



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
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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, FEBRUARY 26, 2013 @ 6:45 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:45 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 Joe Fair, and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 6:45 PM – To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate – Gore Estate – consider whether to release executive session minutes. Councilor Donohue moved to go into executive session for the above stated purpose noting that meeting in public session would be detrimental to the town's negotiation strategy, 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.
3. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** 7:15 PM
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [February 12, 2013](#) Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the minutes as amended, 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:

Pat Gold, Duff Street – asked that the Senior Center be included in the Energy Efficiency project known as ESCO.

Sasha Vas – announced the Middle School’s Annual Pennies for Patients has begun and will continue for the next three weeks. She noted that they have raised \$198,000 in nine years; and ranked 3rd in the country.

7. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Chair announced the passing of Pat Gold’s sister and expressed his condolences on behalf of the Council.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

[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 \$7,350,000 under and pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(3B), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer are each authorized to take any and all other action necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order to pay costs of energy efficiency improvements to various Town buildings, as more fully described in the presentation by Beacon Integrated Solutions presented to this Council on October 2, 2012, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

The Manager provided an overview of the loan order. Ms. Beth Greenblath, Johnson Controls provided a power point presentation. Her overview included: that the program covers 14 town and school buildings; with 97 energy infrastructure upgrade projects; 7.35 million in energy infrastructure investments; a cash flow of \$144,281 over the first four years; \$1.97 million over twenty years; and utility rebates of approximately \$274,000 used to offset cash flow impact of early years.

Following the presentation, Vice President Corbett asked who will be overseeing this construction project. Ms. Greenblath stated clearly there needs to be representation from the town and school due to all the work going on in all the buildings.

Vice President Corbett stated that it behooves the town to consider how all this fragmented work is going to be done and supervised properly.

The Chair opened up the hearing to the public.

Ken Mirvis, Environmental and Energy Efficiency Committee Chair stated that he is delighted by this project.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the loan order as presented, 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.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Human Services report and action on an [appointment](#) to the Housing Authority – Anthony Palomba, Chair. Councilor Donohue stated that there will be no report tonight regarding the appointment as the meeting had to be rescheduled. Councilor Palomba thanked Ms. Shattuck for providing information on the social services coordinator position and thanked Mr. Woodland for the [updated report](#) and [attachments](#).

b) Committee on Public Safety [report](#) and action on an [appointment](#) to the Traffic Commission – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair. Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the Committee report, seconded by Councilor Kounelis 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 the appointment of Ms. Kelly Galligan, seconded by Councilor Woodland. Councilor Falkoff stated that she will be voting Present as she is not sure that Ms. Galligan is the best qualified person to represent the interest of citizens on traffic; no disrespect intended to Ms. Galligan. The appointment was adopted by a 8-0-1 voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, 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 and Councilor Falkoff voting Present.

c) Committee on Budget & Fiscal Oversight Committee [update](#) on the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program review – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair. Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee update on the purchasing of a flooring system for the high school graduation ceremonies when held at Victory Field; which is time sensitive.

Councilor Woodland moved to accept the update, 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 the concept for transferring \$25,000 from Capital Project Victory Field funds for a flooring system, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

Councilor Kounelis stated that the turf field was well vetted and at that time there were never any talks about not being able to have the graduation ceremonies at Victory Field because of artificial turf and therefore she will be voting against the transfer.

Councilor Lenk indicated that they had a number of presentations by the vendor and she cannot say for sure that they were never told of this issue. She noted that this is an important step forward and added that the flooring system can be used for other activities at Victory Field, such as an outdoor concert and that it is a good investment.

Councilor Palomba stated that he could not remember this being discussed and noted that the graduation ceremonies are a pretty basic use of the field.

Councilor Donohue stated that not purchasing the flooring system would be a disservice to the students.

The Manager spoke in support of the \$25,000 purchase noting that it will protect an expensive turf field and well worth the investment.

Councilor Falkoff asked where the materials will be stored.

The Manager answered; at the public works facility or at one of the schools.

The Chair spoke in support of the Manager's recommendation noting that it will protect the field and be used for other events which will enhance the use of Victory Field.

Upon a roll call vote, the concept of transferring the monies was adopted by a vote of 8 for and 1 against with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilor Kounelis voting no.

Vice President Corbett asked for a late agenda item. Councilor Donohue made the motion, 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.

Vice President Corbett read the Committee [report](#) and announced a [public meeting](#) regarding the [Comprehensive Study](#) on March 7th at 7:00 pm at the Middle School.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, 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.

11) NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

12) COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER – none noted.

13) REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Kounelis read a [memorandum](#) for the Council's review. The Chair stated that he will work with Mr. Tracy in correcting the information.

Councilor Piccirilli asked the Manager to follow up on the two items listed in the Public Safety report.

The Chair asked for an update on the thinking and policy behind the new phone system. He stated that we should be making it easier for people to reach us not making it more difficult with up to ten prompters for callers to get through before reaching a live person.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Lenk announced a Community meeting for Daily Field Renovation project on Tuesday, March 5th at 6pm at the Brighton High School Library.

Councilor Palomba announced the following: a second annual Musical Festival, March 1st 6pm – 10 pm; March 3rd Community Garden fund raiser at the Bigelow Chapel – 2-5 pm and Miniature Golf tournament at the Library, March 9th after the library closes.

Vice President Corbett announced a free showing of Shooting Beauty February 28th at 6:30 pm, sponsored by the Disability Commission.

Councilor Donohue congratulated the high school hockey team for winning their tournament.

Councilor Falkoff announced the following: the Environment, Energy Efficiency Committee will host an event regarding Climate Change on March 5th at 7pm at the Library; and on March 10th at 3pm at the Library, a meeting will be held regarding helping people age in their homes.

15. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

16. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the 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, 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 March 12, 2013.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President