



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, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AT 6:30 PM* RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

- 1. ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:30 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, 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.
- 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 6:30 PM – to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate. Vice President Corbett moved to go into executive session for the above stated matter noting that having the discussion in public, would be detrimental to the above stated matter, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli 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.
- 3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** 7:15 PM
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 5. EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [October 2nd](#) and [October 23rd](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of October 2nd, seconded by Vice President Corbett 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 Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes of October 23rd, seconded by Vice President Corbett 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:

Russ Arrico, Fayette Street – spoke against increasing recycling from bi-weekly to weekly due to the extra cost. He stated that residents can take their items to the recycling center on alternate weeks.

John Avoian – spoke against increasing recycling to a weekly pickup schedule citing the higher cost for the service. He asked the town to keep it the way it is currently at bi-weekly noting that the program is new and changing it again so soon makes no sense.

7. COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

- a) [Informational Presentation](#) on proposed park renovation/improvements at Casey Park - Peter Centola, Recreation Director and Glen Howard, CDM Smith. The Manager noted that there were previous discussions at the February 12th Town Council meeting with additional dialogue tonight on bidding out two sets of improvements at one time as outlined in the presentation.

Following the presentation, the Chair opened up the matter to Councilors for questions/comments.

Vice President Corbett asked if the proposed improvements are all within the current allocation. Town Treasurer, Phyllis Marshall indicated that the portion to the baseball fields are covered under the \$90,000 line item funded by tax revenue as opposed to the \$550,000 proposed loan order for hockey, tennis and basketball courts. The rough estimate is within the range, she noted but we won't know until it goes out to bid.

Councilor Lenk asked Mr. Centola if he has an estimate of the number of users for the park. Mr. Centola listed all of the groups that use the park and noted that the public is clamoring for tennis courts and noted that it will be a great benefit for the town overall.

Councilor Palomba asked if the additional improvements presented tonight would be a separate bid. Town Treasurer, Phyllis Marshall, stated that it would all be rolled into one bid with \$90,000 built into the tax base and \$550,000 for the construction phase that would be a proposed loan order.

Councilor Kounelis asked about the chain link fence around the hockey rink and the safety issue. Mr. Centola noted that the fencing for the hockey rink is standard and would be installed by Becker Sports.

Councilor Woodland indicated that he is very happy with the proposed lighting system.

Councilor Donohue asked about bathroom facilities and water bubblers. Mr. Centola indicated that the place mat will be adjacent to Aldridge Road.

Vice President Corbett asked how the operational aspect of the ice rink will be worked out. Specifically, he asked who will be cleaning off the ice rink, maintaining the rink surface, etc. Mr. Centola indicated that as with other towns, some aspects will be maintained by the users. A valve will allow the addition of water onto the court and some maintenance issues will be worked out as they arise but he indicated that he did not envision asking public works to clean the rink.

The Chair stated that he has received calls from neighboring residents about lights at Casey Field being left on after hours late into the night. Mr. Centola stated that they had equipment failure due to the storm Sandy and that they are being fixed. He noted that the lights are all on timers and should be turned off by 10:15 pm. A retrofitting should take care of the issue.

The Manager asked for a Sense of the Council vote on the concept of the additional improvements.

Councilor Donohue moved to approve the concept as presented tonight, 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.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Chair noted that a seminar on Open Meeting Laws took place on Thursday with Attorney Reich providing an in-depth presentation on the matter. He indicated that "email" laws were discussed that will affect all elected officials and asked that the matter be referred to the Technology Committee for further discussion on getting emails for all election officials/boards and commissions.

Councilor Lenk stated that the Technology Committee along with the IT Director want to make sure that a system is in place and that people will have appropriate training regarding emails.

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

- a) Public hearing and vote on an [Amendment](#) to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided an overview of the Amendment. Following the overview, the Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the Chair closed the hearing. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013 budget, 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, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

10. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) [Acceptance of Proclamation](#) recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Taxiarche/Archangels Greek church. Councilor Kounelis read the proclamation. Councilor Palomba moved to approve the proclamation, 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) First Reading on a proposed Order allocating the property tax levy among or between property classes for Fiscal Year 2013. The Manager provided a brief overview and noted that a public hearing and vote will be held on November 27th.
- c) [First Reading](#) on a proposed Order setting optional tax exemptions for Fiscal Year 2013. The Manager provided a brief overview and noted that a public hearing and vote will be held on November 27th.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Committee on Public Works [report](#) and action on re-appointments to the Storm-water Advisory Committee and Conservation Commission and a report and action on Whitney Hill – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. Councilor Lenk read the Committee report. It was noted that a full report on Whitney Hill will be provided on November 27th by the Committee.

Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report, 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 Lenk moved the appointment of Nancy Hammett to the Storm-water Advisory Committee, 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 reappointment of Louis Taverna to the Conservation Commission, 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, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to recommend to a future agenda, the revision of Code of Ordinances Title 3, Chapter 31, Section 31.50 “Expiration of Terms” by adding a subparagraph (19) “Storm-water Advisory Committee” and the date “July 15th”, seconded by Councilor Lenk 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.

It was noted by Attorney Reich that the matter would require an Ordinance and advertisement for a public hearing and vote by the Town Council.

12. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

The Manager brought forward the following appointments/reappointments which were referred to committee.

- a) [Request for Confirmation](#) – appointment/reappointment to Traffic Commission.
- b) [Request for Confirmation](#) – appointment/reappointment to Housing Authority.

14. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – none noted.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba announced that the recent November 6th ballot questions passed by 80% of the vote.

Councilor Falkoff announced that Charter Environmental Inc will be holding a public hearing on November 19th at 7:000 pm in the Council Chamber to discuss the GSA cleanup plans.

16. PUBLIC FORUM:

Jim Loughlin, Arsenal Apartments – asked a procedural question regarding presentations and if questions can be asked from audience members.

The Chair stated that questions from the public can be asked during the public hearing portion.

17. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, 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.

[Addendum](#)

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted on November 27, 2012 by unanimous vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President