



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, MAY 22, 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 7:15 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Vice President Stephen P. Corbett was absent.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Strategy with respect to litigation was **cancelled**.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [May 8th](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes as amended, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** – none noted.
6. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

The Chair announced that there will be a Special Town Council meeting on May 31st in order to take up the Fiscal Year 2011 Audit.

The Chair stated that the evaluations of the Clerk and Auditor have been completed. The Clerk received a composite score of exceeds expectations. He noted Ms. Papas works very hard on behalf of the Council and that he appreciates her efforts. The Chair indicated that the Auditor received a composite score of very good to superior. The Chair stated that he is appreciative of his Mr. Tracy’s efforts and the hard work he does for the Council and noted Mr. Tracy never says no to any request made of him.

The Chair stated that their evaluations will be forwarded to Personnel and placed in their files.

The Chair asked to refer their salaries to Personnel and Town Organization. Councilor Donohue moved the matter, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

7. PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS: Recognizing [Relay For Life](#) and Honoring Boston College Hockey Coach, [Jerry York](#).

Councilor Woodland read a proclamation recognizing the Relay for Life event to be held on June 8th at Victory Field. The Chair recognized Committee planners Heather Hoiseth, Maria Tsacogianis, Sarah Botour and Matt Blom who provided a brief overview of their efforts to date regarding the annual fundraiser. Councilor Woodland moved the proclamation, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Chair stated that a proclamation honoring Boston College Hockey Coach, Jerry York was presented to him at the Watertown High School Hall of Fame Dinner and indicated that Watertown is proud to have someone like Mr. York representing the community.

Councilor Lenk moved to adopt 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to move up agenda items 9 a,b,c and add a new agenda item d; seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

[Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the amount of \$2,400.00 to offset expenses related to the “Memorial Day Parade 2012”. The Manager provided a brief overview of the resolution. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

[Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be placed into the Police Athletic League Account in order to benefit the children of Watertown. The Chair recognized Police Chief Deveau who provided a brief overview of the two resolutions regarding the police department. He thanked the Frissora family and Mr. Ronald Dean, CEO of Watertown Savings Bank who, he noted, has been very generous to the Watertown throughout the years with his gifts of funds for

various community needs. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the amount of \$13,035.00 from Watertown Savings Bank to the Watertown Police Department for the purchase of twelve Automatic External Defibrillators. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Chair thanked Mr. Dean who was in the audience and noted that thank you letters will be sent to all the donors of gifts of funds. Councilor Falkoff indicated how lucky Watertown is to have a local bank like Watertown Savings Bank.

The Manager provided a brief overview of a late agenda item regarding the donation of banners by the Rotary Club for the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Kounelis thanked the Rotary Club for the donation of the 60 banners.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

- a) on a proposed Order that \$540,000 is appropriated for the reconstruction of surface drains, sewers and sewerage systems, and for the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto and that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow \$540,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, that the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and in connection therewith to enter into loan agreements and financial assistance agreements with the Authority with respect to such loan; that the Town Manager, Treasurer and the Superintendent of Public Works are authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state or other aid available for the projects, including any grants related to such projects from the Authority; and that the Town Manager, Treasurer and the Superintendent of Public Works are authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received for the associated project prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this order.

The Chair recognized Mr. Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works who provided a brief overview of the Loan Order which will address sewer

improvement issues to Hovey Street. He noted that construction will take place within a few months with residents being notified immediately. The sewer line is in very poor condition and the residents will greatly benefit from this complex project he indicated.

The Manager noted that 55% of the proposed loan order will be payable from 2013-2017 with a \$59,400 principle. He noted that it is an interest free loan working with the MWRA.

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

Councilor Piccirilli moved the Loan Order, seconded by Councilor Woodland 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS: Previously taken up out of order.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Personnel and Town Organization [report](#) and [attachments](#) on the scope of works from the Collins Center – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. Councilor Falkoff read the Committee report. Councilor Lenk moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) Committee on Public Safety [report](#) on the review of the Public Safety Study – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair. Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Committee on Public Works [report](#) and action on the re-appointment of Mr. Hebeisen to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee for a three year term to expire on November 15, 2014 – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. Councilor Lenk read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Lenk moved the reappointment of Mr. Hebeisen, seconded by Councilor Woodland 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) Councilor Donohue moved to refer the process for installation of street signs conforming to new MA regulations; and parking signs at Victory Field, seconded by Councilor Palomba 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) The Manager asked to refer the matter of the bi-annual approval of the Town Attorney to Personnel and Town Organization subcommittee. So moved by Councilor Donohue, 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, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Manager indicated that Modified Summer Hours began today.

The Manager announced that the Administration Building will be closed on Monday in recognition of Memorial Day with the Memorial Day parade beginning at the Tufts Health Care parking lot at noon and ending at Saltonstall Park. He thanked the 7 member Memorial Day Committee for all their hard work.

13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – none noted.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Kounelis announced that DCR has identified \$120,000 in improvements to the Greenough Boulevard intersection for signalization/crosswalk and in which the monies need to be expended by June 30, 2012. Comments/concerns should be forwarded to Councilor Kounelis or Representative Hecht.

15. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

16. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, 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, 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 voice vote on June 12, 2012 with Councilors

John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilor Kounelis voting no.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President