run in the conduit shall not be connected to the primary conductors until all remnants of the old pole are removed, and that Eversource shall coordinate with Verizon and other attachment entities to make this occur; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- F. Public Hearing and Vote on Amending the [Town Manager's Compensation](#)

President Sideris provided background on the change in compensation. Councilor Falkoff moved to adopt the ordinance amending the Town Manager's Compensation; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. After some discussion regarding the need for a successor agreement with the Town Manager, the motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Falkoff moved to bring forward for consideration a successor agreement between the Town of Watertown and Michael J. Driscoll by

February 28, 2020; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance Amending Title IX of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, Business Regulations, Chapter 116, [Bring Your Own Bottle Regulations](#), §116.03, General Rules, by Reducing the Cost of the Required Permit from \$1,000 to \$300

Mr. Driscoll provided background on the matter and stated that it would be discussed at the January 14, 2020 Town Council Meeting.

- B. Announcement and Ratification of Vote Regarding 321 Arsenal Street, Mosesian Center for the Arts

Councilor Piccirilli recused himself from the discussion of this matter. President Sideris explained that at the previous executive session, the Council discussed the extension of the lease at Building 312, and that they authorized an amendment to the sublease in section 4.2 for the single exercise of the Tenant's right to extend the term for a total allowed period of 40 years. The extension would begin on March 1, 2022.

Councilor Falkoff moved to ratify the amendment of sublease section 4.2 of the Tenant's right to extend the term of the sublease for the total allowed period of 40 years and to approve the such extension period to start on March 1, 2022 and to direct the Town Attorney to prepare an amendment for signatures by the parties; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote of 8-0; Councilor Piccirilli having recused himself from the discussion.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on [Public Safety Report](#) Regarding the Review of the Public Safety Study and the Management and Operations Study of the Police Department – Lisa J. Feltner – Chair

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

- B. Committees on Human Services and Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding the [Noise Regulation Ordinance](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services; Anthony J. Donato, Chair, Rules and Ordinances

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

- C. Committees on Public Works and Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding the Development of an Ordinance and Regulations for [Small Wireless Facilities Located in the Public Right of Way](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair, Public Works, Anthony J. Donato, Chair, Rules and Ordinances

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Town Council.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Request for Confirmation of Appointments and Reappointments to the Historic District Commission

Mr. Driscoll stated there were three new appointees and two reappointees. The appointees are Robert Bloomberg (term expires November 15, 2020); James Bensinger (term expires November 15, 2021); and Greg Whyte (term expires November 15, 2021). The reappointees are Harvey Steiner (term expires November 15, 2022) and Linda Sternberg (term expires November 15, 2022). Under Town Council Rules, the matter will be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Driscoll stated that on December 24, the Administration Building would be closed at noon and closed on December 25 for the Christmas holiday. The building would be closed at noon on December 31 and closed on January 1, New Year's Day.

He also thanked the Council for the amendment to his compensation and continued to look forward to working with them.

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

There were no requests for information.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Bays announced that on Thursday, December 11, 2019, the Anti-Bias Coalition would be holding a seminar "Let's Talk Equity: Identity and Race" at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Watertown High School Cafeteria.

Councilor Feltner announced that on Thursday, December 11, 2019, the Planning Board would be holding its hearing on 85 Walnut Street in the Council Chamber.

President Sideris stated that a Library Trustee would be moving from town and that the Council would need to take up the question of replacing the Trustee in the next Town Council meeting.

He also announced that the Inauguration would take place on January 2, 2020.

16. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers at the public forum.

17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

President Sideris requested a moment of silence in memory of Councilor Palomba's sister.

Councilor Feltner moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 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 January 14, 2020.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Town Council Meeting – Item 6
2. Proclamation Honoring the Work of Library Trustee Timothy Tracy – December 12, 2019 – Item 8A
3. Proclamation Honoring the Work of Penny Peoples – December 12, 2019 – Item 8B
4. Proclamation Honoring the Work of Councilor Susan G. Falkoff – December 12, 2019 – Item 8C
5. Grant of Location for National Grid to Install a Gas Main in Belmont Street at the Intersection of Duff Street – Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, to Steve Magoon, Planning Director – November 18, 2019 – Item 9A
6. Grant of Location for Comcast at 330 Pleasant Street to Feed Buildings 350 and 330 Pleasant Street – Gerald S. Mee, Jr. Superintendent of Public Works, to Steve Magoon, Planning Director – November 12, 2019 – Item 9B
7. Grant of Location for NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to Install Conduit to 330 Pleasant Street – WO #2307256 Pole 16/48 – Gerald S. Mee, Superintendent of Public Works, to Steve Magoon, Planning Director – November 8, 2019 – Item 9C
8. Grant of Location for NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY to Install Conduit in Pleasant Street to Provide Underground Electric to 330 Pleasant Street WO #2307256 Pole 16/45 – Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, to Steve Magoon, Planning Director – November 8, 2019 – Item 9D
9. Grant of Location for NSTAR ELECTIC COMPANY dba EVERSOURCE ENERGY TO Install Conduit to Provide Underground Electricity to 385 Pleasant Street Revised - Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, to Steve Magoon, Planning Director – November 15, 2019 – Item 9E
10. Ordinance Amending the Town Manager’s Compensation – Item 9F
11. Ordinance Amending the “Bring Your Own Bottle Regulations” Ordinance by Reducing the Required Permit Fee – Item 10A

12. Committee of Public Safety Report Regarding the Review of the Public Safety and the Management and Operations Study of the Police Department – December 3, 2019 – Item 11A
ATTACHMENTS:
- Management and Operations Study of the Fire Department, Town of Watertown, Massachusetts – matrix consulting group – April 2012
 - Management and Operations Study of the Police Department, Town of Watertown, Massachusetts – matrix consulting group – April 2012
 - Committee of Public Safety Report Discussing a Strategy for Analyzing the Recommendations – May 15, 2012
 - Committee of Public Safety Report and Table of Recommendations for the Fire Department – February 18, 2014, March 18, 2014, April 28, 2014, and June 12, 2014
 - Committee of Public Safety Draft Report and Table of Recommendation for the Police Department – August 11, 2014, September 16, 2014, and October 7, 2014
13. Committees on Rules and Ordinance and Human Services Report Regarding the Continued Discussion on Noise Regulations – September 12, 2019 – Item 11B
- Sign-In Sheet
 - Draft Changes to Chapter 95: Noise Regulations – August 9, 2019
14. Committees on Public Works and Rules and Ordinances Regarding An Ordinance and Regulation of Small Wireless Facilities in the Public right of Way – December 10, 2019 – Item 11C
- Minutes and Attachments from March 19, 2019
 - Minutes and Attachments from April 30, 2019
 - Minutes and Attachments from June 20, 2019
15. Request for Confirmation – Appointments and Reappointments to the Historic District Commission – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – December 5, 2019 – Item 13