



**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**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:15 pm**  
**Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber**  
**Administration Building**

**MINUTES**

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration building. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas. Councilor Falkoff was absent.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** [September 27th](#). Councilor Lawn moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM :** None Noted.
5. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** The Council President stated that the School Committee had a meeting last Thursday evening for which a large gathering of teachers and parents attended to speak on ratifying a contract. He thanked all those who attended to express their opinion.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a) Committee on Human Services [report](#) on the Watertown/Harvard/O’Neil Charitable funds – John A. Donohue, Chair. Councilor Donohue read the Committee report. Councilor Lawn moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,

John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

**MOTION:** Councilor Donohue moved the Committee's recommendation to allot \$50,000 of charitable funds to community based organizations and \$50,000 to a specified Town project, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

The Chair stated that having served on the Ad Hoc Committee for many years he supports the Human Service's recommendation and looks forward to moving it forward. The Chair noted that a proposal will be brought before the Town Council for a vote by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Councilor Kounelis asked if the proposal for a Town project is open ended. Councilor Donohue replied that it was left opened ended.

Councilor Kounelis asked who will make the recommendation.

Councilor Donohue noted that the Ad Hoc Committee will finalize the proposal and bring it to the full Town Council for action.

**VOTE:** The motion was adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

b) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) on the Comprehensive Plan – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the Committee report. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

a) [Resolution](#) Authorizing a Contract Term in Excess of Three Years for Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Collection, Removal & Transportation Procurement. The Manager respectfully requested that the agenda item be Tabled this evening in order to review many of the issues raised at the last Town Council meeting. Councilor Donohue moved the request, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr.,

Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) The Chair recognized Mr. Steve Magoon, Director of Community Planning and Development who provided a first reading on a matter regarding an [Assisted Living Zoning Amendment](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the matter to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

b) The Manager requested an amendment to Resolution #2011-45 to read: “The Fiscal Year 2013 Preliminary Budget Overview will be presented to the Town Council on November 9, 2011”. Councilor Kounelis moved the amendment, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Reviewed the Flu Clinic schedule.
2. Household Hazardous Waste – Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Curbside pickup – Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
4. United States Army Field Band free concert, Monday, October 24th at 7pm.

10. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

The Chair requested a completed report from Newport Construction, omitted status on the remaining Pleasant Street from Waltham Street to Watertown Square.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Magoon stated that the Tree Warden has been spending nearly every day with the crews of NStar who are trimming town trees. Mr. Hayward has put out a public notice explaining the trimming issues.

Councilor Lenk announced that the International River Association awarded a very significant prize to the Charles River Watershed Association for excellence in river management. She thanked the organization and volunteers.

Councilor Kounelis reminded residents of a previously announced meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the Belmont Trapelo Road project at 7pm in the Council

Chamber and that a preliminary meeting was held this afternoon to review plans on Templeton Parkway related to the Belmont Trapelo Road project.

Councilor Kounelis announced a meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm at the Middle School regarding the closing of the post offices.

The Chair announced that the Watertown Community Foundation is accepting applications, for its health related grant programs, eligible organization may apply with a deadline of November 4<sup>th</sup>; contact Michael Shade by email: [mshade@watertownfoundation.org](mailto:mshade@watertownfoundation.org).

The Chair announced an Auction of historic newspapers: Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Talk Restaurant. Contact email: joycekel@aol.com.

#### 12. PUBLIC FORUM:

Pat Gold, Duff Street – asked for a status report on the Energy Audit for Town owned buildings; specifically the Senior Center.

13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilor Donohue moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present the above minutes were adopted by unanimous roll call vote on October 25, 2011.

Mark S. Sideris  
Council President