



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

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 AT 6:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:15 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, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, 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 Valerie Papas Council Clerk.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Vice President Corbett moved to go into executive session in order to discuss the below stated items noting that to discuss the matter in public session would be detrimental to the negotiations and that the Town Council will return to public session following the adjournment of the executive session, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.
 - a) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining
 - b) To consider the purchase, exchange, taking lease, or value of real property – Wells Avenue parking lot.
3. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 7:15 PM**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [March 13th](#). Vice President Corbett moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

Marilyn Devaney, Westminster Avenue – spoke in support of a proclamation honoring Mr. Thomas Wade noting his many years of service and dedication.

Vice President Corbett moved to Suspend the Rules in order to bring forward agenda item 9A, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9. PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATION: Honoring [Thomas Wade](#) for his many years of service as Executive Director of the Watertown Housing Authority. The Chair read the proclamation thanking Mr. Wade for his 28 years of services to the community. The Manager noted Mr. Wade's tireless commitment stating that he is a friend, a gentleman and someone who has treated everyone with respect.

Mr. Wade thanked the Town Council for the honor and stated that he retires with mixed emotions and noted Watertown as one of the finest communities in the Commonwealth.

Councilor Donohue moved to accept the proclamation, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS BY TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

a) Legislative Update - Representatives Jonathan Hecht and John Lawn. The Chair noted that this agenda item is Tabled until April 10th.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Submission date of the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget. The Chair asked for a motion to extend the submission date to April 24th. Councilor Piccirilli moved the request, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) The Chair asked for a motion to set the meeting dates for the month of July and August. Vice President Corbett moved to set the July meeting date for the 17th and the August meeting date for the 14th, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

- c) The Chair indicated that the Watertown channel has been moved to Channel #99; based on a Comcast decision.

9. PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATION – previously presented.

10. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

- a) 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 \$1,237,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of purchasing departmental equipment for the Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Information Technology, Senior Center and Police Department; and further ordered that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, amounts borrowed and unexpended to purchase a fire pumper truck pursuant to Loan Order No. 0-2009-70, in the amount of \$70,153.90, are transferred to pay for a portion of the total cost of a new fire pumper truck. The chair recognized Fire Chief Mario Orangio; Police Chief Edward P. Deveau; IT director Joseph Mahoney; Gerald S. Mee, Superintendent of Public Works; and Carolyn Fox, Director of Council on Aging who provided a brief overview of each of the items within the loan order.

The chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the loan order, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

11. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) [First Reading](#) on a proposed Ordinance to Temporarily Modify the Operation of the Administration Building. The Manager reviewed the proposed Ordinance noting that the proposed ordinance will be advertised in the local paper for a public and vote on April 10th.
- b) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Fiscal Year 2012 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2012 Skating Rink Improvements Account in order to move forward with the rebuilding of the compressors at the John A. Ryan Skating Arena. The Manager reviewed the transfer. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.
- c) [Resolution](#) authorizing transfers in order to fund an Agreement with the Town Hall Associates, SEIU, Local 888 covering the period of July 1, 2010 – June

30, 2013. The Manager reviewed the transfer and Agreement. Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer of \$98,460 and \$5,776.00; seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) State, Federal and Regional Government subcommittee [report](#) and action on the [re-appointment](#) to the Board of Election Commissioners – Angeline B. Kounelis, Chair. Councilor Kounelis read the report. Councilor Palomba moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Kounelis moved the reappointment of Mr. Louis Fabrizio to the Board of Election Commissioners, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

- b) Committee on Human Services report on a social worker position – Anthony Palomba, Chair. Tabled until April 10th.
- c) Committee on Rules and Ordinances [report](#) and action on [proposed changes to the Council Rules](#) – John A. Donohue, Chair. Councilor Donohue read the report and reviewed the proposed changes. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Donohue moved to accept the Council Rules as amended, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli.

Councilor Kounelis spoke in support of public input during Presentations.

Upon voice vote, the Council Rules were adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

d) Committee on Public Works [report](#) on Digging of Streets by Utility Companies and a [report](#) and action on appointments/reappointments to committees – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. Councilor Lenk read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Lenk moved the three action recommendations of the Committee as read in the report, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli.

Councilor Falkoff asked to place a deadline on the three action items as follows: For items 2 and 3 a deadline of June 1st and for item 1 a deadline of “end of the year”.

The recommendations and deadlines were adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Lenk indicated that the Committee also met this evening to interview appointments/reappointments to the Conservation Commission and Environmental Energy Efficiency Committee (EEC). She noted that candidates were interviewed and the Committee voted to recommend to the full Council the appointment of Michelle Gauvin to the Conservation Commission; the appointment of Stephane Acer-Green to the EEC and re-appointment of Kenneth Mirvis to the EEC. She noted that a written report will be attached to the minutes.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the verbal report, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Lenk moved to approve the three appointments as read, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the Fiscal Year 2011 Town Audit to the subcommittee of Budget and Fiscal Oversight, seconded by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Falkoff moved to refer to the subcommittee of Personnel and Town Organization “Inspectional Services Department”, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

14. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

The Manager updated the Council on the recruitment of a full time Veterans Officer. He noted that ten candidates have been interviewed and periodic updates of the process have been provided to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services. He indicated that the Town remains committed to our veterans with the Manager’s staff assisting those in need until a full time officer is hired.

15. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

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

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

The Chair asked for a status update on a street sweeping schedule and street sweepers.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Donohue announced Watertown Ed Trivia night; tomorrow night at 5:30 pm at Sons of Italy.

The Chair announced that the Watertown Ed Foundation has two grant programs; please call 617-926-1500 or go to www.watertownfoundation.org to learn more.

17. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

18. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

[Addendum](#)

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 voice vote on April 10, 2012.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President