



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
Vice President &
District C Councilor

Caroline Bays
Councilor At Large

Anthony J. Donato,
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, JULY 10, 2018 AT 7:15 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 7:15 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Caroline Bays, Anthony J. Donato, Susan G. Falkoff, Lisa J. Feltner, Angeline B. Kounelis, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Council Clerk

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Road – She asked if there were any regulations regarding the exterior face of property and expressed her concerns about the appearances of Watertown Square. She also requested Community meetings regarding an evaluation of the Comprehensive Plan.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Reappointment of David Stokes to the Stormwater Advisory Committee

President Sideris reappointed David Stokes to the Stormwater Advisory stating that he has done an admirable job.

B. Referral to the Committee on Personnel and Town Organization on a Salary Adjustment for the Town Auditor and the Town Council Clerk

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to refer the matter of a salary adjustment for the Town Auditor and the Town Council Clerk along with the request

that the Committee review the current evaluation tools to determine if they are sufficient; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. Referral to the Committee on Personnel and Town Organization: Examine Current Salaries of Councilors in Comparable Communities and Report Back with Findings for Discussion.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to refer to the Committee on Personnel and Town Organization a review of the evaluation tools to determine their utility and an examination of Town Council salaries in comparable communities providing a report back of their findings to the Town Council; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris also stated that the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools have signed the agreement regarding the Department of Public Buildings; he stated that the Town Council and the Town Manager also needed to sign it. The agreement was passed around for members' signatures.

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

Acceptance of the Proclamation of Recognizing the [Watertown Senior Center on its 25th Anniversary](#)

President Sideris read the proclamation that had been presented to the Senior Center in commemoration of its 25th Anniversary previously at a Hibernian Hall dinner. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the proclamation; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing and Vote on a [Proposed Order](#) Authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to Borrow and/or Expend Monies in the Amount of \$2,030,900 Under and Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or Any Other Enabling Authority, and to Issue Bonds or Notes of the Town Therefor, and That the Amounts Indicated Below for Each Project are Estimates and That the Town Manager May Allocate More Funds to Any One or More of Such Projects, and Less to Others, So Long As, in the Judgment of the Town Manager, Each of the Projects Described Below Can be Completed Within the Total Appropriation Made by this Order

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DPW Equipment	\$1,618,000
Sewer Dept. Equipment	160,000
Water Dept. Equipment	210,000

Police Equipment

42,900

and Further Ordered That in Accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, Any Premium Received by the Town Upon the Sale of Any Bonds or Notes Approved by This Order, Less Any Such Premium Applied to the Payment of the Costs of Issuance of Such Bonds or Notes, May be Applied to the Payment of Costs Approved by This Order in Accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, Thereby Reducing the Amount Authorized to be Borrowed to Pay Such Costs by a Like Amount.

This Public Hearing and Vote will not be held tonight. The proposed Loan Order will be advertised for a Public Hearing and Vote at the August 14, 2018 Town Council meeting.

President Sideris stated this matter will be taken up at the August 14, 2018 meeting.

7. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDER, AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution Authorizing a [Transfer of \\$116,650](#) from the Fiscal Year 2018 Debt Retirement – Interest on Short Term Debt Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 Transfer to Capital Projects/Town Account

Mr. Driscoll stated that to complete the improvements at Filippello Park, there was a need for \$52,300 for construction administration and oversight and \$64,300 for a 5% contingency fee and requested the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the transfer for \$116,650; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$250,000 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 Transfer to [Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund Account](#).

Mr. Driscoll stated these were FY 18 funds for collective bargaining agreements but the contracts have not yet been completed – currently the Police Association and Police Supervisors. He asked for a favorable consideration of the transfer. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the transfer for \$250,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$500,000 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Council Reserve Account to the Fiscal Year 2018 Transfer to [Capital Projects Stabilization Fund Account](#)

Mr. Driscoll requested the transfer and the Council's favorable consideration. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the transfer for

\$500,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- D. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$200,000 from the Fiscal Year 2018 Education Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2018 Transfer to [SPED Stabilization Fund Account](#)

Mr. Driscoll stated the School Committee voted to transfer any unused funds up to \$200,000 to the Special Education Stabilization Fund that would be used for extraordinary or unforeseen Special Education expenses during a fiscal year. He requested the favorable consideration of the Council. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the transfer for \$200,000; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding [Solar Panel Requirements and the Status of the TMA](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Proceed with an Amendment for Solar Energy Systems to the Watertown Zoning Ordinance by Changing Paragraph 9.03(a), Adding a New Section 8.05, and Adding a Clarifying Note in Section 5.04, All Per the Draft Language Provided, and Adding the Additional Exception Under Section 8.05 (d) in the Case Where an Existing Building's Roof Does Not Have the Load Capacity for Installing Solar Systems

Councilor Woodland 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 Woodland made a motion that the Town Council proceed with an amendment for solar energy systems to the Watertown Zoning Ordinance by changing Paragraph 9.03(a), adding a new Section 8.05, and adding a clarifying note in Section 5.04, all per the draft language provided, and adding the additional exception under Section 8.05 (d) in the case where an existing building's roof does not have the load capacity for installing solar systems; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

President Sideris stated that there would be a First Reading and Referral to the Planning Board.

- B. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding the [Town Website and Topics for Future Review](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Recommend to the Town Manager that He Instruct All Departments to Consistently Use the “Notify Me” Tool on the Town’s Website.

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

Councilor Palomba moved that the Town Council recommend to the Town Manager that he instruct all departments to consistently use the “Notify Me” tool on the town’s website; Councilor Donato seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- C. [Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the 25% Design for the Mount Auburn Street Reconstruction Project](#) – Vincent J. Piccirilli – Chair
ACTION ITEM: That the Town Council Authorizes the Administration to Proceed and Submit to MassDOT a Design for the Mt Auburn St Reconstruction Project that is Based on the Conceptual Design Developed to Date with Input from the Public Since 2013; That is Consistent with MassDOT Complete Streets Planning Guidelines; and is Consistent with the Goals of the Watertown Comprehensive Plan to Revitalize Coolidge Square

Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee Report. Councilor Woodland made a motion to accept the report; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion that the Administration is authorized to proceed and submit to MassDOT a Design for the Mt Auburn St Reconstruction Project that is based on the conceptual design developed to date with input from the public since 2013; that is consistent with MassDOT Complete Streets Planning Guidelines; and is consistent with the goals of the Watertown Comprehensive Plan to revitalize Coolidge Square; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion.

President Sideris offered two amendments to the motion:

- ♦ That all parking spaces would be maintained in order to support local businesses
- ♦ That prior to the submission of the plan to MassDOT, the plan would be referred to the Committee on Public Works and be returned to the Town Council for their review.

In the discussion that followed, these issues were considered:

- ♦ That this is a basic concept with the ability to have an effect on the secondary details at a later date
- ♦ The method for creating the plan and the use of data and its analysis

- ♦ The feasibility of the road diet and if its effect would be to increase use of neighborhood roads
- ♦ The inconveniences that might arise with the changes
- ♦ That a positive vote would be a commitment to two lanes on Mount Auburn Street
- ♦ The [effect of the change in the populated East End](#) and their related businesses
- ♦ The need for adequate parking for businesses and the issue of illegal parking spots that cannot be retained
- ♦ The need for clarity regarding bus stops
- ♦ Concerns about homeowner's access to Mt. Auburn Street if they live on the street
- ♦ The need to commit to the project as it may be lost

Councilor Falkoff requested an amendment that there be a citizen representative added to the group.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to retain all legal on-street parking spots in the parking district; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion for the Committee on Public Works to perform a detailed review of the project prior to the submission of the 25% design to the Mass DOT and make recommendations to the full Council; Councilor Falkoff seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Falkoff made a motion to appoint a resident representative to the team to be appointed by President Sideris; Councilor Donato seconded the motion. After a discussion of the merits of having a citizen representative, Councilor Falkoff withdrew her motion.

A roll call vote was made on the action item. The vote was adopted on a vote of 8 – 1. All members voted in the affirmative, except for Councilor Kounelis who voted in the negative.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Council.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

[Transportation Infrastructure Funds](#)

Mr. Driscoll stated that Laura Weiner, Senior Transportation Planner, informed him that the Town would be receiving \$47,000 from the MA Transportation Infrastructure Fund. Funds are distributed to municipalities for transportation related costs from payments made by Transportation Network Companies, such

as Uber and Lyft. He requested that this item be sent to Committee for further review and consideration.

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning; Councilor Feltner seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Driscoll also mentioned that the Concert Series would continue on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and that two Family Movie Nights, sponsored by the Police Department and the Recreation Department, would be held on July 20, 2018 and August 10, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., at 552 Main St. behind the Police Department.

11. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

There were no requests for information.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Sideris announced that the School Building Committee's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018 was cancelled; the next meeting would be on August 1, 2018.

Councilor Palomba announced that the Committee on Media and Public Outreach would be meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.; he invited all to join.

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Elodia Thomas – 67 Marion Street – She suggested that because there no longer is a Chamber of Commerce, businesses may have been overlooked in the discussion of Mount Auburn Street and this needs to be considered in the future.

Paul DerBoghosian - Remarked that the Mount Auburn Street change will be worked out. He stated that there is a need to accommodate the business owners and not to provide for just the convenience of the bus rider. He provided some [maps regarding the Bus Stops](#).

14. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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 a vote of _9_ for, _0_ against, _0_ present on August 14, 2018.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018 AT 7:15 P.M.
RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER
LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

1. Additional Information – Proposed Loan Order (Departmental Equipment) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 27, 2018 – Item 6
2. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Filippello Park Improvements) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 28, 2018 – Item 7A
3. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – July 2, 2018 – Item 7B
4. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Capital Projects Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 28, 2018 – Item 7C
5. Agenda Item – Transfer of Funds Request (Special Education Stabilization Fund) – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – July 2, 2018 – Item 7D
6. Committee on Economic Development and Planning Report Regarding solar Zones and the Status of the Transportation Management Association (TMA) – June 19, 2018 – Item 8A
 - A. Attendance
 - B. Language for Sections 9.03(a); 8.05 (a) – (e); and 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance
 - C. Exploration of Shuttle Service – Laura Weiner, Senior Transportation Planner, to Steve Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning/Assistant Town Manager – June 19, 2018
7. Committee on Media and Public Outreach Report Regarding the Town Website – June 16, 2018 – Item 8B
8. Committee on Public Works Report Regarding the 25% Design for the Mount Auburn Street Reconstruction Project – June 27, 2018 – Item 8C
 - A. Sign-In Sheet
 - B. Mount Auburn Street – A Complete Streets Project – World Tech Engineering Presentation – June 27, 2018
 - C. Background Sheet – Council Vincent Piccirilli
 - D. Background Sheet – Deborah Peterson – June 27, 2018
9. Statement of Councilor Angeline B. Kounelis re: Mount Auburn Street 25% Design Plan – July 10, 2018 – Item 8C
10. Transportation Infrastructure Funds – Michael Driscoll, Town Manager, to Town Council – June 28, 2018 – Item 10
11. Maps of Current and Proposed Bus Stops – Paul DerBoghosian – July 10, 2018 – Item 13