



## 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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 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 7:15 pm, in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, 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 Council Clerk Valerie Papas. Councilor Palomba arrived shortly after the call of the roll.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [August 14<sup>th</sup>](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, 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.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Ruth Thomasian, Trees for Watertown President and School Street resident – spoke in support of volunteers helping to keep the DCR’s Greenway area clean and trash free.

Leo Sullivan, Global Companies – offered to make a future presentation on aggregate electricity.
5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**
  - a) [Informational Presentation](#) on moving forward with a Comprehensive Plan dealing with a broad spectrum of issues, including development, zoning, and transportation, in order to encourage Town government and its citizens to work in concert toward common goals – Steven Magoon, Director of Community

Development and Planning and Ken A. Schwartz, VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C.

Following the presentation, the Chair thanked the presenters and opened up the meeting for comments.

Councilor Corbett stated that he is looking forward to the project and indicated that having a local firm conducting the comprehensive plan project is important.

Councilor Kounelis requested that residents be engaged and an outreach effort is made and that the outcomes be vetted with the community.

Councilor Lenk praised the two firms, Sasaki Associates and VHB as world class.

Councilor Palomba noted tensions that can arise when collecting data and getting a proposal through and asked how the firms will deal with this.

Mr. Magoon stated that he does not see anything dramatic coming out of the project. It was noted by Mr. Schwartz that this study will be conducted over a fifteen month period with a lot of outreach to the community through the web, flyers, businesses, and direct contact with the community.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to move up agenda item 6B, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

6B. [Resolution](#) authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$99,750.00 from the Fiscal Year 2013 Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Plan Account in order to fund the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Honorable Town Council's Budget Policy Guideline. The Manager provided a brief overview of the transfer.

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

The Chair called for a five minute recess.

b) [Informational Presentation](#) on the restriping of the western portion of Main Street as one travel lane and one bike lane in each direction in accordance with the Honorable Town Council's policy guidance – Gerald S. Mee, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works and Steven Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning.

It was noted that the restriping will not eliminate parking along the western portion of Main Street.

Following the presentation, the Chair opened up the meeting for comments.

Councilor Kounelis asked if the community was provided an opportunity for input.

Mr. Mee indicated that there were no public meetings on this restriping as the roadway will not change and the restriping was for safety improvements.

Councilor Kounelis asked for costs estimates.

Mr. Mee stated that Mass Highway was paying for all costs as they own the roadway currently.

Councilor Woodland applauded the improvements.

Councilor Lenk stated that she was happy to see the change and asked for an update on Mt. Auburn Street.

Mr. Mee indicated that the Mt. Auburn Street project requires an additional meeting to deal with housekeeping issues but is moving forward.

The Chair asked Mr. Mee to look into adjusting the signal for the left turning lane at the Lexington/Main Street intersection to ease any potential traffic backup.

Councilor Kounelis asked what the benefits are to taking back Main Street.

Mr. Mee indicated that it increases Watertown's Chapter 90 monies and Mr. Magoon noted that it increases the Town's flexibility in terms of design.

The Chair thanked Mr. Mee and Mr. Magoon for the presentation.

## 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Chair read a [letter](#) from Veterans Agent Gina Rada regarding the 9/11 anniversary and introduced a mural painted by Camp Pequosette children commemorating the event.

The Chair indicated that it has been five weeks since the new single stream trash/recycling program began and recognized the Manager for a brief review.

The Manager stated that since the program began there has been a decrease in trash by 24% and an increase in recycling by 39% and therefore consideration will be given for the addition of weekly recycling service.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to authorize the Manager to have those discussions with Republic, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland,

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

## 7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Consideration of Possible Action on Police Headquarters Design Contract Closeout Settlement - Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. Vice President Corbett moved the contract close out by authorizing a final payment in the amount of \$40,000, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.
  
- b) [Resolution](#) authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$99,750.00 from the Fiscal Year 2013 Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Plan Account in order to fund the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Honorable Town Council's Budget Policy Guideline. **Previously voted.**
  
- c) [Resolution](#) authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to offset expenses related to the "Faire on the Square 2012". The Manager provided a brief overview. Vice President Corbett moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Charitable Ad Hoc Committee [report](#) and action on the 2012 Harvard/O'Neil/Watertown charitable awards – Council President Sideris. The Chair read the Committee report and further noted that the second portion of the \$100,000 charitable monies is still under discussion and therefore the first portion (\$50,000) was voted for distribution. Vice President Corbett moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President

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

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

9. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER – none noted.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Kounelis read [two items](#) for the Manager's attention.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kounelis announced rodent infestation issues in the east end of Watertown and noted that it is being addressed by the Health Department Director and his staff as best as they can and noted that the community needs to work together on this problem with respect to trash and vegetation control.

Councilor Palomba announced "Citizens United" decision and discussion will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Coolidge School apartment auditorium by Attorney David Cobb; 7-9 pm.

13. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

14. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, 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 September 25, 2012.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President