



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

Kenneth M. Woodland
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012 AT 7:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MINUTES

1. **ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 7:15 pm, in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. 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. Councilor Woodland was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Mark Reich, Council Clerk Valerie Papas and Planning Director, Steven Magoon filling in for the Town Manager.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **EXAMINATION OF MINUTES:** [September 25th](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting in the affirmative.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Kevin McDonald, Owner of 385 Pleasant Street Field Corporation – asked that the sidewalk and staircase in front of his building on Pleasant Street be fixed as it has been in disrepair for three years while Pleasant Street has been undergoing reconstruction.
5. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**
 - a) Disbursements of the [Watertown/Harvard/O’Neil Charitable Awards](#) – Mark S. Sideris, Chair. The Chair updated the audience on the ad hoc committee’s work on the charitable program noting that the remaining monies not yet disbursed are being discussed as to their best use in the future.

The Chair recognized Mr. Magoon who provided a history of the Watertown/Harvard/O'Neil charitable program on behalf of the Manager.

The Chair recognized Ms. Miley Takahasu who offered Mary Power's regrets for not being here tonight. She stated that she is pleased to be here representing Harvard University for the tenth year of the program noting Harvard University's contribution of one million dollars to the program to date.

The Chair thanked members Lois Johnson, John Lawn and Thomas Tracy for their hard work on the ad hoc committee and recognized Committee members John Donohue and Tony Palomba who assisted in presenting checks to 22 non-profit organization members.

Each non-profit organization receiving a check tonight was provided an opportunity to address the Council on their use of the funds.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) and action on the reappointments/appointments to the Board of Appeals and Planning Board – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Vice President Corbett read the Committee report and noted that the Committee also held three more interviews tonight which will be brought forward for a vote with a [written report](#) to follow. Vice President Corbett stated that the Committee also discussed notification of public change of zoning and neighborhood input and recommended that the Town Council vote to ask the Comprehensive Study consultant to take a look at the issue and that the Committee will table the issue temporarily while waiting to hear back from the consultant.

Councilor Donohue moved to accept the attached written report and the verbal report from tonight's committee meeting, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote. The Chair noted that the adopted verbal report will be submitted in writing.

VOTE: Vice President Corbett moved the reappointment of Mr. Hawes to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: Vice President Corbett moved the reappointment of Mr. Brown to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: Vice President Corbett moved the reappointment of Mr. Heep to the Zoning Board as alternative member, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: Vice President Corbett moved the reappointment of Ms. Elliot to the Zoning Board, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: Vice President Corbett moved the appointment of Mr. Gannon to the Zoning Board as alternate member, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting in the affirmative.

VOTE: Vice President Corbett moved to refer the matter of Notification of public change of zoning and neighborhood input to the consultant to study and make recommendation back to the Town Council, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting in the affirmative.

7. NEW BUSINESS – none noted.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Magoon announced a Housing Development forum on Thursday October 25th at the Library.

Mr. Magoon provided a brief update regarding the new recycling center indicating that the work is moving forward with grading, storm-water structures, paving and fencing installation.

9. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Vice President Corbett requested an update on the former police station building and the two former branch library buildings.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Palomba announced a Youth Coalition meeting on October 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall Lower Hearing Room.

Councilor Palomba announced Organic Landscaping lecture on October 24th at 7:00 pm at the Library.

The Chair announced an Open Meeting Law Training Seminar for Town Councilors, Town Department Heads and all Boards, Commissions and Committee members on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 pm at the Middle School Auditorium.

11. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

12. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Falkoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Councilor Donohue and adopted by unanimous voice vote with 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 voting 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 unanimous voice vote on October 23, 2012.

Mark S. Sideris