



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

John G. Gannon,
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, FEBRUARY 25, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.
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
3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:15 P.M.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. PUBLIC FORUM
6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Town Council Meeting
7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
 - A. Re-Establish the Committee on Media and Public Outreach with the Previous Members.
 - B. Referral to the Committee on Media and Public Outreach: The Establishment of a Protocol to Create a Monthly, or if Not Monthly at Least Quarterly, Town Council Newsletter and Determine How it Can Be Distributed to the Community
8. 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 \$2,500,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or any Other Enabling Authority to Pay Costs of Constructing, Reconstructing, Paving, Repairing or Otherwise [Improving Streets and](#)

[Sidewalks](#), Including if Necessary, Convenient or Desirable Improving Underground Ducts and Conduits and Paying All Other Costs Incidental and Related to Such 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 Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, Thereby Reducing the Amount Authorized to be Borrowed to Pay Such Costs by a Like Amount

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Consideration and Action on a Proposed [Third Amendment to the Service Agreement for Waste Disposal with Wheelabrator](#) for an Extended Term from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025
- B. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in an Amount of \$5,359.10 Which Will Be Used to Purchase Two Pieces of [Equipment for the Watertown Police Department's Fitness Center](#).
- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer to Fund [Salary Adjustments for Three Non-Union Confidential Employees](#) Covering the Period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022
- D. First Reading Setting the [Compensation of the Clerk of the Town Council](#)
- E. First Reading on a Proposed Ordinance to [Modify Hours of Operation of the Administration Building and Senior Center](#)

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding [Confirmations to the Watertown Historic District](#) – Kenneth Woodland, Chair
ACTION ITEMS:
 - 1) That the Town Council Confirm Linda Sternberg for Reappointment to the Historic District Commission for a Term to Expire on November 15, 2022
 - 2) That the Town Council Confirm James Bensinger for Appointment to the Historic District Commission for a Term to Expire on November 15, 2021
- B. Committee on Rules and Ordinances Report Regarding [Veterans Tax Exemption and Town Council Rules Review](#) – Anthony J. Donato, Chair
ACTION ITEMS:
 - 1) That the Town Council Adopt Clause 22G of MGL Chapter 59 Section 5 Concerning Veteran Exemptions

- 2) That the Town Council Adopt the Revised Town Council Rules with the Recommendations Outlined by the Committee

11. NEW BUSINESS

Referral to the Economic Planning and Development Committee to consider and make recommendations on updating or amending the Comprehensive Plan and to suggest strategies on how to fulfill them

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

- A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health
- B. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Conservation Commission
- C. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Planning Board
- D. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- E. Request for Confirmation of Reappointments to the Community Preservation Committee

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

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. PUBLIC FORUM

16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT