



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, JULY 16, 2013 @ 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 Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett. Councilor Donohue and Council President Sideris were absent.

The meeting was chaired by Vice President Corbett.

Vice President Corbett announced that at the end of the meeting he will call for a Moment of Silence at the passing of Mr. Artie Venezia. He stated that Mr. Venezia was a solid Watertown citizen; involved in all things – schools, sports, charitable, civic; and will be missed.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. EXAMINATION OF MINUTES: [June 26, 2013](#).

Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes as amended, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative

4. PUBLIC FORUM; The Chair opened up the public forum and recognized the following people who spoke on the issue of the [Watertown Library Local History Room Collection](#) in Danger: Joyce Kelly; David Smith of Waltham; Claire Murphy of Watertown Street; Bob Erickson of Lloyd Road; Margery Greenberg; and Ernesta Krackiewicz of 77 Riverside Street all spoke in support of keeping historic material in the History Room and against disbursing the materials to other towns in order to make shelf space for the Arsenal Hazardous Material Cleanup documents.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Vice President Corbett thanked all those involved in the First Responders event.

Vice President Corbett announced a Special Town Council meeting on July 30th to discuss the Mt. Auburn Street study and snow plowing on private ways.

Vice President Corbett recognized ten year old Emily LeBlanc who raised \$3,000.00 for the OneFund Boston by selling lemonade.

Councilor Kounelis moved to send Ms. LeBlanc a thank you letter for her efforts, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTES:

a) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a proposed petition by NSTAR to install 2 feet of conduit at pole # 134/2A in Summer Street in order to provide electric service to The Residence at Watertown Square. The Chair read the petition and recognized Public Works Superintendent Gerald S. Mee who provided a brief overview and spoke in support of the petition. The Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved the petition, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

b) [Public hearing](#) and Vote on a Proposed Loan Order, as amended in its entirety from the First Reading on June 26, 2013, authorizing the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$207,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, to pay costs of various school building improvements as follows:

Project	Estimated Cost
Cunniff School Playground – Walking Path Replaced and Gate Installation at Cove Entrance	\$30,000
Cunniff School – Brickwork Repointing	\$12,000
Complete Preschool HVAC at Hosmer School	\$60,000
Install Drainage at Hosmer School Lower Gym	\$20,000
Replace Middle School Main Entrance	\$45,000
Install Central Air – Phillips School 3rd Floor Offices	\$40,000

The Chair recognized Director of School Business Services John Loughran and Director of Facilities and Transportation Jay Francione who provided a [power point presentation](#).

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

Councilor Falkoff spoke in support of a tree being planted at the site.

Councilor Lenk asked if the ESCO was part of the HVAC installation. Mr. Franconia answered, no, that was stripped out.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the amended loan order, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of 7 for and 0 against with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

c) [Public hearing](#) and vote on an amendment to the [Zoning Ordinance](#), Article V, by inserting a new section 5.17 Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. The Chair recognized Community Development and Planning Director, Steve Magoon who provided a brief overview of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. The Chair opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the zoning amendment for a temporary moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of 7 for and 0 against with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

d) Proposed Motion to Table a [Public hearing](#) on the [Housing Production Plan](#) and refer the matter to the Committee on Economic Development and Planning. Councilor Piccirilli moved to Table the hearing and refer the matter to subcommittee, seconded by Councilor Woodland adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

e) [Public hearing](#) and vote on a salary adjustment for the Town Auditor and Council Clerk for Fiscal Year 2013. The Chair recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the matter. The Chair opened the hearing up to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

Councilor Lenk spoke in support of the adjustments for both the Clerk and Auditor as being well deserved.

Councilor Kounelis stated that she would be disrespecting herself if she voted in favor of the Council Clerk's raise and noted that she will vote present.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the salary adjustment for the Auditor, seconded by Councilor Woodland adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the salary adjustment for the Clerk, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by a roll call vote of 6 for 0 against and 1 present with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative and Councilor Kounelis voting present.

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

a) [Resolution](#) authorizing the Expenditure of a Gift of funds in the amount of \$500.00 for Watertown's First Responders' event. The Manager provided a brief review of the matter. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

b) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of \$1,000,000 from various Fiscal Year 2013 accounts to the Fiscal Year 2013 Transfer to Capital Projects Stabilization Fund Account. The Manager provided a brief overview of the matter.

Councilor Palomba stated that while he will vote for the resolution; he would have used the \$430,000.00 in a different way noting that the health director position as well as public works positions went unfilled.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

c) [Resolution](#) authorizing a transfer of \$750,000 from various Fiscal Year 2013 accounts to the Fiscal Year 2013 Transfer to Unfunded Pension Liability Stabilization Fund account. The Manager provided a brief overview of the matter. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

d) [Resolution](#) establishing a Collective Bargaining Stabilization Fund and appropriating thereto the sum of \$710,000 from Town Council Reserve Accounts. The Manager provided a brief overview of the matter. The Chair called for two actions.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to establish a stabilization fund, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer of funds in the amount of \$710,000.00, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Budget and Fiscal Oversight [report](#) and action on FY 2012 Audit Recommendations – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Chair. The Chair recognized Councilor Piccirilli who read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to recommend that the Administration move forward with the proposed contract with Sullivan, Rogers and Company to integrate payroll and compensated absences accounting for both the town and School staff into the town's Munis financial systems as stated in the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to move up agenda item 9A) Consideration of a [transfer of funds](#) related to a Committee on Budget & Fiscal Oversight recommendation, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

The Manager provided an overview of the \$55,500.00 transfer of funds.

Councilor Falkoff asked why it cost so much when the Town already has the MUNIS program. Councilor Lenk stated that it is a complicated system due to all the different union contracts.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the transfer of funds, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

b) Committee on Public Safety [report](#) and action on a [re-appointment](#) to the Traffic Commission – Vincent J. Piccirilli, Chair. Councilor Kounelis read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the reappointment of Mr. John Airasian, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

c) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) and action on a [re-appointment](#) to the Planning Board; Composition of the Planning Board and Proposed Fees

– Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Councilor Lenk read the report. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the reappointment of Ms. Linda Tuttle Barletta, seconded by Councilor Falkoff and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett voting in the affirmative.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER:

a) Consideration of a [transfer of funds](#) related to a Committee on Budget & Fiscal Oversight recommendation. Previously voted.

10. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Councilor Falkoff requested an update on the public works study and the DLS financial study.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Falkoff announced that the Town held a grand opening of the new recycling center at 76 Stanley Road and noted how beautiful the center is and encouraged residents to visit the facility.

12. PUBLIC FORUM:

Pat Gold, Duff Street – stated that a sight impaired neighbor is happy with the new audible crossing signals.

A Moment of Silence was held for the passing of Mr. Artie Venezia.

13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland and Vice President Stephen P. Corbett 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 by voice vote of 8 for and 1 against.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President