



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
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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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 AT 6:15 P.M. MEETING WILL ONLY HAVE REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION WITH PUBLIC ACCESS AGENDA

The Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown held a public meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. in accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 COVID-19 emergency and to avoid group congregation, this meeting had only remote opportunities for participation with public access provided as follows:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. The meeting was televised through WCATV (Watertown Cable Access Television):
<https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/#/watertown/video/5f490e6f9e1d640008a803ae?page=HOME&type=live>
- B. The Public was able to join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/92991331344>
- C. Public was able to join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free) and enter Webinar ID: 929 9133 1344 #
- D. Public was able to comment through email: vpiccirilli@watertown-ma.gov

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- 1. ROLL CALL
 - 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 p.m.
To discuss strategy with respect to litigation – Workers' Compensation Claim
 - 3. RETURN TO SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
 - 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - 5. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Proclamation Regarding [Older Americans Month 2021](#)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location from NTSAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY to Install Installation in Irving Street, Northerly from Pole 78114A, a Distance of Approximately 18+/- Feet. The Reason for the Proposed Work is to Provide [Permanent Electrical Service to 101 North Beacon Street Development](#). Upon Completion of the Department of Public Work's Review, Said Work Is Subject to the Recommendations and Conditions Listed in the Attached Document and Are Being Submitted for Consideration by the Town Council Should the Grant of Location be Approved for This Application
- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition for a Grant of Location from Verizon for the Installation of One (1) JO Pole, P.14A, on the Westerly Side of Irving Street at a Point Approximately 20-feet Southerly from Existing Pole, P.14 and Said Point Also Approximately 108-feet Northerly from Existing Pole, P.15. The Reason for the Proposed Work is [to Provide Utility Services to 101 North Beacon Street](#). Upon Completion of the Department of Public Works Review, Said Work Is Subject to the Recommendations and Conditions Listed in the Attached Document and Are Being Submitted for Consideration by the Town Council Should the Grant of Location be Approved for This Application

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$1,050,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the Costs of [Sewer System Improvements at Various Locations](#) Throughout the Town, and for the Payment of All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto. Any Borrowing Pursuant to this Order May Be Obtained through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Infiltration and Inflow Local Assistance Program and in Connection Therewith to Enter into a Loan Agreement and/or Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority and Otherwise to Contract with the Authority with Respect to Such Loan and for Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof; that the Town Manager is Authorized to Accept and Expend Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof, Provided That the Amount of the Authorized Borrowing for the Project Shall be Reduced by the Amount of Any Such Grants or Aid Received; and That Any Premium

Received Upon the Sale of Any Bonds or Notes Approved by this Order, 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 Order 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.

- B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$500,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(5) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the Costs of [Water System Improvements at Various Locations](#) Throughout the Town, and for the Payment of All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto. Any Borrowing Pursuant to this Order May Be Obtained Through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Local Water Service Assistance Program and in Connection Therewith to Enter into a Loan Agreement and/or Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority and Otherwise to Contract with the Authority with Respect to Such Loan and for Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof; that the Town Manager is Authorized to Accept and Expend Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof, Provided that the Amount of the Authorized Borrowing for the Project Shall Be Reduced by the Amount of Any Such Grants or Aid Received; and that Any Premium Received upon the Sale of Any Bonds or Notes Approved by this Order, 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 Order 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.
- C. Public Hearing and Vote on a Proposed Order Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount \$600,000 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor for the Costs of [Replacing Lead Pipes that Connect Service Lines to Water Mains](#), Including All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto. Any Borrowing Pursuant to this Order May Be Obtained Through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Lead Service Line Replacement Program and in Connection Therewith to Enter into a Loan Agreement and/or Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority and Otherwise to Contract with the Authority with Respect to Such Loan and for Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or for the Financing Thereof; that the Town Manager is Authorized to Accept and Expend Any Grants or Aid Available for the Project or For the Financing Thereof, Provided that the Amount of the Authorized Borrowing for the Project Shall Be Reduced by the Amount of Any Such Grants or Aid Received; and that Any Premium Received Upon the Sale of Any Bonds or Notes Approved by

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- D. Public Hearing and Vote on an [Ordinance Amending the Town Auditor's Salary](#)
- E. Public Hearing and Vote on an [Ordinance Amending the Town Council Clerk's Salary](#)
- F. Public Hearing and Vote on a [Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget](#)

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

Consideration and Action on a Proposed Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Cambridge Related to [Replacement of Sidewalks on Belmont Street that are Located in Watertown.](#)

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Ad Hoc Committee on District D Councilor Vacancy Report Regarding the [Process for Selection to Fill the District D Vacancy](#) – Anthony J. Donato, Chair
- B. Committee on Human Services Report Regarding the [Department of Public Health Needs](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair
- C. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding a [Town Council Newsletter, Kitchen Table Conversations, and Changes to the Town Council Website Page](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. That the Town Council Create a Quarterly Newsletter Which Will Include Information on Town Councilors, a Calendar, a Message from the President, Updates About Council Business, Information About Town and Town Council Functions and a Related Link, in Coordination with The Town Council Clerk and the IT Department with the Goal of Publishing the First Edition in January of 2022.
- 2. That the Town Council Approve a Request to the IT Department, Via the Town Council President, to Work with the Town Council Clerk to Update the Town Council's page on the Town's Website in the following way: Include Town Councilors' Photos with Short Biographies, Council Committees and Assignments with Links to Committee Agendas, Minutes, and Active Referrals by Year, Council Orders, Resolutions, and Proclamations, Links to Ordinances and Regulations, and List of Council Actions.

D. Committee on Public Safety Report Regarding [Current Operations and Services Provided by the Watertown Police Department](#) as of March 12, 2021 – Lisa J. Feltner, Chair

E. Committee on Public Safety Report Regarding [Current Operations and Services Provided by the Watertown Police Department](#) as of April 22, 2021– Lisa J. Feltner, Chair

F. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding [Recycling](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the Town Council Requests the Administration to Investigate Implementing a No-Cost “Simple Recycling” Program, or a Program by a Similar Vendor, and Report Back to the Town Council on its Feasibility and Potential Timeline
2. That the Town Council Requests the Administration Conduct a Recycling Survey of Capacity Per Toter to Help Determine a need for Weekly Recycling Pickup, and Report Back to the Public Works Committee for Analysis of the Data

G. Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government Report Regarding the [Appointment of Jonathan Hecht to the Board of Election Commissioners](#) for a Term to Expire on April 1, 2025 – Angeline B. Kounelis, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Confirm Jonathan Hecht for Appointment to the Board of Election Commissioners for a Term to Expire on April 1, 2025

H. Committees on Economic Development and Planning and Human Services Report Regarding a [Housing Trust](#) – Lisa J. Feltner, Vice-Chair, Economic Development and Planning, Anthony Palomba, Chair, Human Services

I. Committees on Public Works and Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding the [Community Path and the Resolution Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair, Public Works, Anthony Palomba, Chair Human Services

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the Committees recommend that the Town Council endorse moving ahead with the preferred Arsenal Street option (Option 3) for the Community Path, and also ask the Department of Community Development and Planning to look at future options to create an off-road solution.

2. That the Committees recommend that the Full Town Council adopt the Resolution Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency as amended by the Committees.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

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

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. PUBLIC FORUM

17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT