



## Watertown Town Council

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### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris  
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett  
Vice President

John A. Donohue  
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff  
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba  
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis  
District A Councilor

Cecilia Lenk  
District B Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.  
District C Councilor

John J. Lawn, Jr.  
District D Councilor

Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 13, 2010 – 6:30 PM\*  
Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber  
Administration Building

### ADOPTED MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm, in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Joe Fair and Council Clerk Valerie Papas were present. Councilors John Lawn and Stephen Corbett arrived during the executive session. Councilor Lenk was absent.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 PM\***
  - a) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining:  
Councilor Piccirilli moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as discussing the matter in open session may have a detrimental effect on the subject matter, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by a roll call vote with Councilors Donohue, Falkoff, Palomba, Kounelis, Piccirilli and Council President Sideris voting in the affirmative.
3. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – 7:15 PM**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** [June 22, 2010](#) Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Corbett and adopted by voice vote.

Councilor Corbett moved to Suspend the Rules in order to bring forward agenda item 9A, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote. a) Acceptance of Proclamation honoring [Dolores Grandinetti](#) upon her retirement – Stephen P. Corbett.

Councilor Corbett read and presented the proclamation. Ms. Grandinetti thanked the Council for the honor and stated that she enjoyed her tenure with the Town.

6. PUBLIC FORUM: None noted.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

a) Committee on Public Works [report](#) on the implementation of a community path, driveway permits and a recycling center – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. Councilors Falkoff and Piccirilli read the report. The report made note of a discussion regarding adoption of a community path study as presented by Tufts University graduate students. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Town Council the adoption of the study and conceptual route as outlined in the report. Driveway permits were discussed as it relates to concerns that driveways are being enlarged without permits. An educational pamphlet will be distributed to contractors by the Public Works Department. The hiring of an inspector was discussed and whether or not hiring one would make sense for the town. The status of a recycling center was discussed with future input from the Town Council needed. An improved sign will be placed at the current center regarding illegal dumping. Vice President Corbett moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by voice vote.

Councilor Falkoff moved to adopt the conceptual route as presented by the Tufts University graduate students and amended to include Acton Street, Rosedale Road, and Waltham Street as a possible alternative to the Howard Street route, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by voice vote. Councilor Falkoff moved to refer to the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Committee the question of whether the hiring of an inspector would make sense for the town, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by voice vote.

b) Committee on Rules and Ordinances report on Council Rules – Anthony Palomba, Chair. Councilor Palomba indicated that a report will be placed on August agenda.

c) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) and action on the [appointment](#) of Ms. Linda Barletta to the Planning Board – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the committee report and noted that the Committee met on June 29<sup>th</sup> to interview Ms. Tuttle-Barletta for appointment to the Planning Board. Ms. Barletta had previously served in this position. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend her appointment to the full Council. Councilor Falkoff moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by voice vote. Vice President Corbett moved the appointment of Linda Tuttle Barletta, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote.

8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

a) Informational Presentation on State and Local Affairs – Jonathan Hecht, State Representative. POSTPONED.

b) [Informational Presentation](#) on the Town's efforts to date in the creation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan - James Freas and Martin Pillsbury, Regional Planner, Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Fire Chief Mario Orangio was also present to answer any questions. In summary, the plan is a regional effort to address natural disasters. The plan will be submitted to NEMA and FEMA for which they will issue a conditional approval; followed by approval and adoption by the Town Council. It was further noted that adoption of the plan is required in connection with any application by the Town in seeking Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds. The plan was paid for in part from a 75% grant from FEMA and 25% from the Town.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) Acceptance of Proclamation honoring [Dolores Grandinetti](#) upon her retirement – Stephen P. Corbett. PREVIOUSLY VOTED.

b) [First Reading](#) and referral to the Planning Board on a proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance related to the Green Communities Act. Planning Director Steven Magoon provided a brief overview of the amendment. In summary, Mr. Magoon noted that the town is proposing to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for certain uses to be permitted by right which is a requirement of becoming a Green Community and being eligible for grant funding through the State. The amendment creates uses that are associated with renewable energy research and development or manufacturing that will be permitted by right. Councilor Falkoff moved to refer the proposed amendment to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by voice vote.

c) Resolution authorizing a [transfer of funds](#) in the amount of \$35,342 from the Fiscal Year 2010 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2010 Retirement Appropriation Account. In summary, the Manager stated that the Retirement Board has sent correspondence regarding the provisions of the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32 as it relates to employees called to active duty by the Armed Forces of the United States. The transfer would fund the account for those employees who have been called to active duty in the armed forces for the period of FY07-FY10. Vice President Corbett moved the transfer, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by an 8-0 roll call vote, with Councilors Corbett, Donohue, Falkoff, Palomba, Kounelis, Piccirilli, Lawn and Sideris voting in favor.

d) Resolution authorizing a [transfer of funds](#) in the amount of \$4,901 from the Fiscal Year 2010 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2010 Town Assessor Full-time Salaries Account. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided an overview of the resolution. The transfer would fund 14.5 vacation days due to the Town Assessor who resigned on June 30, 2010. Councilor

Falkoff moved the transfer, seconded by Kounelis and adopted by an 8-0 roll call vote with Councilors Corbett, Donohue, Falkoff, Palomba, Kounelis, Piccirilli, Lawn and Sideris voting in favor.

e) Resolution authorizing a [transfer of funds](#) in the amount of \$397,295 from the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Public Works Cemetery and Parks Improvements and Equipment Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2010 Transfer to Capital Projects Fund. It was noted that the cemetery funds will be used for road removal/improvements within Ridgelawn Cemetery in order to provide additional grave space. Other funds will be used for Turf Improvements at multiple locations throughout the town due to heavy use and fence improvements within Town parks. Councilor Palomba moved the transfer, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by an 8-0 roll call vote with Councilors Corbett, Donohue, Falkoff, Palomba, Kounelis, Piccirilli, Lawn and Sideris voting in favor.

f) Resolution authorizing a [transfer](#) of \$145,350 from the Fiscal year 2011 Police Overtime and Town Council Reserve Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2011 Police Career Incentive Account in order to fund an Agreement with the Police Supervisors Association covering the period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013. The Town Manager provided an overview of the agreement. It was noted that the agreement included 0% increases for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and 2.5% increases for fiscal years 2012 and 2013; along with a replaced Article 4, Section A, Quinn Bill/Education Incentive as outlined in the Agreement. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, seconded by Councilor Kounelis. The transfer was adopted by a 6-0 roll call vote, with Councilors Donohue and Lawn recusing themselves from the vote and Councilors Corbett, Falkoff, Palomba, Kounelis, Piccirilli, and Sideris voting in favor.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Sideris indicated that a suggestion was made to him that the Town Council have a table at the Fair on the Square in order to meet with constituents. Councilors will contact the President if they wish to participate.

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Update on [double poles](#) The Town Manager summarized documents and emails related to double poles in town and the follow up that resulted in a list of 6 action items. A progress report will be provided by August 13<sup>th</sup> deadline and an update will be forthcoming to the Council. The list of action items include: an introduction to PLM system; determination of notification to appropriate personnel; corrected information to the system database; Verizon to add "chunks" to database; improve efficiency; improvement to outstanding list of poles that are awaiting action.

12. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Highlighting the Federal and State Law Enforcement Trust funds, Councilor Kounelis stated that she wants a more accurate accounting process submitted to the Town Council.

Councilor Falkoff read a list of [requests](#) for the Manager's attention.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – none noted.

14. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Donohue moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

[Addendum](#)

At a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present on August 10, 2010, the above minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President