



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, MAY 13, 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, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [April 22nd](#) and [29th](#).

Councilor Piccirilli move the minutes of April 22nd, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 move the minutes of April 29th, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM** – none noted.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The Chair stated that with respect to the adopted \$2.5 million loan order for street/road repairs; the gas company has indicated that they would like to replace gas lines on seven of those streets. Therefore, the Chair asked that the List be referred back to the Public Works subcommittee so that it can be updated to reflect this. So moved by Vice President Corbett, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 moved to bring forward agenda item 7A - a) Acceptance of Proclamation: Recognizing [Relay For Life](#), seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 Woodland read the proclamation and presented it to Marie Gianist who provided [additional information](#) on the event.

Councilor Woodland moved to accept the proclamation, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 HEARING AND VOTE:

a) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. . The Chair recognized Dr. Jean Fitzgerald, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members - George Skuse, Tony Carlson, Arlene Shanker and Allison Levitt who provided a [power point presentation](#) on one time curriculum initiatives totaling \$210,000.00.

The Manager provided an overview of the Amendment; a Special Education Stabilization Fund and transfer.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that this is a creative way to meet the needs of special education and relieve the budget pressures of the school department. He indicated that he looks forward to doing more in the future.

Councilor Palomba asked how the figure of \$790,000 was arrived at for the Stabilization Fund.

The Manager stated that there was no particular formula; just a derivative of the \$210,000 and a one-time start up for the Stabilization Fund.

Councilor Lenk stated that this is a good way to move forward and to continue the dialogue with the school committee.

Councilor Falkoff asked for more figures on the breakdown of the curriculum funding.

Councilor Dushku asked for a breakdown of the 2015 figure as well and stated that this is a great way for all of the community to see where we have budgeted for an increase and if it isn't enough, we can add more.

Councilor Kounelis praised the collaborative work; innovation and technology.

Councilor Woodland stated that the stabilization fund is a no brainer. He asked if there is also collaboration going on with the Watertown Education Foundation to use those funds as well. Ms. Levitt answered, yes.

The Chair thanked everyone for working together on this and stated that he will be supporting this and indicated that there still needs to be more conversation about how it is going to work as the devil will be in the details.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the proposed budget amendment as presented, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 read and moved the resolution on establishing a Special Education Stabilization Fund, seconded by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

7 MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

b) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of \$96,500 from the Fiscal Year 2014 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2014 Transfer to Town Capital Projects Account in order to move forward with Phase 1 of the replacement of the John A. Ryan Arena's roof. The Manager provided a brief overview of the transfer. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland.

Councilor Dushku asked if we have a design for the roof.

Mr. Magoon stated that they are working on the design; the bid is out and they are looking into the structural stability for solar panels as well.

Adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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. COMMITTEE REPORT:

a) Committee on Public Works [report](#) and action on [candidates](#) for the Stormwater Advisory Committee, safety issues regarding the intersection of Palfrey and Church Streets, review a design for the intersection of Orchard and Common Streets, and review an update of Mt. Auburn Street Project design - Cecilia Lenk, Chair.

Councilor Lenk read the committee report. Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 re-appointment of Ms. Hammett, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 Ms. Dobbs, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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.

ACTION ITEMS:

Councilor Lenk moved the Public Works department conduct a mini study of the intersection and report back its findings to the Public Works subcommittee, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Request for Confirmation of appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. So referred.

b) Modification of Summer Hours begin next Tuesday.

c) Memorial Day Monday May 26th; events posted on website.

d) Curbside recycling pickup - next Friday.

e) The black budget book is on the town website.

f) The Manager announced the retirement/resignation of E. Joyce Munger; after 35 years on the Watertown Housing Board of Commissioners.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Kounelis noted three items already submitted – crosswalks; potholes; protection of planting strips.

Councilor Falkoff requested an update on the hiring in the Public Works department; and noted that seeding grass strips on the lower end of Marion Road is counter-productive due to all the student parking on both sides.

Councilor Palomba asked for a five year review of free cash.

Councilor Dushku requested an update on the hiring of a Health Director.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba announced: annual meeting of Trees for Watertown – May 15th 6:30 Library; Friday, MetroWest annual Breakfast at the Hellenic Center 8:30-10:30 am; Youth Coalition Peer Leadership Group – I am – video release Monday 19th 6:30 Police Dept.

Councilor Dushku announced the \$20,000,000 earmark for the UMass Urban Sustainability Center in Waltham, which was successfully reported out of the Environment Committee as part of the state's Environmental Bond Bill, will be heard **this Thursday, May 15 at 11:00am in Hearing Room A-2** here at the **State House**.

The Education Foundation meeting June 12th 6pm Watertown Savings Bank; the Public Transit Taskforce met on May 1st – Dr. Beverly Scott will be at next Town Council meeting.

The Chair recognized and announced the retirement of Carolyn Rickman of Athena Health and introduced her replacement Bridger McGraw.

13. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

14. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Woodland moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, 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 May 27, 2014 by unanimous voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President