



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

John J. Lawn, Jr.
District D Councilor

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 - 7:15 PM
Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber
Administration Building

ADOPTED 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 John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were the Acting Manager Phyllis Marshall, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: [April 27, 2010](#) Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote.
4. PUBLIC FORUM: none noted.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a) Committee on Public Works [report](#) on Snow Removal Issues near schools – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. Councilors Falkoff and Piccirilli read the report. Councilor Falkoff moved to accept the report into the record, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by voice vote.
 - b) The President's Technology Ad Hoc Committee [report](#) on the development of a Council Technology Plan – Cecilia Lenk and John A. Donohue, co-chairs. Councilor Lenk read the report. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by voice vote.
6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:
 - a) Informational Presentation on the Watertown [Community Path Study](#) – Steven Magoon, Director of Community Development & Planning and Tufts University Graduate School's Department of Urban and Environmental Policy. Following the presentation, Councilor Palomba thanked Tufts University graduate students Eunice Kim, Kris Carter, Eric Giambone, Michelle Moon and John Wai Tommee for their exceptional work.

Councilor Falkoff indicated that the proposal should be integrated with Public Works planning. Mr. Magoon concurred and noted that the vast majority of the work involves Public Works and that we should not proceed without the department's involvement. Councilor Kounelis noted parking issues/concerns and the cost of the project. It was noted that the proposal was a feasibility study.

President Sideris asked for a motion to refer the design concept to the Public Works subcommittee for further study. Councilor Piccirilli moved the matter, seconded by Lawn and adopted by voice vote.

b) Informational Presentation and Discussion on [Draft Request for Proposals](#) for the lease of the Former East Branch Library building and for the lease of the Former North Branch Library building - Steven Magoon, Director of Community Development & Planning. Following the presentation, Attorney Reich read Mass General Law, Chapter 30B, Section 16 of the procurement process and noted that the town would be following state law. Regarding the advertising, Councilor Piccirilli indicated that we should be relying on the professional expertise of our Purchasing Director. Councilor Kounelis offered an amendment to add the words "pending" to pages one and three. There was also reference to "Chapter 339" which has not been determined as of yet. Attorney Reich indicated that we should consider adding words to indicate that the issuance of the lease is contingent upon passage of the Act. After discussion, Councilor Falkoff moved to authorize the Town Manager working with Attorney Reich, Mr. Magoon and the Purchasing Director to produce a final draft for the Council's consideration at the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Corbett and adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) Acceptance of [Proclamation](#) honoring Boston College Head Hockey Coach Jerry York – Mark S. Sideris, Council President. President Sideris read the proclamation. Councilor Falkoff moved the matter, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote.

b) First reading and referral to the Planning Board of a Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding [updated floodplain regulations](#). Mr. Magoon noted that the Planning Board will hold its public hearing on the matter on May 25th followed by a public hearing by the Council on June 1st at 6:30 pm. President Sideris announced that a Special Town Council meeting will be posted for the 1st of June in order to consider the matter.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President noted the deadline for submission of applications for charitable funds: May 14th at 5:00 pm.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER: Ms. Marshall indicated that the Black Budget Books are available to Councilors and available to the public in the Clerk's Office.

- a) Request for confirmation of a [reappointment](#) to the Board of Assessors. Referred to the subcommittee of Personnel and Town Organization.
10. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – none noted.
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Sideris announced Hall of Fame dinner/awards this Friday night.
- Councilor Piccirilli asked if it would be appropriate to send a letter to the students of Tufts graduate school to thank them for their work. Councilor Corbett moved to authorize the President to write a letter of thanks to the graduate students and their professor on behalf of the Council for their work on the community pedestrian/bicycle path, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote.
12. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.
13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Donohue moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by a unanimous vote.

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 25, 2010 by voice vote.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President