



## 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

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011 AT 7:00 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

In accordance with provisions of Rule 2.6 of the Rules of the Town Council, and pursuant to the Call of the Town Council President, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown to be held in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 7:00 PM to consider the following matters:

1. **ROLL CALL:** A Special Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 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., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Also present were Acting Town Manager Phyllis Marshall and Council Clerk Valerie Papas. Councilor Lawn arrived at 7:10 pm, shortly after the call of the roll.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **COMMITTEE REPORT:**
  - a) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) and action on the Economic Development Study – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the Committee report. There being no comments, Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, John J. Lawn, Jr., Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J.

Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Chair recognized Mr. Steve Magoon, Director of Community Development and Planning. Mr. Magoon indicated that he crafted an [amendment to the Economic Development Study](#) based on comments provided at the Economic Development and Planning subcommittee meeting. Mr. Magoon reviewed and explained in-depth the proposed amendments.

Vice President Corbett stated that the amendments proposed tonight address his concerns and that he is happy to support the Economic Development Study as amended.

Councilor Donohue indicated that Mr. Magoon's proposed amendments have satisfied the subcommittee members, Town Councilors and residents and that the Economic Development Study is a quality product that Watertown can be proud of.

Councilor Kounelis commented on pages 23, 17, 18 and 20 of the Economic Development Study. She asked; is this the best thing for the east end, mainly the I zones and further stated concerns about transitional areas which she noted have not be addressed; that the study is vague and ambiguous and gives card blanche which can result in major issues for the east end when concepts become reality.

Mr. Magoon stated that it is important to protect transitional areas and that the Economic Development Study provides a tool which will be effective with those issues.

Councilor Palomba indicated his support for mid-level businesses and noted that he is satisfied that there is nothing in this plan that would bar or limit those businesses. He thanked Mr. Magoon for addressing this issue.

Councilor Falkoff stated that she is a supporter of this document and noted her satisfaction with the turn out and number of residents engaged in the process. She indicated that she is puzzled by Councilor Kounelis' statement that the east end is less protected with the document than without it; as it is an increased level of protection in her view.

Councilor Lenk stated that the document is an important step for Watertown and that there will be a tremendous amount of work in moving forward and that the Economic Development Study will provide the necessary tools to shape the direction of Watertown.

Councilor Piccirilli stated that he is in full support of the document and noted the nearly 99 percent consensus. He indicated that it is a unified document and should not be pulled apart with sections taken out of context. He further indicated that issues have been fully addressed and that this is the beginning of the process

not the end. He stated that the Town Council must take full ownership of the document and adopt it unanimously as it will make Watertown a better place.

Councilor Kounelis stated that her mind has not changed. She noted page 19 and its reference to the East End as a commercial area. She stated that the East End has been a dumping ground with noise, traffic and congestion and that the document does not protect the east end neighborhoods as it is void of specifics to the east end and therefore she won't support it.

The Chair recognized:

Michael Fein, 39 Frank Street – applauded the Town Council in taking this critical step to define development in Watertown that makes sense.

The Chair thanked all those who participated in the process.

Vice President Corbett moved to accept and approve the Economic Development Study as amended, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by roll call vote of 8 for and 1 against with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, John J. Lawn, Jr., Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilor Kounelis against.

- b) Joint Committee on Economic Development and Planning & Public Works [report](#) on Cell Towers – Stephen P Corbett and Susan G. Falkoff, Chairs. Vice President Corbett read the joint report. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, John J. Lawn, Jr., Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

It was noted by the Chair that the report was only an update and that the Committee will meet again to discuss cell towers on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

#### 4. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Motion to approve Charter amendments recommended by the Charter Review Commission, and authorize the Council President to submit same to the Department of Housing and Community Development and to the Attorney General for review and approval, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c43B, §10.

The Chair thanked all those who participated in the reviewed of the Charter and further recognized the appointed citizen commissioners: Rhiana Kohl, Tia Tilson, Pamela Piantedosi, and Michael Donham who were present tonight; David Siegel and Dennis Duff who are out of town.

The Chair called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Vice President Corbett moved: that the Town Council vote in accordance with G.L. c.43B, §10(a) to approve the Charter Amendments recommended by the Charter Review Commission, as presented today in the document entitled, “2011 Proposed Charter Amendments”, and authorize the Council President to submit the same to the Department of Housing and Community Development, and to the Attorney General for her review and approval, all as required by G.L. c.43B, §10(c). The motion was seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, John J. Lawn, Jr., Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

The Chair indicated that the revised Charter will be placed on the Town’s website.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Falkoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Councilor Lawn and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, John J. Lawn, Jr., Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett and Council President Mark S. Sideris in the affirmative.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by voice vote on August 9, 2011.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President