

MINUTES

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008 AT 7:15 PM

RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO CHAMBER

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 7:15 pm, in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors Stephen P. Corbett, Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney, Susan G. Falkoff, Jonathan Hecht, Angeline B. Kounelis, John J. Lawn, Jr., Vincent J. Piccirilli, Vice President Mark S. Sideris and Council President Clyde L. Younger. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich, and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: May 13th and May 27th. Councilor Sideris moved to accept the May 13th minutes as amended and to accept the May 27th minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Hecht and adopted by voice vote.

Councilor Sideris moved to bring forward agenda item 8A Acceptance of Proclamations honoring Mr. Peter Neshe upon his 90th birthday and Ms. Rachel Kaprielian for her tenure as State Representative, seconded by Councilor Devaney and adopted by voice vote.

The Chair read and presented a proclamation to Mr. Peter Neshe, a life long Watertown resident, honoring him upon his 90th birthday. The Chair noted the many friends and family in attendance in recognition of this important milestone. The Chair declared June 17th as Peter Neshe Day. Mr. Neshe thanked the Council for the honor and stated that it was his pleasure and privilege to live in and serve Watertown.

The Chair read and presented a proclamation to Ms. Rachel Kaprielian upon leaving her post as State Representative and beginning her new position as Registrar of Motor Vehicles. The Chair made note of the many years Ms. Kaprielian served as State Representative and her many accomplishments for Watertown and the Commonwealth. Ms. Kaprielian thanked the Chair and the Council and stated that there is nothing more touching and more of an honor than to be recognized by your home town. She noted that Watertown is a better community today and that she is proud to be a resident and proud to have served the district.

Councilor Sideris moved to accept the proclamations, seconded by Councilor Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

5. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND FINANCE:

- A. Public Hearing and Vote on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget and Related Matters. The Chair read a statement with respect to the budget hearing process and opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

The Town Manager presented three proposed budget amendments regarding Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Police and Fire Unions and updated State Aid revenue and State and County Charges. He noted that all three amendments have been incorporated into tonight's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget.

The Chair recognized Town Auditor, Thomas Tracy who read each line item of the budget. It was noted that any line item not passed upon, will be automatically adopted per past practice. Councilor Devaney passed on Personnel Related Costs for the Fire, Police and Veterans Services.

Councilor Devaney stated that the Police and Fire budgets are under funded with 4 police positions and 3 firefighter positions not being funded. She stated that she is concerned for public safety. She also stated that the Veteran's Officer does not have support staff as other department heads. Councilor Devaney identified and moved to fund the 7 positions with monies from the Fiscal Year 2012 CIP budget, which she indicated is a rainy day fund. There being no second, the motion failed.

The Chair stated that monies must come from the Fiscal Year 2009 budget

The Manager noted that under discussion is to have collaborative assistance with existing staff for the Veterans Officer. With respect to public safety, the recommended dollar amounts are on average level service budgets to \$300,000 reduction in each of the police and fire departments, with 4 vacant positions in the police department and one vacant and two retired on the fire department.

The Auditor read the water and sewer enterprise fund budgets.

Upon a roll call vote, the budget and related matters were adopted by a vote of 8 for and 1 against, with Councilor Devaney voting no.

Councilor Kounelis stated that it is unfortunate that positions are not being funded, but that under the current situation the town has to make do with what we have. Councilor Kounelis spoke in support of having the Veterans Officer position addressed and in support of allocating funds to the fire and police if monies become available through transfers.

Councilor Devaney stated that the town will spend more money funding overtime in public safety, which makes no sense and noted that the community and officers are at risk.

Councilor Hecht stated that the Manager has done a good job following the policy guidance of the Town Council, including streets and sidewalks, recreational opportunities, health insurance costs and town buildings with a solid investment in the schools. He noted that these were all done within our means and without an over ride. The Manager, Council and School Committee have worked well together this year to make sensible choices to ensure basic services and make this a livable community. Councilor Hecht noted that one area of controversy has been public safety with a lot of discussion on the issues. He spoke in support of taking the questions seriously, examining them and follow up with a study of delivery of services, which would be worth the money.

The Chair stated the he would rather spend additional resources on direct operations rather than studies.

Councilor Sideris indicated that there was no extra money in the budget this year which made for some very difficult choices and that going forward there will be more difficult choices. He noted that he too has a concern about public safety, but that the Administration has provided the best services possible for the people who are ultimately footing the bill; the taxpayer. He thanked all those who helped with the budget.

Councilor Falkoff thanked her colleagues for their work on the budget and moved, with the hopes that it will fail, reconsideration of the budget, seconded by Councilor Sideris and defeated by a vote of 1 for and 8 against, with Councilor Devaney voting in support.

B. Public hearing and vote on a proposed Order establishing Water and Sewer Rates

and Charges for Fiscal Year 2009. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided an overview of the proposed Order with a 3.35 percent increase in water and no increase in sewer rate. The Manager read the tiers (attached). He noted that with 1867 accounts 1/3 would get pushed into second tier and that the public works subcommittee will hold meetings on that issue.

The Chair opened up the hearing and recognized:

Constantine Ionnidis, Kimball Road – stated that he feels he is being penalized for having a two family home because the usage went into the second tier and thanked the Council for sending the matter to subcommittee for further discussion and reconsideration.

Councilor Falkoff announced that the subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 1st at 5pm.

Councilor Devaney stated that she agrees with the speaker and that it is her opinion that it will be a bigger problem adjusting bills rather than changing the tiers. She spoke against the second tier of 30,000 which penalizes families. Councilor Devaney asked the Council to consider postponing the vote on the proposed rates until further discussion is had to reconsider the second tier, which is outrageous.

The Chair stated that monies are there to adjust the bills and that Mr. Woodcock has not indicated that it will pose a problem.

The Manager stated the proposed tier system is what the town is operating on currently and is not something that is new.

Councilor Kounelis stated that this issue has been brought to her attention in the last year. She read the tiers and stated that the formula has been changed a little bit but the three tiers remained and did not factor the two and three family homes. She stated that she assumed that it was to be discussed between the Administration and Mr. Woodcock. She hopes the issue is resolved so that consumers not go through another year of unfairly high bills with multifamily homes. She recommends that it be for owner occupied properties or else it is a business property.

Councilor Sideris stated that the Council did not know what would happen to the two and three family homes when these rates were voted last year. Perhaps a fourth tier or changing the numbers will help. He believes that a fair and equitable solution will come out of the subcommittee's discussion. He voiced support of the rates with the stipulation that going forward, those who were affected by the rates will receive a rebate.

Councilor Corbett concurred with Councilor Sideris and noted that you are always going to have a subjective cut off rate where someone is affected. He spoke in support of additional research and making it as fair as possible, but cannot be fair to all people all of the time. Overall, he indicated, this is one of the most regressive charges that people face, and that it is good that the increase is modest.

Councilor Falkoff asked the Manager what the reality would be and if it will be more cumbersome to issue rebates if it should be changed retroactively.

The Manager indicated that he did not want to make a change and create more problems and that he did not think it will be cumbersome.

Councilor Devaney asked to postpone the vote tonight and schedule an earlier meeting so that the matter can come back for a vote the matter on June 24th.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that the subcommittee will not be able to come up with a plan or a dollar impact by June 24th as it is a fairly complicated matter. One will have to look at billing and assessments to see how we can make this work. He stated that the subcommittee knows what their mandate is to find a solution and that while 600 homeowners will be affected, quarterly billing will allow for only about two months of bills that are affected.

Upon a roll call vote, the Order adopting water and sewer was adopted by unanimous vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTES

- A. Public hearing and vote on a Proposed Loan Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$14,221,257 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority for the costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police facility. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided an overview of the loan order.

The Chair recognized Councilor Lawn, Chair of the Police Building Committee who thanked all those involved in the project including the neighborhood and committee members. He noted the committee's dedication to the neighborhood and indicated that progress reports were provided to the Council during all phases of the decision making process involved in designing the new police station. Councilor Lawn stated that the dollar amount \$14,221,257 will cover all costs associated with the design, construction and associated project costs to complete the facility.

Mr. Michael McKeon, Kaestle and Boos provided an additional power point presentation which included updates to previous presentations (attached).

The Chair opened up the hearing to the public and recognized:

Candy Allenbauch, Puritan Road - stated that the new police station will be a great asset to the community. She noted that the challenge to the neighborhood is yet to begin. She spoke in support of the loan order and asked the Council to approve the proposed budget.

Councilor Corbett stated that as a member of the building committee he reassures people that oversight to this project is there and acknowledged that it is in good hands with Phyllis Marshall and Kenneth Thompson and urged his fellow councilors to support this project.

Councilor Kounelis thanked the committees involved with this project. She stated that she supports the police department 110% and the new building but not the location. She spoke against the location previously and stated that she will continue to do that. Councilor Kounelis noted that this project will be a massive undertaking financially for the community. She indicated that she has not heard one commitment from the police department on how the east end will be served. She indicated that she will be submitting a request in writing outlining issues that impact the east end including the two malls, multifamily homes and major developments on the table. She also stated that she has received calls from her constituents who want to know about police response time to the east end. Councilor Kounelis stated that she had a need for response time and her family had a need. She stated was the response time there, well not as efficiently as she would have liked it, but that was a number of years ago. A report outlining her concerns will be forth coming, she stated.

Councilor Devaney stated that she will vote for the loan order because she is committed to having a new police station. She stated that she was the lone councilor who was

against the Gayle Assessment study which ranked the police station as number ten as far as priorities. She noted that she brought to councilors attention the poor condition of the current police station including lack of space for storage, to eat, to type reports and to conduct interviews. She indicated that she would not vote to pour any more money into the current police station. She stated that she, as well as former councilors Gus Bailey and the late Fred Pugliese were opposed to locating the police station on the Waltham line and wanted to look at every nook and cranny in the town to find a central location for the safety of all residents but were stonewalled and not given the information requested. She stated that she is concerned about the safety of east Watertown residents when they need help, that the police will have to travel two miles to respond and that the police are tied up at the mall.

Councilor Sideris made note of how everyone involved in the project really listened to the neighborhood's concerns and that it was an example of how the process should work. He is proud of the neighborhood and the wonderful opportunity for all involved.

Councilor Hecht thanked the Chair and members of the building committee. He stated that he is happy how environmental concerns were handled. He noted that people will be most interested in the next phase and how the project will stay on budget. Councilor Hecht asked a number of questions on oversight and the lessons we have learned with past project some of which were good and others not so good. Mr. McKeon, Kaestle Boos Associates addressed the concerns brought forward by Councilor Hecht and elaborated on the contingency monies and the positive record of cooperation so far with all parties involved in the project.

Councilor Falkoff thanked the committee and noted that it was an anguishing decision for her over the location and neighbors initial concerns. She applauded and thanked Councilor Kounelis for coming up with a list of concerns and asked that answers be forthcoming.

The Manager reviewed the dollar figure, the contingency monies and the energy efficiency portion. He is pleased with how the committee worked with the neighbors and noted that after the ground breaking and moving, etc, in any additional monies he hopes to use for the adjacent park.

Councilors thanked Mr. Kenneth Thompson, Building Inspector and Project Manager and Ms. Phyllis Marshall, Town Treasurer for all their assistance and their involvement with this project.

Councilor Sideris moved the loan order, seconded by Councilor Devaney and adopted by a roll call vote of 8 for, 0 against and 1 present, with Councilor Kounelis voting Present.

On behalf of the men and women of the police department, Police Chief Deveau thanked the Council for their support. He noted the department's commitment toward this project and how the department will follow through on the commitment to have coverage for the entire community. He thanked the building committee for their leadership, Cathy McGill, Officers Hanrahan, Dupree and Rocca, Phyllis Marshall, Ken Thompson and Candy Allenbach.

The Chair asked that a response to Councilor Kounelis' concerns be brought back in the Fall with a presentation. Chief Deveau indicated that he looks forward to that.

B. Public hearing and vote on a proposed Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year

2008 Compensation of the Council Clerk. The Chair read the proposed Loan Order and recognized Councilor Corbett, Chair of the Personnel Committee who indicated that the Council Clerk's evaluation was favorable and recommends the proposed increase. The Chair opened up the public hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. The Chair recognized Councilor Kounelis who stated that the 4.5% increase doesn't warrant any discussion at this point in time but that for the record she must respect herself before anyone else can respect her or before she can respect anyone else and that when apologies are offered but to fellow councilors they need to be offered across the board to everyone who is impacted and for the record she has documents that everyone already has that need to be attached for the record and she will not be voting for this raise this evening.

Upon a roll call vote, the proposed compensation was adopted by a roll call vote of 8 for and 1 against, with Councilor Kounelis voting no.

C. Public hearing and vote on a proposed Ordinance amending the Fiscal Years

2007 and 2008 Compensation of the Town Manager. The Chair recognized Councilor Corbett who read the proposed ordinance regarding compensation for the Town Manager. He noted that the Manager's compensation if adopted will bring his salary current but only for a few weeks. Councilor Corbett stated that the Personnel Committee has indeed done its homework on this issue with several meetings with the gathering of the necessary data. He indicated that the proposed compensation is not excessive but is fair and equitable and is comparable to what other employees have received in the town hall. Councilor Corbett also noted that the Manager's performance has been above average and that it is not prudent to reward him with a below average

increase. The proposed salary level will put him in the median category with other managers. Lastly, Councilor Corbett pointed to the fact that Watertown has not had an over ride as other towns have had and that is significant.

The Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Kounelis stated that she has received many phone calls regarding the proposed salary increase and that she would support a more modest increase of a flat 4% with no retroactive. She spoke about the fringe benefits of the manager's vehicle, insurance, maintenance and gas.

Councilor Devaney stated that she put in a minority report of the Personnel Committee against the proposed compensation. She noted that the mileage on the car is personal use and that there will be a law passed that will add the value of the car to the Manager's retirement. She noted that you cannot compare the Manager's salary with that of the police chief who receives \$26,000 from the Quinn Bill. She noted other reasons, including the loss of the Browne School, the loss of the police officers, mismanagement of the skating rink and the closing of the branch libraries as reasons for her decision against the proposed salary rate.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that hiring and supervising a town manager is one of the most important jobs the Council does. The annual salary adjust is a reward and an incentive for a job well done he noted. Councilor Piccirilli cited three important criteria: is his job performance acceptable, yes he noted; second is his proposed compensation appropriate with his performance review, yes; and most importantly, benchmarking with other peer communities is important and the total compensation is the real measure and in that regard, Councilor Piccirilli stated the manager is just below the average range. He asked is granting this increase in the town's best interest, yes because his budgets are based on sound financial practices. He lastly indicated that we want the manager to remain motivated and to continue his good job performance.

Councilor Sideris stated that this is the manager's sixteenth budget and that if he was not doing his job he would not be here for this amount of time. He noted that other employees have received the same percentages as proposed for the manager. The ceiling is set and given the evaluations and financial stability, the increase is fair. The Personnel Committee worked very hard on this issue and he is in support of the proposed raise.

Upon a roll call the, the proposed compensation for the Manager was adopted by a vote of 7 for, and 2 against with Councilors Kounelis and Devaney voting no.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Committee on Public Works report on Parking Meters and related matters –

Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. The Chair recognized Councilor Falkoff who read the committee report (attached). Councilor Devaney moved to accept the report and stated that misinformation from other sources should not be allowed and she thanked the committee for the excellent and concise report, seconded by Councilor Corbett and adopted by voice vote.

B. Joint Committees on Rules and Ordinances and Public Safety report on

modification to the Traffic Commission's membership – Angeline B. Kounelis and Mark S. Sideris, Chairs. The Chair recognized Councilor Kounelis who provided a verbal report. Four members of the Traffic Commission, Councilors Falkoff and Piccirilli were in attendance. It was noted that members Younger and Devaney were not in attendance. Councilor Kounelis read the rules and duties of the Traffic Commission. She noted that any individual can attend the meetings as they are open to the public. It was noted that the Committee felt that they were functioning appropriately and voted to adhere to the current membership. Councilor Sideris moved to approve the verbal report, seconded by Councilor Falkoff for discussion purposes. Councilor Falkoff stated that she disagrees with the report as presented by Councilor Kounelis in that a number of members of the public spoke in support of changing the membership to include a member of the bicycle committee which is not mentioned in the report and that the bicycle committee as well as the commission on disabilities were called special interest groups. The term "special interest" gets misused a great deal and does not apply to either of these constituent groups she noted. Councilor Falkoff stated that she disagrees with the report and the conclusion it makes and request that the recommendation made by the Committee be Tabled until a presentation on the function and workings of the Traffic Commission is made.

Councilor Devaney asked what the Town Manager's recommendation is on this matter. The Manager stated that he was not at the meeting nor has he discussed the issue with the Traffic Commission members and suggests the Council have discuss on this matter.

Councilor Devaney stated that a spokesman from the two groups be designated to attend the Traffic meetings. Councilor Devaney noted that her son was in the hospital and she could not attend the meeting.

Councilor Hecht stated that the underlining issue is how to give more consideration to others that are on the road who are not motorists. It is a worth while goal to think about how to broaden the duties of the Traffic Commission. He noted that he does not have a clear idea of the membership of the Traffic Commission but spoke in support of the coexistence between motorists and others who share the road. He voiced his support to continue to have more discussion on this issue.

Councilor Lawn asked if the two groups feel that they have gone to the Traffic Commission and have not been heard.

The Chair recognized Chief Deveau who stated that perhaps more dialogue is needed but that he got a sense that everyone was happy with the Traffic Commission.

Councilor Devaney stated that it is her feeling that the Traffic Commission is working well and until she hears that there is a problem, what is not broken you don't fix.

Councilor Sideris stated that "strongly disagreeing with the report" is harsh. What came out of the discussion he noted was a lack of communication on what the bicycle committee's needs are or what they are advocating for. Councilor Sideris spoke in support of a presentation but changing the Commission due to a lack of communication is not prudent at this time.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that he is a former bicycle committee member. He made the observation that he is satisfied with the Traffic Commission but perhaps as a first step, the Council should ask the Traffic Commission to notify the bicycle committee when there is an item on their agenda which affects the group. Second, the town engineer position is vacant and this position is part of the Traffic Commission. Due to the reassignment of the engineering position which no longer exists, perhaps a member of the bicycle committee should take its place.

Councilor Corbett noted his concern with tampering with the committees and stated that once you open the door, how do you close it? He noted that the Charter designates the manager as the appointing authority and when you add a 3rd party to this you start to eat away at the control of the process.

Councilor Kounelis stated that she does not have a report in front of her and that she is sorry that Councilor Falkoff took offense at not including the comments of the bicycle committee members.

Councilor Falkoff stated that she, acting on her own, made the referral to subcommittee; it was not initiated by the bicycle /pedestrian committee because of any current dissatisfaction with the traffic commission. She stated that it is not a bad thing for bicyclists, pedestrians, representatives from the commission on disability and people who take public transportation to have a seat at the table, however, perhaps there needs to be a different table since there is currently no mechanism to examine broader issues of traffic management. She would like to see further discussion of how this function could effectively be integrated into the town's government.

On the motion to Table the joint subcommittee's motion not to change the makeup of the Traffic Commission. The motion carried by a vote of 5 for and 4 against with Councilors Kounelis, Sideris, Devaney and Younger voting no and Councilors Lawn, Falkoff, Hecht, Piccirilli and Corbett voting yes.

Councilor Falkoff moved to refer back to subcommittee, the issue after a presentation has been made by the Traffic Commission, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli adopted by voice vote.

- C. Committee of State, Federal and Regional Gov't report and action on an appointment to the Board of Election Commissioners – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair.

Councilor Falkoff read the Committee report (attached). Councilor Sideris moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote. Falkoff moved to approve the appoint of Mr Downes but not send out an appointment letter until such time that the manager receives notice that the motion to remove Mr. Downes from the complaint as a party to the litigation has been approved by the judge, seconded by Councilor Hecht and adopted by voice vote.

D. Committee on Economic Development and Planning update on the Pleasant Street

Corridor Zoning District – Jonathan Hecht, Chair. Councilor Hecht read the Committee report and requested that the Council consider waiving the rules so that the proposed ordinance may be advertised in summary form for a public hearing and vote on July 8th. He noted that the motion is necessary due to the two consecutive advertisements and the time constraints. Councilor Hecht moved the matter, second by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

8. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. Acceptance of Proclamation honoring Mr. Peter Neshe upon his 90th birthday and

Ms. Rachel Kaprielian for her tenure as State Representative – previously taken up.

B. Resolution authorizing the establishment of a Revolving Fund for the

Commander's Mansion activity during Fiscal Year 2009. The Town Manager provided a brief overview of the resolution. Councilor Sideris moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by voice vote.

C. Resolution Approving the Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the amount \$15,000 for Community Policing initiatives and training. The Town Manager provided a brief overview of the resolution. Councilor Sideris moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by voice vote.

D. Resolution authorizing a contract term in excess of three years for the purchase

of Natural Gas supply and related services. The Town Manager provided a brief overview of the resolution. Councilor Sideris moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Devaney and adopted by voice vote.

E. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$313,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to various school buildings, including original equipment and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such remodeling, reconstruction or repair. The Chair provided a first reading of the proposed Loan Order and recognized the Town Manager who provided a brief overview and noted that the Order will be advertised in the local paper for a public hearing and vote at the June 24th Town Council meeting.

F. First Reading on a Proposed Loan Order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$5,300,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority for the costs of construction and reconstruction of streets and sidewalks and underground duct/conduit. The Chair provided a first reading of the proposed Loan Order and recognized the Town Manager who provided a brief overview and noted that the Order will be advertised in the local paper for a public hearing and vote at the June 24th Town Council meeting.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Chair announced that on June 6th he welcomed actor Ken Howard to Watertown. Mr. Howard, formerly known for his role in the "White Shadow" will be playing Tip O'Neil at the New Repertory Theatre which will have its opening on June 27th.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER – none noted.

11. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Councilor Falkoff asked that the minutes from the Conservation Commission meetings be included in the Friday packets.

Councilor Kounelis requested an update on the Coolidge Square study and resurfacing of Elm Street.

Councilor Lawn, responding to a statement made by Councilor Kounelis earlier in the evening regarding an incident on Mt. Auburn Street involving one of her family members. He noted that the comments regarding the incident aren't the first time she has made mention of it. The comment made stated that when her family member was attacked on Mt. Auburn Street, the nearest police officer was in Watertown Square. Councilor Lawn asked that a copy of the police report be made available to Councilors so that they may read the report and come to their own conclusion on the matter.

Councilor Piccirilli asked for a status on the re-inspection of 41 Katherine Road.

Councilor Kounelis stated that her mother was assaulted on Mt. Auburn Street at 10:38 AM on a Tuesday morning and that she has not seen the report and she hopes no one is in that situation in town and she will continue to make statements if she so chooses and if a public official wants to take offense at the comments, she hopes they never appear in her situation.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Hecht announced that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 18th 6:30 pm at the Library regarding the redesign of Nonantum Road.

Councilor Hecht announced that there will be a reception on Monday, June 16th at the Arsenal Center for the Arts 5-7 pm honoring its 2008 Recipient from the Watertown Community Foundation grant program

Councilor Lawn announced that in response to a letter to the editor from Grace Fazzi regarding Haartz Mason property, he noted that trucks parked at the corner of Howard Street and Pleasant Street are a cause for legitimate concerns as the area is not zoned for truck lay downs. Owners were notified by the town and given 30 days to correction the situation. He will have more details in the near future as the property is monitored.

13. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Sideris moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 pm, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous vote.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present the minutes of June 10, 2008 were adopted by voice vote on July 8, 2008, as amended.

Clyde L. Younger, Council President