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Watertown Town Council

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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, OCTOBER 12, 2021 AT 6:15 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 149 MAIN STREET

AGENDA

The public is invited to attend the meeting in the Richard E Mastrangelo Council Chamber or participate remotely using any of the public access methods listed below:

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

1. ROLL CALL
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 P.M.
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 – Stanley Avenue – Parcel 807 1B 1A
3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. PUBLIC FORUM
6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2021

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

First Reading and Referral to the Planning Board for Public Hearing an Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to Create a Definition of Firearm Business, and Amend the Table [of Permissible Uses to Include Firearms Business](#), and Create Regulations Specific to This Use

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 \$1,250,000 Under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1B, or Pursuant to 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

10. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading 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 \$4,733,900 Under and Pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §8(6), or Pursuant to Any Other Enabling Authority, to Pay the Costs of [Purchasing and Installing New Water Meters](#), Including All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto; and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor; 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. First Reading on a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding Policy Guidance on Possible Regulations and Zoning Rules for [Firearms Businesses, July 13, 2021](#) and [August 9, 2021](#) – Lisa J. Feltner, Vice-Chair
ACTION ITEM:

That the Town Council Move Forward with Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as Presented to the Committee in the Attachment to the Minutes

of August 9, 2021 and Further to Ask the Town Attorney to Clarify State and Federal Law as Its Application to the Proposed Zoning Amendment as well as the Selling of Antique Guns

B. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding a [Communication Plan As It Relates to the Proposed Charter Recommendations](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

C. Committee on Personnel and Town Organization Report Regarding [Equity in Watertown's Workforce](#) – Caroline Bays, Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

1. That the Town Council Vote to Go Forward with Hiring a Management Consultant to Review the Structural Operations of the Personnel Department and to Make Recommendations for Improvements
2. That the Town Council request the Town Manager to Direct the Personnel Department to Use the MAPC List in Filling Job Vacancies and to Otherwise Broaden the Search to Find More Opportunities to Expand the Diversity of the Town's Workforce.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

A. Request for Confirmation of Appointments to the Public Arts & Culture Committee.

B. Preliminary Budget Overview for Fiscal Year 2023.

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

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. PUBLIC FORUM

17. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT