



**Watertown Town Council**  
Administration Building  
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ELECTED  
OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,  
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,  
Vice-President

Michael F. Dattoli,  
Councilor At Large

Aaron P. Dushku,  
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,  
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,  
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,  
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,  
District B Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,  
District D Councilor

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 08, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.**  
**RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**MINUTES**

1. ROLL CALL

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:30 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Michael F. Dattoli, Aaron P. Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Lisa J. Feltner, Angeline B. Kounelis, Kenneth M. Woodland, Vice President Vincent Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Anthony Palomba arrived at 6:45. Others present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Joseph Fair, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

To Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Estate – 10 Winter St.; if the Chair declares that an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Negotiating Position of the Public Body.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to go into executive session for the above stated purpose, Councilor Dushku seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 P.M.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke in the Public Forum.

6. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

[Minutes of the February 23, 2016](#) Town Council Meeting

Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes as written; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sideris announced that on March 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., there would be a joint meeting with the School Board to review the Final Report of a third-party review of the schools. Final recommendations will be presented.

8. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS AND MATTERS

[Resignation of Library Trustee](#) – Receipt of Notice and Action on Filling of Vacancy

Mr. Driscoll stated that Gracemarie Le Blanc resigned from the Board of Library Trustees. The position could be filled either by a special election or by the Board appointing someone to complete Ms. Le Blanc's term.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to fill the vacancy by a special election; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. After some discussion regarding the process regarding the options for filling the position, a roll call was called for. The motion failed unanimously.

9. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. First Reading on a Proposed [Ordinance to Modify Hours of Operation](#) of the Administration Building

Mr. Driscoll explained that this is the first reading prior to a public hearing and that the Town has been working on modified hours for the last 14 years.

B. First Reading on [Proposed Zoning Text Amendments](#) and Referral to the Planning Board

Mr. Magoon stated that the changes were suggested by a Town Council Sub-Committee. He explained the changes were

1. § 9.03 (b) – When a project prepares a community meeting, it should have the material ready 14 days prior to the meeting and that a second meeting may be called if the project is large or has a large effect on the community.
2. §5.05 Note (r) Clarify the minimum sized lots for multi family dwelling
3. §9.21 (c) Make amendment process consistent with State statutes.

Councilor Woodland moved to refer the changes to the Planning Board; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote and the changes were referred to the Planning Board.

C. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Gift of Tangible Personal Property of [Used Exercise Equipment](#) from Tufts Health Plan

Mr. Driscoll stated that Tufts would like to donate used exercise equipment to the Town. The Fire Department expressed an interest in the equipment. Under Mass. General Laws, the equipment can only be accepted with the approval of Town Council. Councilor Piccirilli moved for the Town to accept the gift of used exercise equipment; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

#### 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee On Education And School System Matters Report And Action On Appointments And Reappointment To The Watertown Cable Access Corporation ([CAC Interviews](#)) – Michael F. Dattoli, Chair

Councilor Dattoli read the Committee report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dattoli moved to confirm the appointment of Christopher McKenzie of 136 Cypress St to the term expiring September 15, 2018 on the Watertown Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dattoli moved to confirm the appointment of Eileen Hsu-Balzer, School Committee member, to a term that expires on September 15, 2016 on the Watertown Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors to fill a vacancy; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dattoli moved to confirm the reappointment of Toni Carlson, a School member, to a term that expires on September 15, 2018 on the Watertown Cable Access Corporation Board of Directors; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Ad Hoc Committee On Transportation Report On The Creation Of The [Watertown Transportation Management Association \(TMA\)](#) And A Discussion Of Next-Steps Regarding Town-Wide Transportation Matters – Aaron P. Dushku, Chair

Councilor Dushku read the Committee report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. Councilor Falkoff asked that the name of the person who wrote the report is included. Councilor Dushku agreed to make that insertion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved to have the Town Council send a letter to the MBTA asking it to continue the discussion of bus-boarding efficiencies at the Harvard Square Station; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli volunteered to complete the letter for Town Council review. He will make it available for the next Town Council meeting.

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Kounelis moved to re-refer to the Public Works Committee, the review and implementation of rules and regulations, the means by which planting strips can be protected from the upheaval caused by motor vehicle tires, where curbing is not installed. Consideration should be given, on a case by case basis, for previously created planting strips and those to be created; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Palomba moved to refer to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning a discussion on creating Neighborhood Solar Zones; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dushku moved to refer to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning the issue of increasing energy efficiencies in the zoning ordinance for zones other than the RMUD; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

#### 12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

##### A. Request for Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Election Commissioners.

Mr. Driscoll made a request to reappoint to the Board of Election Commissioners Christopher Dunn of 92 Riverside Street for a term that will expire on April 1, 2020. Under Town Council Rules, the request is referred to the Committee on State, Federal, and Regional Government for their review and report.

##### B. [Other Post-Retirement Benefits \(OPEB\)](#) Report as of June 30, 2015

Mr. Driscoll provided the findings of the OPEB. The unfunded actuarial liability decreased from \$163,903,670 in 2013 to \$132,944,757 in 2015. The main reasons for the reductions were fewer plan participants, lower increases in premium costs, and retirees electing less expensive plan options. Councilor Piccirilli moved to have the report referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Responsibility; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

#### 13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION /REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

President Sideris requested that the Town Manager consult with DPW Superintendent, Gerald Mee, and Police Chief, Michael Lawn, to consider the lifting of the overnight parking ban.

#### 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dattoli stated that on April 15, 2016, the Watertown Youth Coalition will be holding a Hockey Fundraiser at the Ryan Rink. Information can be found on [www.watertownyouthcoalition.org](http://www.watertownyouthcoalition.org)

Councilor Palomba announced that the Annual Early Childhood Fair will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:30 – 11:30 at the Watertown Middle School on 68 Waverly Avenue. For further information, those interested should call 617-926-6699.

Councilor Dushku reminded people of the March 16, 2016 meeting in Council Chambers regarding the Filippello Park at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Dushku further stated that on March 31, 2016, Dr. Bernard Lafayette, a well-known civil rights leader, would be speaking at the Watertown Middle School on Non-Violence, Social Change, Conflict, and Reconciliation.

#### 15. PUBLIC FORUM

Pat Gold – Council on Aging – She wanted to know when the Council would be informed of the meeting regarding the Director of Senior Services.

#### 16. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Palomba moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

#### 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 April 12, 2016.

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Mark S. Sideris, Council President  
s/MWP