



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett,
Vice President

Aaron Dushku,
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, JANUARY 14, 2014 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. Present for the meeting were Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ORGANIZATION:**

a. **Election of a Vice President:** Councilor Piccirilli nominated Stephen P. Corbett to serve as Vice President, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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. **Selection of Seating Assignments**

c. **Adoption of [Current Rules](#) of the Town Council as Temporary Rules of the Town Council.** Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the current rules as temporary rules, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 refer the current rules to the subcommittee of Rules and Ordinances for review and recommendation, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

4. EXAMINATION OF MINUTES: [December 9th](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

5. PUBLIC FORUM: None noted.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

a) Presentation of the [2013 Fire Marshal Award](#) to Fire Chief Mario Orangio by Stephen D. Coan, State Fire Marshal. The Chair recognized Mr. Coan who provided background of an award recognizing Mr. Orangio and his department's outstanding response to the Marathon bombings and its aftermath.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to bring forward agenda items 8a and b, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a petition by Waveguide on behalf of RCN to lay, maintain and operate underground conduits with cables as follows: On Summer Street, in the sidewalk, from a proposed utility pole 134/2A (relocated pole 134/3) to an existing RCN manhole, two (2) 4 inch PVC conduits, approximately 22 feet in length. The Chair recognized Mr. Jay Dunn, Utility Manager who provided a brief overview. The Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved the petition, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a petition by NSTAR to install approximately 6 feet of conduit at pole # 12/9 on Bellevue Road. This work is necessary to provide new underground electric service for two (2) car garage at 152 Bellevue Road – Jackie Duffy, NSTAR representative. The Chair recognized Ms. Duffy who provided a brief overview. The Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved the petition subject to Verizon moving pole # 9, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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) Committee Assignments 2014 – moved to end of the agenda.

7. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:

a) [Informational Presentation/Graphics](#) on Greenough Greenway – Herbert Nolan, Solomon Fund and Dan Driscoll, DCR director.

The Chair noted that this will only be an informational presentation and the beginning of the process.

Following the power point presentation, the Chair recognized Councilor Kounelis who stated that in the near future a neighborhood meeting will be scheduled to allow for a question and answer period; which she noted she is looking forward to.

Vice President Corbett thanked Mr. Nolan for providing the seed money and vision.

Councilor Lenk echoed the Vice President's comments and noted that people see the Charles River as essential to Watertown.

Councilor Dushku asked how the shortfall of \$300,000.00 would be addressed. Mr. Nolan stated that they are looking to get the corporate folks to step up with private funding.

State Representative Jonathan Hecht stated that he was looking forward to working with everyone and view this as a community project.

The Chair noted that in November the Council passed a resolution encouraging the DCR to include underpasses to three bridges in Watertown. Vice President Corbett indicated that the timing is crucial and moved to authorize the Council President to write a [letter](#) to Mass DOT in support of the bridge underpasses and the Charles River Basin Connectivity Study, seconded by Councilor Dushku and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

Dan Driscoll of DCR noted that underpasses are not a good solution as they are often dark; puddle with water and ice. He indicated that crossing at grade is a better. He stated that while he is not against all underpasses he does encourage people to look at – grade level passes.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the amount of \$5,000 which will be used to offset the cost of replacing the Fire Department's oldest thermal imaging camera which was recently removed from service. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the resolution. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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](#) approving the Acceptance of Gift of Personal Property from the Watertown Police Foundation for 2014 “Watertown Strong” calendars that will be given as a thank you to all Town employees for their hard work and important contributions in helping out Watertown recover following the disruptive events that occurred in April 2013. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the resolution. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Budget & Fiscal Oversight [report](#) on recommendations for on-call architectural services – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair. Councilor Piccirilli read the committee report.

Councilor Dushku asked a question on the first motion about the inclusion of solar technologies in the scope of work of the proposed architectural services for roofing. The question was answered by Steve Magoon who said that he had made a phone call to the architect and they had told him that they could provide options for solar technologies as part of the roof designs for all of the buildings to include roof-work and at no additional cost to the town.

Councilor Kounelis moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Piccirilli moved to recommend to the Town Council to move forward with the \$170,049 design proposal for the Administration Buildings/Library/Three Fire Stations; with reimbursable expenses not to exceed 5% of the total amount; with a transfer of funds recommended from Town Council Reserves, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

2. **MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Piccirilli moved to recommend to the Town Council to move forward with the \$94,500 design proposal for the Skating Rink,

consisting of the \$80,500 roof design, the \$4,000 alternate for measured floor plans, and the \$10,000 alternate for the wall panels; with reimbursable expenses not to exceed 5% of the total amount; with a transfer of funds recommended from Town Council Reserves, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

3. **MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Piccirilli moved to recommend to the Town Council to move forward with the \$23,444 design proposal for the former police station, to be done in two phases to allow Town Council direction on the proposed use of the space; with reimbursable expenses not to exceed 5% of the total amount; with a transfer of funds recommended from Town Council Reserves, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

4. **MOTION AND VOTE:** Councilor Piccirilli moved to recommend to the Town Council not to proceed with the \$7,700 design proposal to rework the recreation department lighting bids, and to instead recommend that the existing bids be rejected; and that the specifications be updated using the services of the on-call architect and rebid using funds previously appropriated to the recreation department, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

Following adoption of the action items, Councilor Piccirilli moved forward agenda item 12a, seconded by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:**

a) Consideration of transfers of funds related to Committee on Budget & Fiscal Oversight recommendations. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of three transfers. Councilor Woodland moved the transfers totaling \$302,395.00 for the Fiscal Year 2015-2019 Town Capital Projects, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chair read the [2014 Committee Assignments](#).

The Chair announced the following:

Harvard/O'Neal Ad Hoc Committee has a council position vacancy. Please send your interest to the Council Clerk.

The Technology Committee will now be known as the Communications, Information Systems and Technology Committee with Councilor Lenk as the Chair. The Manager will appoint the appropriate people representing the administration and the School Committee Chair will appoint the appropriate people representing the school.

The following referrals were made to subcommittee:

1. Joint referral to EDP and Planning Board - a Review of the Pleasant Street Corridor District – so moved by Councilor Woodland, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

2. Referral to Rules and Ordinances – draft an ordinance that mandates developers hold neighborhood meetings prior to certain projects' submittal – so moved by Councilor Piccirilli, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

3. Referral to DPW - to review status of Upland Road with a legal opinion from counsel – so moved by Councilor Kounelis, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

4. Referral to DPW - to discuss a Dog Park – so moved by Councilor Palomba, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Previously taken up and adopted.

b) [Request for Confirmation](#) of appointments to the Watertown Cable Access Corporation. It was noted that the appointments do not require a referral to committee. Councilor Lenk moved the three appointments, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

With respect to the deadlines outlined in the 2015 budget process document; Resolution #59A and due to complexities in the upcoming 2015 budget and capital improvement program; the Manager requested the following changes to the deadlines:

Change: presentation of the CIP from January 28th to February 11th

Change: adopt recommendations of the CIP from March 25th to no later than April 8th subject to availability of funds;

Change: submission of the budget from April 8th to April 22nd.

Councilor Palomba moved the deadline changes as requested by the Manager, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 Manager announced that Ms. Phyllis Marshall has left the employ of the town to assume the position of Assistant Town Administrator for the Town of Belmont.

13. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Piccirilli provided a [list of requests](#) on data of students living in large multi-unit housing.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Kounelis encouraged residents to clear snow and ice from their steps and sidewalks for the safe passage of postal carriers.

Vice President Corbett announced a meeting regarding the status of the Riverfront Improvement project at the Perkins School for the Blind at 7:00 pm.

Vice President Corbett thanked his colleagues for the honor to serve as vice president.

Councilor Lenk announced that there will be a Community meeting to discuss the development proposed for 202 Arsenal Street with the Developer and Members of the Project team on Thursday February 6 at 7 pm in the Watertown Savings Bank Room at the Library.

Councilor Palomba announced a Community Breakfast on January 20th from 9am-11:30am at the Hellenic Center. For more information: 617-924-6143.

Councilor Dushku announced a meeting on February 5th at 6:30 pm, at the Library regarding Solar Watertown.

The Chair announced that the Watertown Community Foundation has awarded monies to 6 organizations. For more information: 617-926-1500.

15 PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

16. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm and go into executive session in order to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as discussing the matter in public would have a detrimental impact, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 as amended by unanimous voice vote on February 11, 2014.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President