



Watertown Town Council

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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

Kenneth M. Woodland,
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012 AT 6:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:15 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Palomba arrived shortly after the call of the roll. Councilor Woodland was absent. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 pm:** To consider the purchase, lease or value of real estate, 76 Stanley Avenue. Vice President Corbett moved the above stated matter and noted that discussing the matter in open session would be detrimental to negotiations, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.
3. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 PM**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to bring forward agenda item 9A

- a) Public hearing and vote on a [petition by National Grid](#) requesting a grant of location for the installation and maintenance of 250 feet of 4 inch gas main in Coolidge Hill Road from an existing 4 inch gas main at Building #57 easterly to Building #76 for new gas service.

The Chair read the agenda item and recognized Mr. Dennis Regan, National Grid who was available to answer questions. The Chair opened the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. Mr. Regan introduced Customer Service Manager, Peter Nagle.

Councilor Piccirilli asked what type of restoration will take place. Mr. Regan stated that restoration will be to Superintendent Mee's standards.

Councilor Lenk asked how long the job will take. Mr. Regan stated that it may take approximately two weeks and that police detail will be at the site due to traffic concerns and the Nursing Home/Rehabilitation Hospital.

Councilor Kounelis stated that restoration is a major issue with all streets that have been opened by utility companies; and asked how National Grid will address these concerns.

Mr. Nagle stated that with respect to any work, new or old; National Grid will work with the Town to restore the streets to Mr. Mee's satisfaction and that they are willing to revisit any settlement issues.

Mr. Mee stated that he supports the petition by National Grid and that the company has addressed a lot of issues as of late. He further noted that gas companies do not use flow-able fill due to underground gas piping and stated that a temporary patch will be installed initially.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the petition, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

1. EXAMINATION OF MINUTES: [May 22nd](#), [May 29th](#) and [May 31st](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of May 22nd as written, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Councilor Kounelis voting against.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of May 29th as written, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes of May 31st as written, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

6. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

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

- a) Public Hearing and vote on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and Related Matters. The Chair read a [statement](#) regarding the process of the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and Related Matters.

The Manager provided a brief overview of the proposed [amendments to the budget](#).

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

The Chair recognized Town Auditor Thomas Tracy who read each line item of the budget including; Education.

Councilor Kounelis “passed” on the personnel budgets of the Fire and Police Department. She noting that more personnel are warranted for the two departments and that she will continue to advocate for more staffing until staffing is brought up to an appropriate level.

The Town Manager read a [statement](#) outlining towns of Belmont and Arlington’s public safety budgets noting that both towns have public safety budgets below Watertown’s. He indicated that the two departments are funded at the fiscal year 2012 levels. He noted that a Public Safety Study had been completed and presented to the Council with a review being untaken currently by the Public Safety subcommittee.

MOTION: Councilor Piccirilli moved the police department personnel budget for fiscal year 2013, seconded by Councilor Donohue.

Councilor Kounelis stated that she has heard from the police chief that staffing is down and in support of public safety, she is passed on the personnel line item.

VOTE: Adopted by a 7 for and 1 against roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Angeline B. Kounelis voting no.

MOTION: Councilor Piccirilli moved the fire department personnel budget for fiscal year 2013, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

Councilor Kounelis stated that Ladder Two in the east end is out of service for 50% of the time and she finds that difficult to accept.

VOTE: Adopted by a 7 for and 1 against roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative and Angeline B. Kounelis voting no.

The Chair announced that this portion of the budget is now adopted.

Mr. Tracy read “Other Financing Sources” which was adopted automatically; there being no “passes”.

Mr. Tracy read the “Water and Sewer Enterprise budget” which was adopted automatically; there being no passes.

Councilor Falkoff moved to “reconsider the budget with the hopes the motion fails”, seconded by Councilor Donohue and defeated by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in against.

The Chair thanked audience members and department heads for attending tonight’s budget hearing; he thanked the taxpayers and thanked the Town Manager, Town Auditor and staff members who assisted in the budget process.

The Chair called for a five minute recess.

8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

The Chair announced that the deadline to submit an application for the Harvard/O’Neil/Watertown Charitable funds is July 19th at 5:00pm. Guidelines are available on the Town’s website and in the Town Clerk’s Office.

The Chair thanked Gary Mackin for donating the plywood as temporary floor staging for the Watertown High School graduation ceremonies held at Victory Field. He also thanked the Manager, Superintendent of Public Works, Superintendent of Schools, Jay Francione of the School Department and Councilor Donohue for their assistance in having the event held outdoors at the newly renovated Victory Field.

The Chair asked for a motion to refer to Budget & Fiscal Oversight Committee two local options as outlined by the Retirement Board in recent correspondence. Councilor Piccirilli moved the matter, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

9. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND RELATED MATTERS:

a) Public hearing and vote on a [petition by National Grid](#) requesting a grant of location for the installation and maintenance of 250 feet of 4 inch gas main in Coolidge Hill Road from an existing 4 inch gas main at Building #57 easterly to Building #76 for new gas service. PREVIOUSLY TAKEN UP.

10. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) authorizing the establishment of a Revolving Fund for the Drug Enforcement Task Force lease activity during Fiscal Year 2013. The Manager provided an overview of the resolution. Councilor Donohue moved the matter, seconded by Councilor Lenk.

Councilor Kounelis asked if there have been any revenues from forfeiture monies, and if so, is it part of the special revenue and expendable funds portion of the budget.

Mr. Tracy stated that he will send Councilors a list from James Alandydy, Supervisory Inspector for Investigative Services when it becomes available as they are still working on processing the requests.

Attorney Reich indicated that there are numerous requests in process and while funds have not yet been received, they are a number of requests which will be sent back to the Town based on a percentage of the forfeitures.

Adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) [Resolution](#) authorizing the establishment of a Revolving Fund for the Commander's Mansion activity during Fiscal Year 2013. The Manager reviewed the resolution. Councilor Falkoff moved the matter, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

c) [Resolution](#) authorizing the establishment of a Revolving Fund for the Watertown Free Public Library Printing Program activity during Fiscal Year 2013. The Manager reviewed the resolution. Councilor Kounelis moved the matter, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

d) [First Reading](#) on a proposed Order establishing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2013. The Chair provided a first reading of an Order establishing the Water and Sewer Rates and Charges. The Manager stated that the Order will be advertised in the local paper for a public hearing and vote on June 26th.

e) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of \$60,000 from the Fiscal Year 2012 Short Term Interest Account to the Fiscal Year 2012 Transfer to Town Capital Projects Account in order to be in compliance with Bond Counsel requirements related to the borrowing for the Victory Field Renovation Project. The Manager reviewed the transfer. Councilor Lenk moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Committee on Human Services [report](#); on a Social Service Coordinator; [job overview](#) and [recommendation](#) – Anthony Palomba, Chair.

Councilor Palomba read the Committee report. He noted that the Town has received \$25,000.00 in pledges for this service for the next two years.

Councilor Palomba moved to refer the matter to the next Town Council meeting for a public hearing and vote, seconded by Councilor Donohue for discussion purposes.

Councilor Lenk suggested that the matter be referred to the Budget and Fiscal Oversight Committee for their input and review prior to any public hearing.

Councilor Donohue agreed.

The Chair stated that a motion for a public hearing is on the floor at this point.

Councilor Palomba asked why this should go before another subcommittee hearing as it does not affect the Fiscal Year 2013 budget passed tonight.

Councilor Lenk appreciated all the work done on this but stated that the finances could be better understood by the BFO Committee on the private/public partnership after the two year pledge is over.

Councilor Palomba asked if the subcommittee meeting can be scheduled before June 26th Town Council meeting.

Councilor Lenk stated that the BFO Committee does meet in a timely manner and assured Councilor Palomba that every effort will be made to schedule the matter as soon as possible.

Councilor Palomba withdrew his previous motion for a public hearing.

The Chair asked for a vote on the second motion and second. The motion to refer the matter to subcommittee was adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) Committee on Personnel and Town Organization [report](#) and [first reading](#) on the compensation for the Town Auditor and Council Clerk – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. Councilor Falkoff read the Committee report. Vice President Corbett moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Falkoff moved the Committee recommendation to put out a Request for Proposal for legal services, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Chair indicated that the setting of salaries for the Clerk and Auditor require an Ordinance and legal advertising. He noted that a public hearing and vote will take place on June 26th.

The Chair asked for a motion to request the Manager to put out an RFP for legal services.

Vice President moved the matter, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Falkoff moved the Committee recommendation to refer for updating the “process for choosing legal services” to the Rules and Ordinances Committee for updating, seconded by Vice President Corbett and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

c) Committee on Public Works [report](#) on the process for the installation of street signs conforming to new MA regulations; and parking signs at Victory Field – Cecilia Lenk, Chair. Councilor Lenk read the Committee report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

d) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) on Faire on the Square – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the Committee report. Councilor Donohue moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Piccirilli and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Vice President Corbett moved the Committee recommendation to direct the Town Clerk to organize this year’s Faire on the Square as in the past, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Vice President Corbett moved the Committee recommendation to ask the Manager to assist through his administration to seek volunteers to help with the Faire, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Falkoff moved to confirm the date for the 2012 Faire on the Square as September 22nd, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

12. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

13. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

The Manager announced that a presentation of Single Stream Recycling will take place on June 21st from 10:00am to 8:00 pm at Saltonstall Park. A flyer will be placed in resident's tax bills.

14. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Kounelis reiterated a previous request regarding LED lights in Coolidge Square.

Councilor Falkoff requested an update on the Collins Center proposal.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS – none noted.

16. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

17. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Falkoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, seconded by Councilor Palomba and adopted by voice vote with Councilors John A. Donohue, Susan G. Falkoff, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli Jr., Anthony Palomba, Vice President Stephen P. Corbett, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative. .

[Addendum](#)

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted on June 26, 2012 as amended.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President