



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 14, 2013 @ 6:30 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting 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 – Arsenal on the Charles. Councilor Donohue moved the motion as stated above noting that discussing the matter in public would be detrimental to the town, 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.

3. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 pm**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [April 24, 2013](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, 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:**

The Chair recognized the following people who provided [documents](#) and [pictures](#) and spoke against the erection of a wooden fence by the Oakley Country Club and asked the Town to help facilitate a dialogue between affected residents and Oakley Country Club representatives about options other than a solid wooden fence.

Marsha Road residents: Patrick Fairbairn, Khalil & Wafaa Azar, Effie, Merto & Arthur Flessas, **Commonwealth Road residents:** Christine Jensen & Doris Sasser; **Russell Avenue residents:** Peter Robertson, Susan Steele, Gary Shaw, Catherine Bader, and Deb Cooper of **Robbins Road** all spoke against the proposed/erected wooden fence.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Chair asked for a motion to refer to Personnel and Town Organization subcommittee the matter of a COLA for the Town Auditor and Council Clerk for fiscal year 2013. It was so moved by Councilor Woodland, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

a) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided an overview of the matter. The Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved the Amendment, seconded by Vice President Corbett 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. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) & [plan](#) accepting the Historical Commission's [request/ petition/final report](#) that the Orchard House, located at 917 Belmont Street, be designated as a landmark. The Chair recognized Mr. Steve Magoon, Director of Community Planning and Development who provided an overview of the matter. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

Vice President Corbett thanked David Russo, Harvey Steiner, Marilyn Roach.

Councilor Lenk asked Mr. Magoon if he is satisfied that the property will be maintained. Mr. Magoon noted that the 10 year agreement calls for the property to be maintained by the owner for ten years. He indicated that the owners are looking for a user for the facility.

Councilor Kounelis asked what happens if the school is sold. Mr. Magoon stated that the property cannot be demolished due to landmark status.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that this is a good example of the Demolish Delay Ordinance working as intended.

The Chair noted that this was the goal and that he will work with the School to see if a partnership can help preserve the building.

The resolution was 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.

b) [Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance of a gift of personal property for the “Memorial Day Parade 2013”. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the matter. Vice President Corbett 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, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

c) [Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a gift of funds in the amount of \$250.00 to offset expenses related to the “Memorial Day Parade 2013”. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the matter. Vice President Corbett 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, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Personnel & Town Organization [report](#), on the [Collins Center organizational study](#) and on a [Draft conceptual organization chart](#) for the Town of Watertown – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. Councilor Falkoff read the Committee report. Councilor Lenk moved to accept the report, 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.

The Chair noted that no action on the draft will take place at this time. Councilor Falkoff also noted that more discussion will take place on the draft before any changes are made.

11. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER – none noted.

13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

The Chair asked the Manager to follow up on the two items on the previous report; for a time table for the full financial review and public works study.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba congratulated Wayside Youth Coalition for receiving a grant of \$7,500.

Councilor Falkoff announced the opening of the new recycling center on June 3rd.

Councilor Kounelis thanked Representative Hecht and Senator Brownsberger and their staff as well as Rocco DeRicco from Congressman Markey’s Office and Town Treasurer Phyllis Marshal for coordinating efforts for Laurel Street area residents’ on how to go

about insurance claims with FEMA, NEMA or the Town with respect to the April incident. She noted that the contact person going forward will be Police Captain Dupruis or Town Clerk John Flynn.

Councilor Palomba announced that Family Network will host a Watertown Strong concert at the Hosmer School on Sunday, at 4pm.

Councilor Falkoff announced the annual Garden Tour – info at watertowncitizens.org

15. PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Fahey, Lexington Street – announced that Watertown 911 dispatchers met with NEMO representatives last Wednesday and stated that dispatchers did an outstanding job with respect to the incident in April.

Pat Gold, Duff Street – thanked Town Council and Steve Magoon for all their work on the Orchard House designation as an historic landmark status.

Steve Magoon, Planning Director announced a meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan, Monday at the Middle School at 7:00 pm.

16. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Vice President Corbett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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 by unanimous voice vote on May 28, 2013.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President