



## 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 12, 2013 @ 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. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Lenk arrived shortly after the call of the roll. Also present were Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 PM:** To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate – Gore Estate. Councilor Woodland made the motion noting that to meet in public session would be detrimental to the subject matter, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Lenk arrived at 6:30 pm.
3. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 PM**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [February 26, 2013](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, 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 – none noted.**

7. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** The Chair indicated that the School Committee has begun their budget deliberations with a public hearing scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> and a vote on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:**

- a) Public hearing and vote on a petition by Verizon to install one four inch conduit from pole # 63/10 on Grove Street in a northerly direction approximately fifteen feet to the private property line of Mt. Auburn Cemetery to serve their new construction – Betsy Kelly, Verizon Representative. The Chair recognized Ms. Kelly who provided a brief overview of the petition. The Chair opened up the hearing. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

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

**8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:**

- a) Informational Presentation on an evaluation of wireless coverage in the Town of Watertown – Steven Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning and David Maxson, Isotrope, LLC. Mr. Maxson provided an overview of an evaluation of wireless coverage in Watertown which concluded that Watertown has substantial coverage from each of the major wireless carriers. Certain areas, due to terrain and due to the difficulties of siting new facilities in heavily developed residential areas, have less than optimal services from one or more carries. It was noted that the Victory Field/DPW area and School Street area were possible new locations to consider.

Vice President Corbett asked with respect to using zoning to keep towers away from residential areas; he stated that he was under the impression that you can’t use zoning in that way. Mr. Maxson stated that the federal government doesn’t preempt local zoning as long as it doesn’t have the effect of prohibiting the provision of wireless services.

Councilor Falkoff asked that a full colored document of this presentation be linked to the minutes. [www.isotrope.im/Client3](http://www.isotrope.im/Client3)

With respect to zoning ordinances; Councilor Kounelis asked how other communities are dealing this issue. Mr. Maxson stated that many people want their cell service and there is a strong, vocal minority concerned about the health aspects of the cell sites and indicated that if the cell tower complies with federal standards, then the health issue cannot be used.

Following the presentation, the Chair asked for a motion to refer the matter to subcommittee. Councilor Piccirilli moved to refer the matter to a joint subcommittee of Economic Development and Public Works for further dialogue and a recommendation on process, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

- b) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a petition by Verizon to install one four inch conduit from pole # 63/10 on Grove Street in a northerly direction approximately fifteen feet to the private property line of Mt. Auburn Cemetery to serve their new construction – Betsy Kelly, Verizon Representative. **Previously taken up.**

10. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) [Acceptance of Proclamation](#) recognizing March as Art Month in our schools. Vice President Corbett read the proclamation. Councilor Falkoff moved to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.
- b) [Resolution](#) recognizing Earth Hour. Councilor Falkoff asked the Chair if he would recognize Kate Ryan to read the Earth Hour Resolution. Following Ms. Ryan's reading of the resolution, Councilor Palomba moved to adopt said resolution, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.
- c) First Reading on a proposed [Ordinance to Modify Hours of Operation](#) of the Administration Building. The Chair provided a first reading. The Manager reviewed the proposed Ordinance and noted that the proposed Ordinance was advertised in the local paper for a public hearing and vote for March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Committee on Human Services [report](#) and action on an [appointment](#) and [reappointment](#) to the Housing Authority and an [appointment](#) to the Board of Health – Anthony Palomba, Chair. Councilor Palomba provided a verbal report. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the verbal report subject to a written report being provided to the Council, seconded by Councilor Woodland adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

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

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

- b) Joint Public Works and Public Safety Committee [report](#)/update on a policy regarding snow removal on private ways – Cecilia Lenk & Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chairs. Councilor Lenk read the written update. It was noted that a full written report will be presented at the next meeting. Councilor Kounelis moved to adopt the update, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

Councilor Falkoff asked that the update be amended to include audience members in attendance.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that a full list of attendees will be included in the final report and that the open meeting law only requires the committee members be listed, but that he will include all those who attended in the final report.

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

## COMMITTEE REPORT ACTION ITEMS:

**ACTION ITEM #1** – To request the Administration to provide the Committee with a complete, legally vetted list of all private ways in Watertown: So moved by Councilor Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

**ACTION ITEM#2** – To request the Town Attorney provide a legal opinion to the Committee by March 19<sup>th</sup>, if under state law Watertown can expend money for snow and ice removal on private ways for “public safety” reasons. So moved by Councilor Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Palomba noted for the record that Mr. Arnold could not attend this evening’s Human Services subcommittee interview for his appointment to the Board of Health and that he will be re-scheduled in the near future and moved that the Human Services report be amended to reflect this, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

12. NEW BUSINESS: none noted.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

- a) [Request for Confirmation](#) of a reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. So referred to subcommittee.
- b) [Request for Confirmation](#) of reappointments to the Environment and Energy Efficiency Committee. So referred to subcommittee.

The Manager requested a [late agenda item](#). So moved the Councilor Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Manager read a Snow and Ice Expenditure resolution.

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

14. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – none noted.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chair announced that he will be putting in a Table on behalf of the Council for Trivia Night to take place on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at the Post 440.

Councilor Palomba announced that on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>; 9:30-11:30 am – an early childhood Fair at the Middle School.

Councilor Palomba announced that on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm a fund raiser for Belmont, Watertown, St. Patrick's Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church in Belmont.

16. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

17. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, 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 26, 2012.